Shire of CUE

Queen of the Murchison

AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

19 May 2026

N O T I C E O F M E E T I N G

Please be advised that the next

Ordinary Meeting of Council

is to be held on

Tuesday, 19 May 2026

commencing at **6:00 PM**

in the Council Chambers at 73 Austin Street, Cue

Richard Towell
Chief Executive Officer

DISCLAIMER

The advice and information contained herein is given by and to the Council without liability or responsibility for its accuracy. Before placing any reliance on this advice or information, a written inquiry should be made to the Council giving entire reasons for seeking the advice or information and how it is proposed to be used.

Please note this agenda contains recommendations, which have not yet been adopted by Council.

SHIRE OF CUE
DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST AND INTERESTS AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY
To: Chief Executive Officer

As required by section 5.65(1)(a) or 5.70 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Council's Code of Conduct, I hereby declare my interest in the following matter/s included on the Agenda paper for the Council meeting to be held on________________________(Date)

Item No.	Subject	Details of Interest	Type of Interest Impartial/Financial	*Extent of Interest

(see below)

* Extent of Interest only has to be declared if the Councillor also requests to remain present at a meeting, preside, or participate in discussions of the decision making process (see item 6 below). Employees must disclose extent of interest if the Council or Committee requires them to.

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Name (Please Print) Signature Date

NB

1. This notice must be given to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting or at the meeting immediately before the matter in which you have declared an interest is discussed, Section 5.65(1) (a) & (b).
2. It remains Councillors'/Employees' responsibility to make further declarations to the Council if a matter arises during the course of a meeting and no previous declarations have been made.
3. It is a Councillor's/Employee's responsibility to ensure the interest is brought to the attention of the Council/Committee when the Agenda item arises and to ensure that it is recorded in the minutes.
4. It remains the Councillor's responsibility to ensure that he/she does not vote on a matter in which a declaration has been made. The responsibility also includes the recording of particulars in the minutes to ensure they are correct when such minutes are confirmed.
5. It is recommended that when previewing Agenda, Councillors mark Agendas with items on which an interest is to be declared and complete the declaration form at the same time.
6. Councillors may be allowed to remain at meetings at which they have declared an interest and may also be allowed to preside (if applicable) and participate in discussions and the decision making process upon the declared matter subject to strict compliance with the enabling provisions of the Act and appropriately recorded resolutions of the Council. Where Councillors request consideration of such Council approval the affected Councillor must vacate the Council Chambers in the first instance whilst the Council discusses and decides upon the Councillor's application.

Remember: The responsibility to declare an interest rests with individual Councillors / Employees. If in any doubt seek legal opinion or, to be absolutely sure, make a declaration.

Office Use Only: Date/Initials

1. Particulars of declaration given to meeting ________________________________
2. Particulars recorded in the minutes: ____________________________________
3. Signed by Chief Executive Officer______________________________________

Local Government Act 1995 - SECT 5.23

Meetings generally open to the public

5.23. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the following are to be open to members of the public:

(a) All Council meetings; and

(b) All meetings of any committee to which a local government power or duty has been delegated.

(2) If a meeting is being held by a Council or by a committee referred to in subsection (1) (b), the Council or committee may close to members of the public the meeting, or part of the meeting, if the meeting or the part of the meeting deals with any of the following --

(a) A matter affecting an employee or employees;

(b) The personal affairs of any person;

(c) A contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting;

(d) Legal advice obtained, or which may be obtained, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting;

(e) A matter that if disclosed, would reveal;

(i) A trade secret;

(ii) Information that has a commercial value to a person; or

(iii) Information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person, where the trade secret or information is held by, or is about, a person other than the local government;

(f) A matter that if disclosed, could be reasonably expected to;

(i) Impair the effectiveness of any lawful method or procedure for preventing, detecting, investigating or dealing with any contravention or possible contravention of the law;

(ii) Endanger the security of the local government's property; or

(iii) Prejudice the maintenance or enforcement of a lawful measure for protecting public safety;

(g) Information which is the subject of a direction given under section 23 (1a) of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1971; and

(h) Such other matters as may be prescribed.

(3) A decision to close a meeting or part of a meeting and the reason for the decision are to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

SHIRE OF CUE

REVOKING OR CHANGING DECISIONS MADE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 **(Regulation No.10)**

If a previous Council decision is to be changed then support for a revocation motion must be given by an **Absolute Majority** of Councillors (that is at least 4 Councillors) if a previous attempt to rescind has occurred within the past three months or, if no previous attempt has been made the support must be given by at least **1/3rd** of all Councillors (that is at least 3 Councillors).

Regulation 10(1a) also requires that the support for revocation must be in writing and signed by the required number of Councillors, including the Councillor who intends to move the revocation motion.

Any revocation motion must be carried by the kind of vote that put the motion into place in the first instance (that is, if carried originally by an Absolute Majority or Special Majority vote then the revocation motion must also be carried by that same kind of vote).

If the original motion was carried by a Simple Majority vote then any revocation motion must be carried by an Absolute Majority vote.

To the Presiding Member,

The following Councillors give notice of their support for the bringing forward to the Council meeting to be held on ___________________________ of a motion for revocation of Council resolution number _______________ as passed by the Council at its meeting held on ___________________________

Councillor's Names	**Councillor's Signature**

SHIRE OF CUE
Ordinary Meeting of Council
AGENDA

To be held in the Council Chambers, 73 Austin Street Cue on
Tuesday, 19 May 2026 commencing at 6:00 PM

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15 CLOSURE

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

I hereby open the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Shire of Cue on Tuesday 19 May 2026 at

The Presiding Member welcomed those present and read the following disclaimer:
No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Cue for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this Meeting.

It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this Meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of council's decision, which will be provided within fourteen (14) days of this Meeting.

Please be advised that a recording of this meeting will be made and published on our website.

PRESENT:

Councillor Les Price, Shire President
Councillor Ron Hogben, Deputy Shire President
Councillor Julie Humphreys
Councillor Norm Lyon
Councillor Jacquie Lacy
Councillor Cian Lyon

STAFF:

Mr Richard Towell, Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Lisa Keen, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Janelle Duncan, Executive Assistant
Mr Ahmed Khan, Shire Accountant
Ms Stephanie Wandek, Senior Admin Officer

GALLERY:

2 APOLOGIES ON BEHALF OF ABSENT ELECTED MEMBERS AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council Decision:	**Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority
MOVED:	**SECONDED:**

That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 21 April 2026 are confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED:

6 APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

7 DEPUTATIONS

8 PETITIONS

9 ANNOUNCEMENTS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Any matters to discuss?

Method of Dealing with Agenda Business

As part of the Shire's efforts to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of meetings, tonight's meeting will include the opportunity for matters to be considered by Council en bloc.

Matters not to be included in en bloc decisions are those which require:
• Absolutely Majority;
• Matters to be determined behind closed doors;
• Declared interests made in relation to the item; and
• Deputations or Statements made in relation to the item.

Before commencing the process, the Presiding Member provides a brief explanation of the 'en bloc' method of decision making, for the benefit of any members of the public in the gallery.

The following items have been identified to be decided upon by voting en bloc:
• 10.1 Accounts and Statements of Account
• 10.2 Financial Statements

After reading out all reports identified to be decided on by 'en bloc', Elected Members are given the opportunity to have any reports removed that they deem not appropriate to be included in this process.

Once all are agreed, a mover and seconder will propose a motion for the en bloc decision.

"That the recommendations contained in items 10.1 and 10.2 be adopted en bloc".

10.1 ACCOUNTS AND STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT

APPLICANT:	Shire of Cue
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Lisa Keen - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	4 May 2026

Matters for Consideration:

To receive the List of Accounts paid for the period 1 April 2026 - 30 April 2026.

Background:

The Local Government, under its delegated authority to the CEO to make payments from municipal and trust funds, is required to prepare a monthly list of accounts showing each account paid and present it to Council at the next Ordinary Council meeting. The list of accounts prepared and presented to Council must form part of the minutes of that meeting.

Comments:

The list of accounts are for the month of April 2026.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996 – Clause 13.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Richard Towell, Chief Executive Officer

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

That Council receive the attached payments for the period 1 April 2026 - 30 April 2026, which have been made in accordance with delegated authority under s5.42 of the *Local Government Act 1995.*

APRIL 2026

Municipal Fund Bank EFTs	EFT 16055 - 16185	$	484,533.82
Direct Debit Fund Transfer	General	$	65,156.76
Direct Debit Fund Transfer	CEO Credit Card	$	9,275.29
Payroll		$	217,716.33
Cheques		$	0.00
Total		$	**776,682.20**

Council Decision: **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

MOVED: **SECONDED:**

CARRIED:

List of Accounts Paid as of April 2026							
#	Type	Date		Description	Amount	Bank	Type
CEO CREDIT CARD							
1	Direct Debit	27/03/2026	Seek	1 x ad on Seek for Mechanic ($346.50)	(346.50)	1	CSH
2	Direct Debit	27/03/2026	Seek	1 x ad on Seek for Youth Coordinator ($511.50)	(511.50)	1	CSH
3	Direct Debit	07/04/2026	Woolworths	3 x 1kg coffee beans for Admin ($109.50)	(109.50)	1	CSH
4	Direct Debit	14/04/2026	Cover More Insurance	Insurance on Virgin flights to ALGA conference Canberra ($35.00)	(35.00)	1	CSH
5	Direct Debit	14/04/2026	AIG Australia	Insurance on Qantas flights to ALGA conference Canberra ($82.00)	(82.00)	1	CSH
6	Direct Debit	14/04/2026	Virgin Australia	Flight for 1 x Councillor and 1 x guest to attend ALGA conference in Canberra ($890.74)	(890.74)	1	CSH
7	Direct Debit	15/04/2026	Australian Local Government Association	1 x ticket for CEO to attend ALGA conference in Canberra ($1,622.00)	(1,622.00)	1	CSH
8	Direct Debit	15/04/2026	Australian Local Government Association	1 x ticket for 1 x Councillor to attend ALGA conference in Canberra ($1,622.00)	(1,622.00)	1	CSH
9	Direct Debit	15/04/2026	QANTAS Airways	Return flight for 1 x Councillor and 1 x guest to attend ALGA conference in Canberra ($1,198.00)	(1,198.00)	1	CSH
10	Direct Debit	15/04/2026	QANTAS Airways	Flights for CEO and 1 x guest to attend ALGA conference in Canberra including seat selection ($2,776.00)	(2,776.00)	1	CSH
11	Direct Debit	24/04/2026	Dan Murphy's	Selection of wines for Catalpa event in May 26 ($82.05)	(82.05)	1	CSH
			Total Credit Card		**(9,275.29)**		
DIRECT DEBIT							
12	Direct Debit	02/04/2026	1 - CBA MERCHANT FEE	CBA MERCHANT FEE	(126.00)	1	FEE
13	Direct Debit	02/04/2026	1 - CBA MERCHANT FEE	CBA MERCHANT FEE	(71.31)	1	FEE
14	Direct Debit	15/04/2026	2 - BANK FEES	BANK FEES	(42.59)	1	FEE
15	Direct Debit	15/04/2026	2 - BANK FEES	BANK FEES	(2.18)	1	FEE
16	Direct Debit	15/04/2026	2 - BANK FEES	BANK FEES	(12.62)	1	FEE
17	Direct Debit	30/04/2026	Superannuation Payment	Payroll deductions - Superannuation - Staff	(61,791.36)	1	CSH
18	Direct Debit	30/04/2026	Superannuation Payment	Payroll deductions - Superannuation - Councillors	(870.12)	1	CSH
19	Direct Debit	21/04/2026	Ampol (Caltex Australia Petroleum Pty Ltd)	Fuel card purchases for March 26 ($2,240.58)	(2,240.58)	1	CSH
			Total Direct Debit's		**(65,156.76)**		
EFT							
20	EFT16055	01/04/2026	FL Costello & Co	Inspect, assess and disposal of dryer (uneconomical to repair) from Tourist Park ($99.00)	(99.00)	1	CSH
21	EFT16056	01/04/2026	Leisk Plumbing and Gas	1 hr work purging gas line at Bank of WA ($198.00)	(198.00)	1	CSH
22	EFT16057	01/04/2026	Shane Baker	1.5 hrs to find faulty HWS element in P92 - Caravan ($231.00)	(231.00)	1	CSH
23	EFT16058	01/04/2026	Totally Workwear Geraldton	1 x Argyle boots and 3 x embroided shirts for Depot staff ($509.74)	(509.74)	1	CSH
24	EFT16059	01/04/2026	Cue Roadhouse & General Store	4 x 2L milks for Admin, 22.78L of diesel @1.899c/l for P100 - Kubota Mini Excavator, 1 x 2L canola oil for Bank of WA, 2 x 3kg bags of dog food for Pound and various pastries and toasted sandwiches for Depot staff morning tea ($235.56)	(235.56)	1	CSH

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#	**Type**	**Date**		**Description**	**Amount**	**Bank**	**Type**
25	EFT16060	01/04/2026	Cue Roadhouse & General Store	Monthly rent for Cue Fitness Centre and Cuerosity Shoppe for the period 01/04/26 - 30/04/26 ($1,648.52)	(1,648.52)	1	CSH
26	EFT16061	01/04/2026	Jennifer Hernandez Yumul	Monthly rent for SH22 - 50 Stewart St for the period 01/04/26 - 30/04/26 ($1,213.33)	(1,213.33)	1	CSH
27	EFT16062	01/04/2026	Services Australia	Payroll Deductions/Contributions ($292.99)	(292.99)	1	CSH
28	EFT16063	01/04/2026	DHS Official Administered Receipts CSA Account	Payroll Deductions/Contributions ($714.40)	(714.40)	1	CSH
29	EFT16064	01/04/2026	Total Tools	1 x Easymix electric cement mixer ($2,526.00)	(2,526.00)	1	CSH
30	EFT16065	01/04/2026	WesTrac Pty Ltd	5 x cutting edge blades, 1 x 18L coolant, 150 x various bolts, 150 x various nuts, 150 x various washers and 1 x blade edge for P9 - Cat 140H Grader, 5 x cutting edge blades, 1 x 18L coolant, 150 x various bolts, 150 x various nuts, 150 x various washers and 1 x blade edge for P114 - John Deere 670G Grader ($5,645.82), 5 x blade edges for P9 - Cat 140H Grader and 5 x blade edges for P114 - John Deere 670G Grader ($2,591.27)	(8,237.09)	1	CSH
31	EFT16066	01/04/2026	Wheatbelt Services Pty Ltd	1 x street sign for Kalli Rd, 2 x street signs for Cue - Wondinong Rd, 1 x street sign for Wilgie - Mia Rd, 100 x plastic guide posts for Austin Downs - Dalgaranga Rd and 8 x 'Traffic Hazard ahead' signs and 8 x 'Rough Surface' signs for Traffic Signage ($4,983.00)	(4,983.00)	1	CSH
32	EFT16067	08/04/2026	Scott Van Leeuwen	Rent for SH17 - 59 Marshall St for the period 06/04/26 - 19/04/26 ($600.00)	(600.00)	1	CSH
33	EFT16068	08/04/2026	ATOM Supply	3 x cuffed cargo pants for Depot staff ($453.54)	(453.54)	1	CSH
34	EFT16069	08/04/2026	Countrywide Fridge Lines Pty Ltd	Freight on 5 x tyres for P37 - Isuzu D-Max, 1 x tyre for P7 - Ford Ranger, street signs for Kalli Rd, Cue - Wondinong Rd, and Wilgie - Mia Rd, plastic guide posts for Austin Downs - Dalgaranga Rd, 5 x cutting edge blades, 1 x 18L coolant, 450 x various nuts, bolts and washers and 1 x blade edge for P9 - Cat 140H Grader, 5 x cutting edge blades, 1 x 18L coolant, 450 x various nuts, bolts and washers and 1 x blade edge for P114 - John Deere 670G Grader and 1 x cement mixer ($903.89)	(903.89)	1	CSH
35	EFT16070	08/04/2026	NAPA Auto Parts (Ashdown Ingram)	1 x UHF radio for Depot, 1 x UHF radio for Rubbish Tip and 1 x UHF radio value pack for P117 - Isuzu D-Max ($1,365.15)	(1,365.15)	1	CSH
36	EFT16071	08/04/2026	Simbay Tyre Distributors (WA) Pty Ltd	5 x Lanvigator tyres for P37 - Isuzu D-Max and 1 x Gripmax tyre for P7 - Ford Ranger ($667.15)	(667.15)	1	CSH
37	EFT16072	08/04/2026	Western Independent Foods	2 x 20L vegetable oil for Bank of WA ($138.00) and freight on 3 x cargo pants, 2 x protective boots, 6 x pants and 3 x shirts for Depot staff ($86.00)	(224.00)	1	CSH
38	EFT16073	08/04/2026	Bunnings Warehouse	1 x Ryobi pressure washer for Tourist Park ($199.00), 1 x 1000pk fairy lights and 3 x 400pk curtain fairy lights for Cue Events ($179.49)	(378.49)	1	CSH

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39	EFT16074	08/04/2026	Cohesis Pty Ltd	Initial 50% payment for IT Health Check & Business Systems Review and Essential 8 Assessment ($6,187.50)	(6,187.50)	1	CSH
40	EFT16075	08/04/2026	Lisa Keen	Reimbursement for meals while attending LG Pro Conference between 17/03/26 - 19/03/26 ($210.05)	(210.05)	1	CSH
41	EFT16076	08/04/2026	Pingarning PTY LTD - (Prompt Safety Solutions)	Quarterly Work Health and Safety visit on 11/03/26 and 12/03/26 ($2,420.00)	(2,420.00)	1	CSH
42	EFT16077	08/04/2026	Western Independent Foods	Various cakes, slices and muffins for Cue Parliament and 1 x box of biscuits for Seniors Morning Tea event ($466.21), freight on 3 x 40mm P Traps for Public Conveniences, 2 x NELS irrigation controllers, 2 x NELS add ons for Parks and Reserves ($101.15) and 1 x 2kg cheese, 1 x 1kg sausages,1 x 1kg ham, 1 x 12pk eggs, 1 x 400g cream, 1 x 3kg icing sugar, 1 x 18pk beef burgers, 1 x 2kg apples, 1 x 1kg bananas, 1 x lettuce, 1 x 2kg oranges and 1 x 1kg tomato for Youth ($241.24)	(808.60)	1	CSH
43	EFT16078	08/04/2026	Willetton Christian Church	Donation to Willetton Christian Church for visits to Cue ($5,000.00)	(5,000.00)	1	CSH
44	EFT16079	08/04/2026	Dependable Laundry Solutions	1 x inspection fee for Maytag washing machine for Tourist Park ($165.00)	(165.00)	1	CSH
45	EFT16080	08/04/2026	Environmental Monitoring Systems Pty Ltd	Environmental, Health and Building Services for February 26 ($17,266.26)	(17,266.26)	1	CSH
46	EFT16081	08/04/2026	Landgate	Mining tenement schedule for M2026/7 - Dec 25 ($9.30) and mining tenement schedule M2026/8 - Jan 26 ($9.30)	(18.60)	1	CSH
47	EFT16082	08/04/2026	Envirolab Services (WA) Pty Ltd	Water testing - Oval effluent reuse scheme ($110.00)	(110.00)	1	CSH
48	EFT16083	08/04/2026	Landgate	Mining tenement schedule for M2026/4 - Sep 25, M2026/5 - Oct 25 and M2026/6 - Nov 25 ($130.20)	(130.20)	1	CSH
49	EFT16084	08/04/2026	Open Systems Technology Pty Ltd	Council First professional services for February 26 ($6,979.50), Council First subscription for March 2026 ($4,717.79) and Council First subscription for April 26 ($4,717.79)	(16,415.08)	1	CSH
50	EFT16085	08/04/2026	Battery Mart	1 x ACDelco battery for P42 - Small Engines ($130.42)	(130.42)	1	CSH
51	EFT16086	08/04/2026	Cloud Collections Pty Ltd	Rates debt recovery for the period ending 31/03/26 ($39.88)	(39.88)	1	CSH
52	EFT16087	08/04/2026	Corsign WA Pty Ltd	4 x "reverse parking only" signs for Depot ($140.80)	(140.80)	1	CSH
53	EFT16088	08/04/2026	Team Global Express Pty Ltd	Freight on water samples for Environmental Health Officer ($132.95)	(132.95)	1	CSH
54	EFT16089	08/04/2026	Greenfield Technical Services	Procurement process management for 25/26 pathway works ($6,776.04)	(6,776.04)	1	CSH
55	EFT16090	08/04/2026	Bunnings Warehouse	2 x 19 piece screwdriver set and 1 x brushless compact recip saw ($273.29), 5 x 10pk various sanding discs for Stock, 1 x 66 piece tool kit and 1 x flashlight for Airport ($234.77)	(508.06)	1	CSH
56	EFT16091	08/04/2026	Geraldton Mower Repair & Specialist	4 x various micro chains and 4 x various file holders for P25 - Chainsaw ($466.00)	(466.00)	1	CSH
57	EFT16092	08/04/2026	Great Northern Rural Services	8 x 1.8kg blocks of rat poison for Stock ($566.28)	(566.28)	1	CSH

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58	EFT16093	08/04/2026	Johns Building Supplies Pty Ltd	594 x Pryda knuckle plates and 1 x country packing charge for 65 Austin St - Shops ($1,294.06) and 20 x 75mm half stirrups for 65 Austin St - Shops ($151.36)	(1,445.42)	1	CSH
59	EFT16094	08/04/2026	Lacy Bros Pty Ltd	Recovery of P98 - Isuzu Service Truck from Mt Magnet to Depot and recovery of P22 - Isuzu D-Max from Old Cemetery to Depot ($802.50)	(802.50)	1	CSH
60	EFT16095	08/04/2026	Horizon Power	Electricity usage for 31 days for the period 01/03/26 - 31/03/26 for Street Lights ($3,668.32)	(3,668.32)	1	CSH
61	EFT16096	08/04/2026	Pentanet	Internet charges for the period 01/04/26 - 30/04/26 ($768.90)	(768.90)	1	CSH
62	EFT16097	21/04/2026	Ampol (Caltex Australia Petroleum Pty Ltd)	Fuel card purchases for March 26 - See section 'Direct Debit - Line 25' for payment details	-	1	CSH
63	EFT16098	09/04/2026	ATOM Supply	2 x 109 piece metric tool kits ($1,746.36)	(1,746.36)	1	CSH
64	EFT16099	09/04/2026	Battery Mart	2 x ACDelco batteries for P32 - Multipac Flat Drum Roller and 2 x ACDelco batteries for Stock ($796.22) and 1 x ACDelco battery for P96 - Kubota Generator ($176.18)	(972.40)	1	CSH
65	EFT16100	09/04/2026	Bunnings Warehouse	1 x UNi-PRO deck and floor applicator pad, 1 x decking oil applicator and 1 x 4L turpentine for 65 Austin St - Shops, 1 x funnel, 9 x various paint brushes, 2 x shears, 1 x 1L glass cleaner and 2 x pruners for Stock, 6 x 750ml pyrethrum insecticide for Parks and Reserves, 1 x 4L paint and 3 x anti slip tape for Admin, 10 x 54L heavy duty crates and 2 x high security padbolts for Depot and 1 x industrial strength broom for Airport ($853.88), 2 x tap timers for Parks and Reserves, 2 x loppers and 6 x 3pk spray bottles for Stock ($178.50), 1 x safe and 5 x 5pk PVC cup hooks for Depot ($451.95)	(1,484.33)	1	CSH
66	EFT16101	09/04/2026	Golden West Lubricants (Total Energies)	208L x Dynatrans oil, 436L x Rubia Works high performance diesel oil and 208L Azolla hydraulic oil ($6,654.66)	(6,654.66)	1	CSH
67	EFT16102	10/04/2026	Janelle Duncan	Monthly rent for SH13 - 6 Price St for the period 01/04/26 - 30/04/26 ($1,191.67)	(1,191.67)	1	CSH
68	EFT16103	15/04/2026	Australia Post	Postage supply for the period 01/03/26 - 31/03/26 ($80.52)	(80.52)	1	CSH
69	EFT16104	15/04/2026	Easifleet Pty Ltd	Easifleet vehicle lease for April 26 ($2,160.37)	(2,160.37)	1	CSH
70	EFT16105	15/04/2026	HC Construction Services Pty Ltd	Progress claim 3 for Masonic Lodge stage 1 works ($190,614.49)	(190,614.49)	1	CSH
71	EFT16106	15/04/2026	URL Networks Pty Ltd	VOIP charges for March 26 ($100.72)	(100.72)	1	CSH
72	EFT16107	15/04/2026	Challenge Chemicals Australia	130L x various chemicals and 12 x labels for Tourist Park ($752.84)	(752.84)	1	CSH
73	EFT16108	15/04/2026	Luscombe	1 x 1000pk coffee sticks, 5 x 24pk individual UHT milks, 1 x 500pk soap, 2 x 10pk urinal mat, 16 x chux rolls, 2 x 100pk wooden spoon, 40 x various garbage bags, 1 x 16pk hand towels and 10 x 8pk jumbo toilet rolls for Tourist Park ($1,552.73)	(1,552.73)	1	CSH
74	EFT16109	15/04/2026	Horizon Power	Electricity usage for 58 days for the period 03/02/26 - 01/04/26 and service charge for 6 Victoria St - Tennis Courts ($234.03)	(234.03)	1	CSH

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75	EFT16110	15/04/2026	Telstra Corporation Ltd	Mobile phone charges for the period 27/03/26 - 26/04/26 ($382.85)	(382.85)	1	CSH
76	EFT16111	15/04/2026	Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd	48 x 20kg bags of EZ street asphalt for Wilgie - Mia Rd and 48 x 20kg bags of EZ street asphalt for Beringarra - Cue Rd ($3,801.60)	(3,801.60)	1	CSH
77	EFT16112	15/04/2026	Great Northern Rural Services	1 x philmac sleeve valve and 1 x philmac plastic float for Depot and 1 x nels roam remote kit for Parks and Reserves ($716.79), 20 x philmac nipple polys for Parks and Reserves ($55.00)	(771.79)	1	CSH
78	EFT16113	15/04/2026	Source Machinery Pty Ltd	4 x various filters, 3 x various elements, 1 x window glass and 1 x seal for P76 - Kubota Tractor including freight charges ($996.28)	(996.28)	1	CSH
79	EFT16114	15/04/2026	ATOM Supply	2 x brooms and 12 x white aerosol paint for Airport ($407.71) and 3 x hi-vis safety vests for Airport ($42.18)	(449.89)	1	CSH
80	EFT16115	15/04/2026	Garpen Pty Ltd	1 x diesel engine electric start for P30 - Isuzu Autopatch Truck ($1,120.00)	(1,120.00)	1	CSH
81	EFT16116	15/04/2026	Great Southern Fuel Supplies	7,005L of diesel @ 2.77746 for Depot ($21,401.72)	(21,401.72)	1	CSH
82	EFT16117	15/04/2026	Midwest Windscreens Pty Ltd	Supply and install visibility strips to doors at Shire Hall ($200.20)	(200.20)	1	CSH
83	EFT16118	15/04/2026	Artificial Turf Direct	3 x 4m x 25m synthetic grass rolls, 10 x 100pk U shaped turf pegs and 60 x adhesive butyl tape for Tourist Park ($4,170.00)	(4,170.00)	1	CSH
84	EFT16119	15/04/2026	Westate Hose Supplies	1 x 125mm layflat hose and 1 x 5pk norma hose clamps for Stock ($456.49)	(456.49)	1	CSH
85	EFT16120	15/04/2026	Western Independent Foods	Freight charges on 1 x philmac sleeve valve, 1 x philmac plastic float for Depot, 2 x dog leads and 2 x dog bed covers for Pound, 1 x nels roam remote kit and 20 x nipple polys for Parks and Reserves and 2 x brooms, 12 x spray paint and 3 x hi-vis vests for Airport ($92.65) and 1 x ACDelco battery for P42 - Small Engines ($63.30)	(155.95)	1	CSH
86	EFT16121	15/04/2026	Services Australia	Payroll Deductions/Contributions ($292.99)	(292.99)	1	CSH
87	EFT16122	15/04/2026	DHS Official Administered Receipts CSA Account	Payroll Deductions/Contributions ($714.40)	(714.40)	1	CSH
88	EFT16123	15/04/2026	Water Corporation	Water usage for 57 days from 12/02/26 - 10/04/26 for SH20 - 33A Dowley St ($111.83) and SH21 - 33B Dowley St ($111.84) and services charges for 61 days from 01/03/26 - 30/04/26 for OH01 - 29 Allen St ($49.62) and OH02 - 28 Dowley St ($49.62)	(322.91)	1	CSH
89	EFT16124	15/04/2026	Water Corporation	Water usage for 57 days from 12/02/26 - 10/04/26 and service charges for Darlot St median strip ($51.20), Robinson St median strip ($45.18), Lot 592 Heydon Pl ($52.73), 28 Heydon Pl ($22.57), SH12 - 14 Chesson St ($360.66), SH10 - 19 Burt Pl ($66.04), Lot 500 15 Wittenoom St - Crosslands Camp ($2,365.51), Austin St median strip ($2,957.78), SH01 - 15 Allen St ($55.78), 79 Austin St - Public water access ($346.38) and Bell's Emporium ($52.73)	(6,376.56)	1	CSH

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#	Type	Date		Description	Amount	Bank	Type
90	EFT16125	15/04/2026	Water Corporation	Water usage for 57 days from 12/02/26 - 10/04/26 and service charges for 8 Victoria St - Water Park ($978.90), Tourist Park ($2,323.78), SH08 - 10 Chesson St ($2,922.13), SH09 - 12 Chesson Street ($86.56), Lot 51 Marshall St standpipe ($6,932.35), 72 Austin St - CRC ($222.89), 64 Austin St - Bank of WA ($51.67), Lot 637 Wittenoom St - Oval ($93.37), SH06 - 57 Marshall St ($141.96), SH05 - 47 Marshall St ($388.79), SH03 - 18 Dowley St ($439.96), Robinson St - Brockman Park ($2,316.23), SH04 - 29 Robinson St ($109.13), 75 Austin St - Admin Office ($1,027.09), 52-58 Dowley St Reserve ($42.17), 46 Dowley St - RV Site ($24.10), SH07 - 47 Dowley St ($27.11) and L52, 55 Robinson St - Masonic Lodge ($109.13)	(18,237.32)	1	CSH
91	EFT16126	15/04/2026	Cloud Collections Pty Ltd	Rates debt recovery fee ($375.00)	(375.00)	1	CSH
92	EFT16127	15/04/2026	Horizon Power	Electricity usage for 58 days from 03/02/26 - 01/04/26 and service charges for SH02 - 23 Allen Street ($396.62), Lot 36 - Robinson St - Brockman Park ($192.71), Lot 71 - Austin St - ASG Memorial Park ($121.13), Oval Ablutions ($134.66), Railway Building ($1,524.82), Lot 2A - Austin St - Shire Office ($1,938.24), Depot ($1,765.75), 33 Robinson St - Old Muni Chambers ($137.57), Lot 2B - Austin St - Median Strip ($123.06), Austin St - Shire Office ($517.05), 2/36 Wittenoom St, Standpipe Oval ($392.92), SH11 - Old Tourist Park House ($514.15), SH01 - 15 Allen St ($166.41), SH03 - 18 Dowley St ($642.18), SH07 - 49 Dowley St ($80.40), Lot 330 - 72 Austin St - CRC/Library ($3,457.77), SH10 - 19 Burt Pl ($104.47), Lot 114 - Victoria St - Water Park ($263.31) and SH08 - 10 Chesson St ($594.96)	(13,068.18)	1	CSH
93	EFT16128	15/04/2026	Horizon Power	Electricity usage for 58 days from 03/02/26 - 01/04/26 and service charges for SH09 - 12 Chesson St ($396.74), Lot 628 - Robinson St - RV Dump Station ($122.10), Lot 593 - Heydon Pl ($251.84), Rotunda ($120.16), Lot 592 - Heydon Pl ($228.49), SH06 - 57 Marshall St ($305.22), SH12 - 14 Chesson St ($276.92), Bank of WA ($660.03), SH18 - 31A Dowley St ($497.86), SH17 - 59 Marshall St ($403.66), SH05 - 47 Marshall St ($91.34), SH20 - 33A Dowley St ($442.50), SH21 - 33B Dowley St ($501.41), Lot 9000 - 28 Heydon Pl ($492.54), SH19 - 31B Dowley St ($467.42), SH13 - 6 Price St ($502.39), SH22 - 50 Stewart St ($240.82), Bell's Emporium ($639.64) and Lot 41 Dowley St - Shire Hall ($893.63)	(7,534.71)	1	CSH
94	EFT16129	20/04/2026	Scott Van Leeuwen	Rent for SH17 - 59 Marshall St for the period 20/04/26 - 03/05/26 ($600.00)	(600.00)	1	CSH
95	EFT16130	20/04/2026	Australian Taxation Office	BAS payment for March 26 ($18,551.00)	(18,551.00)	1	CSH

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96	EFT16131	29/04/2026	Pivotel Satellite Pty Ltd	Satellite phone charges for the period 15/04/26 - 14/05/26 ($195.00)	(195.00)	1	CSH
97	EFT16132	29/04/2026	Water Corporation	Water usage for 57 days from 12/02/26 - 10/04/26 for SH17 - 59 Marshall St ($141.59), SH18 - 31A Dowley St ($161.08), SH19 - 31B Dowley St ($161.08) and service charges for 61 days from 01/03/26 - 30/04/26 for SH18 - 31A Dowley St ($49.62) and SH19 - 31B Dowley St ($49.62)	(562.99)	1	CSH
98	EFT16133	29/04/2026	Countrywide Fridge Lines Pty Ltd	Freight charges for 208L x Dynatrans oil, 436L x Rubia Works high performance diesel oil and 208L Azolla hydraulic oil and sending hydraulic cylinders from P52 - Tri Axle Side Tipper and Depot shed from Shire Depot to Perth for repair ($493.02)	(493.02)	1	CSH
99	EFT16134	29/04/2026	Jodi Roberts	Reimbursement for 1 x 24pk coke zero for Cue Events ($26.00)	(26.00)	1	CSH
100	EFT16135	29/04/2026	Johns Building Supplies Pty Ltd	1 x 3000pk impulse nails for 65 Austin St - Shops ($236.76)	(236.76)	1	CSH
101	EFT16136	29/04/2026	LG Best Practices Pty Ltd	Rates management services for March 26 ($10,208.00)	(10,208.00)	1	CSH
102	EFT16137	29/04/2026	Shane Baker	Test and repair pump station at Oval including travel cost ($2,895.20)	(2,895.20)	1	CSH
103	EFT16138	29/04/2026	Team Global Express Pty Ltd	Freight charges for 6 x custom signs for Depot ($89.86)	(89.86)	1	CSH
104	EFT16139	29/04/2026	Trephleene Pty Ltd T/A Canine Control	Ranger services on 09/04/26 ($1,872.49)	(1,872.49)	1	CSH
105	EFT16140	29/04/2026	XL2	1 x monthly billing to Microsoft Azure for March 26 ($1.10)	(1.10)	1	CSH
106	EFT16141	29/04/2026	AIT Specialists Pty Ltd	Calculations for fuel tax credits for March 26 ($601.76)	(601.76)	1	CSH
107	EFT16142	29/04/2026	IQtech Solutions	Admin, Depot and Tourist Park printing expenses for April 26 ($469.88)	(469.88)	1	CSH
108	EFT16143	29/04/2026	Murchison Club Hotel	Meal expense for Forum on 14/04/26 ($99.00)	(99.00)	1	CSH
109	EFT16144	29/04/2026	Open Systems Technology Pty Ltd	Council First professional services for March 26 ($13,312.75) and Council First subscription for May 26 ($5,262.29)	(18,575.04)	1	CSH
110	EFT16145	29/04/2026	Queen of The Murchison Guest House & Cafe	3 x nights accommodation and meals for Environmental Health Officer between 13/04/26 - 16/04/26 ($708.00)	(708.00)	1	CSH
111	EFT16146	29/04/2026	XL2	Monthly managed IT services for May 26 ($6,579.17)	(6,579.17)	1	CSH
112	EFT16147	29/04/2026	Janelle Duncan	Reimbursement for 1 x 1kg bag of coffee beans for Admin ($46.00)	(46.00)	1	CSH
113	EFT16148	29/04/2026	Melanie Cher Page	Reimbursement for 4 x flexi tubs, 12 x 4pk of tealights and 6 x large candles for Cue Events on 16/04/26 ($96.42)	(96.42)	1	CSH
114	EFT16149	29/04/2026	Bitumen Distributors Pty Ltd	9,000L x emulsion @ $1.35/L, 9 x 1,000L IBC containers for Wilgie - Mia Rd and 1,000L x emulsion @ $1.35/L and 1 x 1,000L IBC containers for Cue Airport ($17,215.00)	(17,215.00)	1	CSH
115	EFT16150	29/04/2026	Geraldton Lock & Key	1 x roller door lock extension arm for HPU1 - U1 28 Heydon Pl and 1 x roller door lock extension arm and 2 x keys cut for Depot ($173.80)	(173.80)	1	CSH
116	EFT16151	29/04/2026	Murchison Club Hotel	Meals and refreshments for the Murchison Executive Group lunch on 16/04/26 ($967.50) and alcohol for the Sundowner Event on 16/04/26 ($268.00)	(1,235.50)	1	CSH

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117	EFT16152	29/04/2026	Team Global Express Pty Ltd	Freight on 4 x various filters, 3 x various elements, 1 x window glass and 1 x seal for P76 - Kubota Tractor ($57.48)	(57.48)	1	CSH
118	EFT16153	29/04/2026	ATOM Supply	2 x dog leads, 2 x dog bed covers and 2 x dog bed for Pound ($362.65)	(362.65)	1	CSH
119	EFT16154	29/04/2026	Countrywide Fridge Lines Pty Ltd	Freight charges for 1 x diesel engine start shaft for P30 - Isuzu Autopatch Truck, 1 x 125mm layflat hose and 1 x 5pk norma hose clamps for Stock, 1 x 3000 pk nails for 65 Austin St - Shops and 1 x tropical slip and slide for Cue Events ($719.31)	(719.31)	1	CSH
120	EFT16155	29/04/2026	Totally Workwear Geraldton	2 x protective boots for Depot staff ($419.18), 5 x pants and 5 x long sleeve shirts including name and Shire logo embroidery for Depot staff ($360.65)	(779.83)	1	CSH
121	EFT16156	29/04/2026	Boogie Bounce	Adult and kids sessions of Boogie Bounce on 21/04/26 ($874.50)	(874.50)	1	CSH
122	EFT16157	29/04/2026	Envirolab Services (WA) Pty Ltd	Water testing - Oval effluent reuse scheme ($220.00)	(220.00)	1	CSH
123	EFT16158	29/04/2026	Geoff Udy	Geoff Udy entertainment for Sundowner Event on 16/4/2026 ($1,500.00)	(1,500.00)	1	CSH
124	EFT16159	29/04/2026	Moore Australia (WA) Pty Ltd	Financial Reporting Workshop - Livestream attendance for DCEO and Accountant ($3,696.00)	(3,696.00)	1	CSH
125	EFT16160	29/04/2026	Murchison Club Hotel	Meals and refreshments for 4 x Councillors, 3 x staff and 2 x guests following Ordinary Council Meeting on 21/04/26 ($482.00)	(482.00)	1	CSH
126	EFT16161	29/04/2026	Tarts and Co	Catering for 70 x people for Sundowner Event on 16/04/26 ($5,600.00)	(5,600.00)	1	CSH
127	EFT16162	29/04/2026	Team Global Express Pty Ltd	Freight charges for printer ink cartridges ($60.49)	(60.49)	1	CSH
128	EFT16163	29/04/2026	Winc Australia Pty Ltd	2 x 6pk Tork hand wash for Tourist Park and 5 x 10pk thermal paper rolls, 5 x 5pk A4 printer paper, 1 x A4 document wallet, 1 x 250pk name card holders, 1 x 48pk tissue boxes, 4 x 250ml dettol hand wash, 5 x stapler removers, 5 x permanent markers for Admin ($473.57)	(473.57)	1	CSH
129	EFT16164	29/04/2026	XL2	2 x 12 month Deep Freeze license subscriptions ($133.54)	(133.54)	1	CSH
130	EFT16165	29/04/2026	Cian Robert Lyon	Elected member claim April 26 ($1,175.00)	(1,175.00)	1	CSH
131	EFT16166	29/04/2026	Jacqueline Andrea Lacy	Elected member claim April 26 ($1,175.00)	(1,175.00)	1	CSH
132	EFT16167	29/04/2026	Julie Ann Humphreys	Elected member claim April 26 ($1,175.00)	(1,175.00)	1	CSH
133	EFT16168	29/04/2026	Leslie Matthew Price	Elected member claim April 26 ($3,116.00)	(3,116.00)	1	CSH
134	EFT16169	29/04/2026	Norman Edward Lyon	Elected member claim April 26 ($1,175.00)	(1,175.00)	1	CSH
135	EFT16170	29/04/2026	Ronald Paul Clive Hogben	Elected member claim April 26 ($1,175.00)	(1,175.00)	1	CSH
136	EFT16171	30/04/2026	DHS Official Administered Receipts CSA Account	Payroll Deductions/Contributions ($714.40)	(714.40)	1	CSH
137	EFT16172	30/04/2026	Services Australia	Payroll Deductions/Contributions ($306.39)	(306.39)	1	CSH
138	EFT16173 - EFT16184	01/05/2026	Various	Transactions paid in May, will be featured in May's List of Accounts Paid	-	1	CSH
139	EFT16185	29/04/2026	Commonwealth Bank	Credit card purchases for April 26 ($9,275.29) - See Section 'CEO Credit Card - Lines 1-17' for payment details	-	1	CSH

List of Accounts Paid as of April 2026							
#	**Type**	**Date**		**Description**	**Amount**	**Bank**	**Type**
			Total EFT's		**(484,533.82)**		
CHEQUES							
140	CHEQUES	31/03/2026	No Cheques for the month		0.00		
			Total Cheques		**0.00**		
PAYROLL							
141	PAYROLL	01/04/2026	Payroll Direct Debit of Net Pays	Payrun 123	(75,470.48)	1	CSH
142	PAYROLL	15/04/2026	Payroll Direct Debit of Net Pays	Payrun 124	(67,287.32)	1	CSH
143	PAYROLL	29/04/2026	Payroll Direct Debit of Net Pays	Payrun 126	(74,958.53)	1	CSH
			Total Payroll		**(217,716.33)**		
				TOTAL PAYMENTS	**(776,682.20)**		
				Total Credit Card	(9,275.29)		
				Total Direct Debits	(65,156.76)		
				Total EFT's	(484,533.82)		
				Total Cheque	0.00		
				Total Payroll	(217,716.33)		
				TOTAL PAYMENTS	**(776,682.20)**		

10.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

APPLICANT:	Shire of Cue
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Lisa Keen - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	4 May 2026

Matters for Consideration:

The attached monthly Financial Report is for the period ending April 2026 and includes the following statements and notes:

- Statement of Financial Activity
- Major Variances
- Net Current Funding Position
- Statement of Financial Position
- Cash and Investments
- Trust Fund
- Cash Backed Reserve
- Receivables
- Capital Disposals
- Borrowings
- Capital Acquisitions
- Rate Revenue
- Grants and Contributions

Background:

Under the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, a monthly Financial Report must be submitted to an Ordinary Council meeting within two months after the end of the month to which the statement relates. The monthly Financial Report presents an overview of the financial position of the local government at the end of each month. The monthly Financial Report must be adopted by Council and form part of the minutes.

Comments:

The monthly Financial Report is for the month of April 2026.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996 – Clause 14.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Richard Towell, Chief Executive Officer

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

That Council receive the attached monthly Financial Report, prepared in accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, for the period ending April 2026.

Council Decision:	**Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority
MOVED:	**SECONDED:**
CARRIED:	

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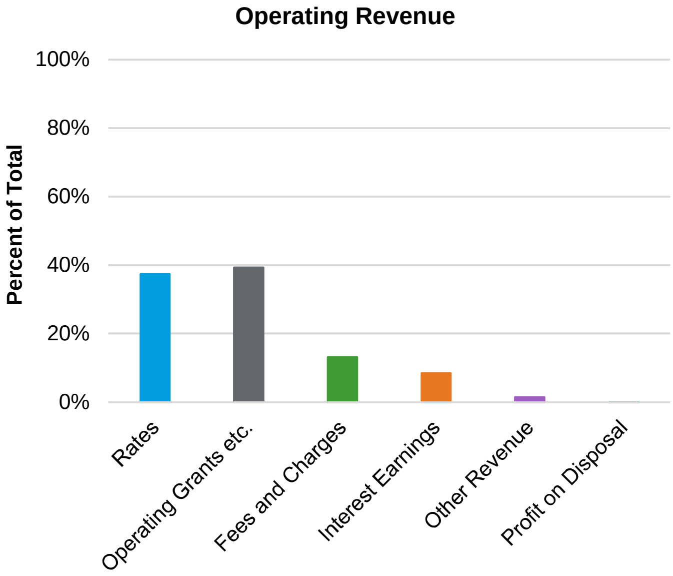
SHIRE OF CUE

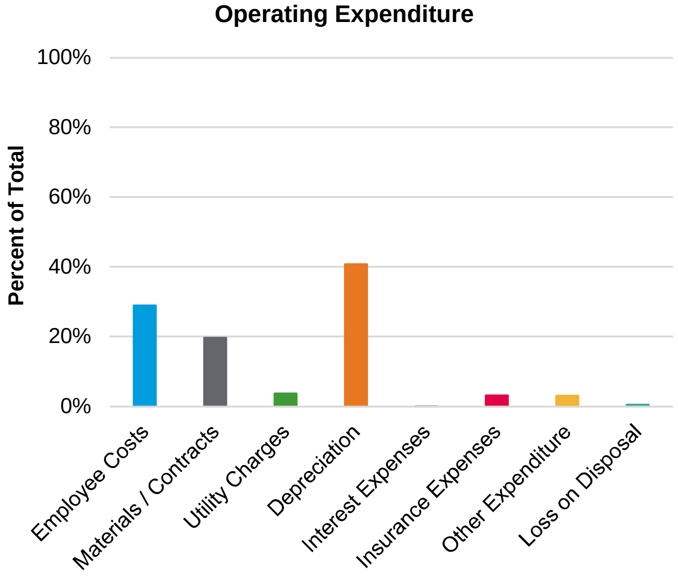
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

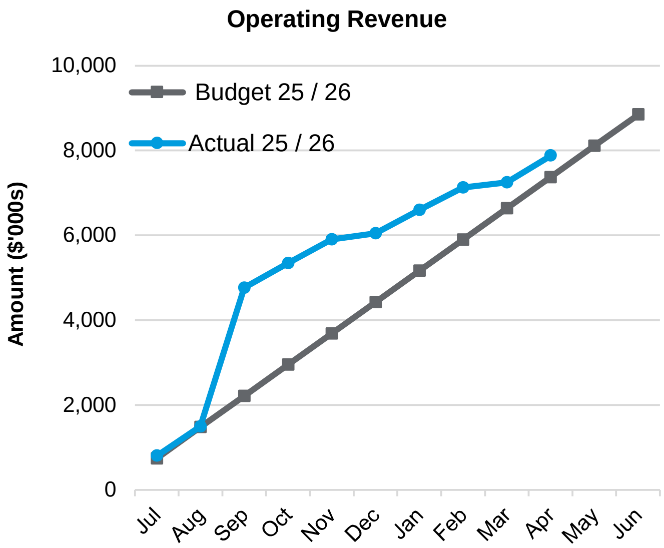
For the Period Ending 30 April 2026

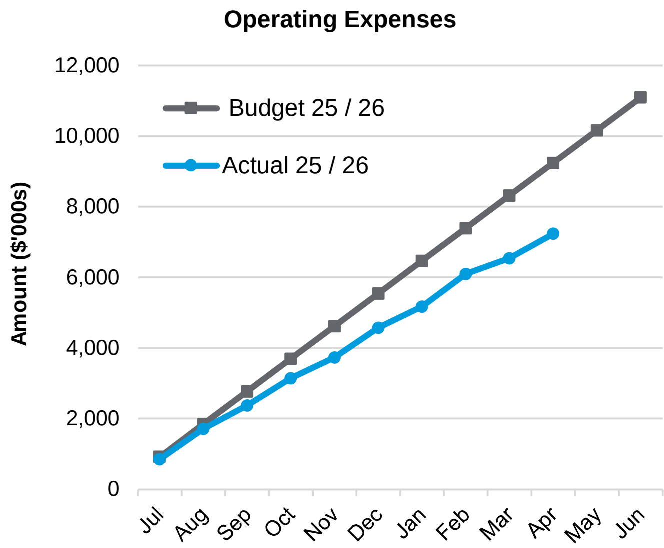
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

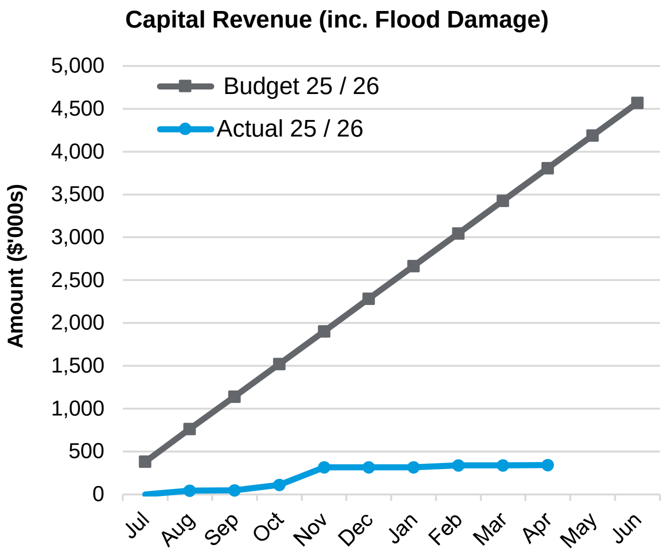
SHIRE OF CUE
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Period Ending 30 April 2026
SUMMARY GRAPHS - OPERATING

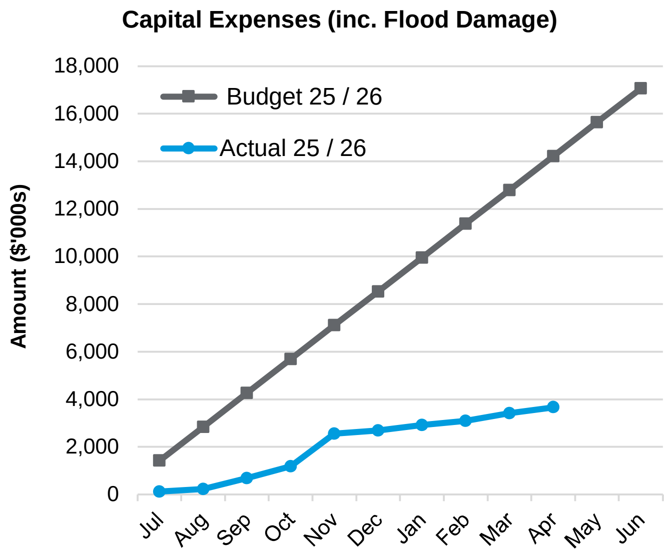












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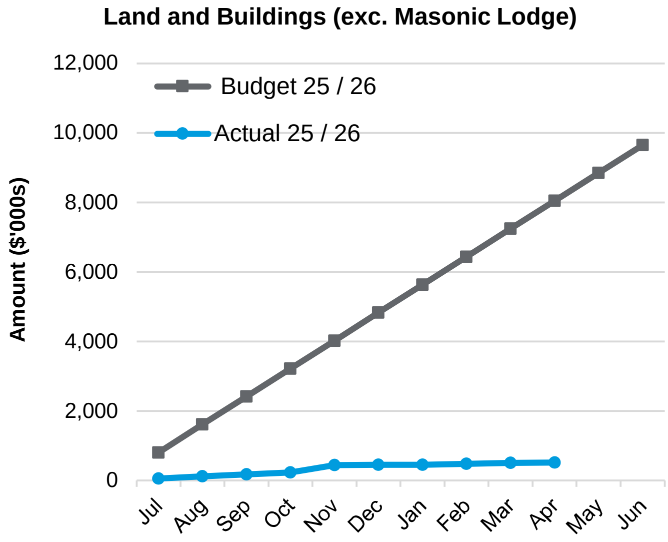
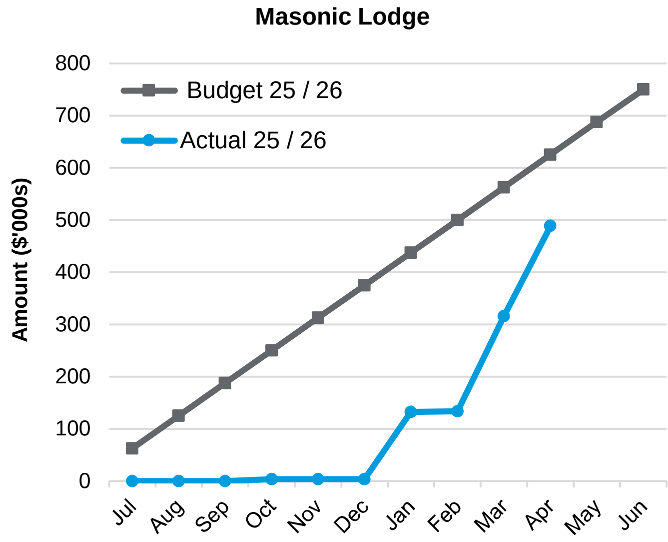
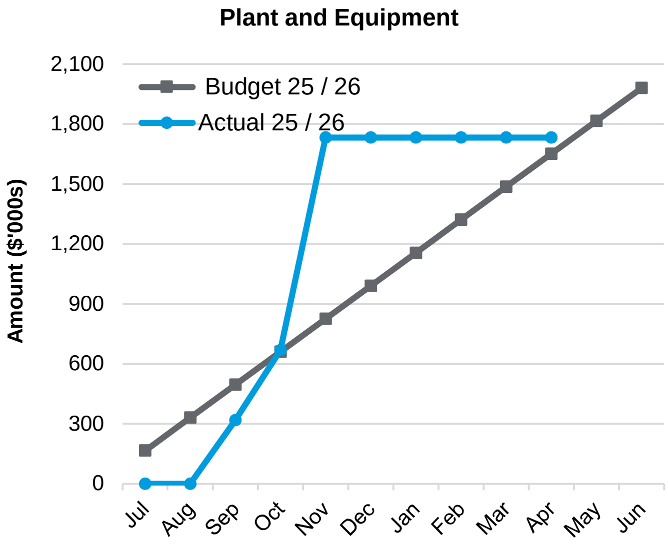
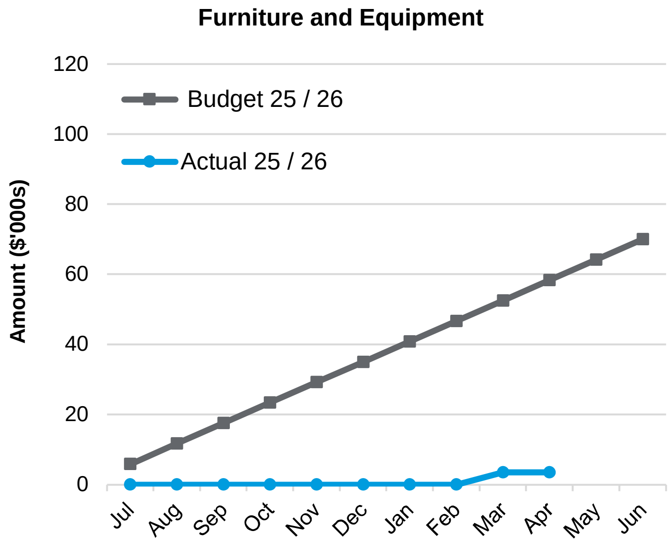
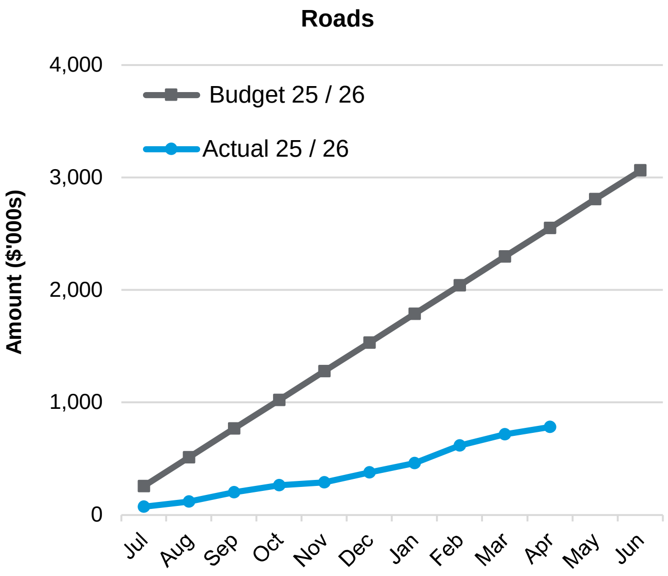
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Period Ending 30 April 2026
SUMMARY GRAPHS - CAPITAL

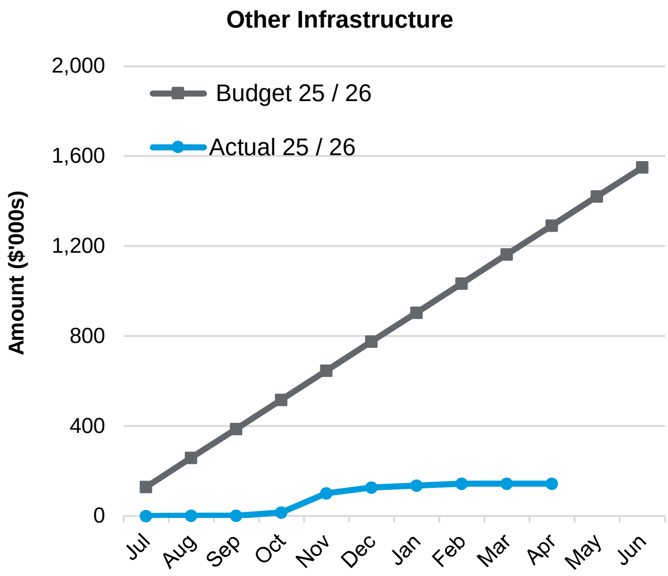












SHIRE OF CUE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
For the Period Ending 30 April 2026

	Note	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	Var* $	Var* %
Opening Funding Surplus / (Deficit)	2(a)	9,278,063	9,278,063	**9,278,063**		
Revenue from Operating Activities						
Rates	9	2,924,000	2,436,660	**2,954,402**	517,742	21%
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	10(a)	3,546,385	2,955,270	**3,100,696**	145,426	5%
Fees and Charges		1,354,210	1,128,330	**1,036,959**	(91,371)	(8%)
Interest Earnings		787,500	656,240	**666,447**	10,207	2%
Other Revenue		223,500	186,210	**114,577**	(71,633)	(38%)
Profit on Disposal of Assets	6	8,900	8,900	**4,683**	(4,217)	(47%)
		8,844,495	**7,371,610**	**7,877,765**		
Expenditure from Operating Activities						
Employee Costs		(2,818,867)	(2,348,410)	**(2,097,393)**	251,017	11%
Materials and Contracts		(2,980,757)	(2,482,770)	**(1,421,519)**	1,061,251	43%
Utility Charges		(451,150)	(375,770)	**(270,287)**	105,483	28%
Depreciation on Non-current Assets		(4,098,000)	(3,414,910)	**(2,953,222)**	461,688	14%
Interest Expenses	7	(42,250)	(35,200)	**(5,132)**	30,068	85%
Insurance Expenses		(246,090)	(204,960)	**(229,685)**	(24,725)	(12%)
Other Expenditure		(362,850)	(302,320)	**(223,589)**	78,731	26%
Loss on Disposal of Assets	6	(100,300)	(83,580)	**(38,032)**	45,549	54%
		(11,100,264)	**(9,247,920)**	**(7,238,858)**		
Excluded Non-cash Operating Activities						
Depreciation and Amortisation		4,098,000	3,414,910	**2,953,222**		
(Profit) / Loss on Asset Disposal		91,400	74,680	**33,348**		
Net Amount from Operating Activities		**1,933,631**	**1,613,280**	**3,625,476**		
Investing Activities						
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	10(b)	4,285,000	3,570,800	**110,432**	(3,460,368)	(97%)
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets		286,200	238,500	**231,627**	(6,873)	(3%)
Land and Buildings	8(a)	(10,400,000)	(8,666,330)	**(1,005,529)**	7,660,801	88%
Plant and Equipment	8(b)	(1,980,000)	(1,650,000)	**(1,732,320)**	(82,320)	(5%)
Furniture and Equipment	8(c)	(70,000)	(58,320)	**(3,500)**	54,820	94%
Infrastructure Assets - Roads	8(d)	(3,060,600)	(2,550,440)	**(781,694)**	1,768,746	69%
Infrastructure Assets - Other	8(e)	(1,550,000)	(1,291,530)	**(143,748)**	1,147,782	89%
Net Amount from Investing Activities		**(12,489,400)**	**(10,407,320)**	**(3,324,731)**		
Financing Activities						
Transfer from Reserves	4	1,235,000	-	**-**	-	
Proceeds from new borrowings		1,300,000	1,083,330	**-**	(1,083,330)	100%
Repayment of Debentures	7	(141,880)	(118,230)	**(99,623)**	18,607	16%
Transfer to Reserves	4	(1,115,414)	(320,830)	**(413,428)**	(92,598)	(29%)
Net Amount from Financing Activities		**1,277,706**	**644,270**	**(513,051)**		
Closing Funding Surplus / (Deficit)	2(a)	**-**	**1,128,293**	**9,065,756**		

* - Note 1 provides an explanation for the relevant variances shown above.

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1. 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 budget materially.

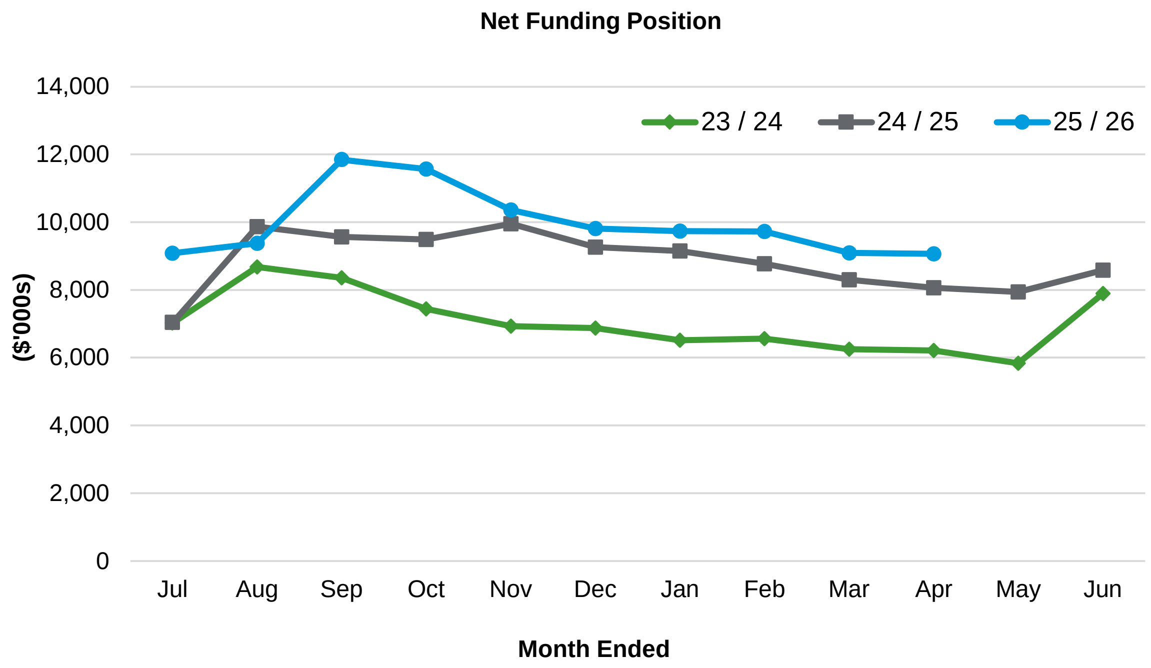
The material variance for the 2025/26 year is $25,000 or 10% whichever is the greater.

Reporting Program	Var $	Var %	Var	Timing / Permanent	Explanation of Variance
Operating Revenues					
Rates	517,742	21%	▲	Timing	Budget profile
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	145,426	5%	▲	Timing	Timing of grants and road user agreement revenue
Fees and Charges	(91,371)	(8%)	▼	Timing	Budget profile for tourist park, rubbish and sewerage
Other Revenue	(71,633)	(38%)	▼	Timing	Budget profile for commercial property reimbursements. No insurance payments for recovery
Operating Expense					
Employee Costs	251,017	11%	▲	Timing	Vacancies and staffing levels
Materials and Contracts	1,061,251	43%	▲	Timing	Expenditure less than budgeted
Utility Charges	105,483	28%	▲	Timing	Expenditure less than budgeted
Depreciation on Non-current Assets	461,688	14%	▲	Timing	Revaluated assets increased depreciation
Interest Expenses	30,068	85%	▲	Timing	Timing of expenditure
Other Expenditure	78,731	26%	▲	Timing	Expenditure less than budgeted
Loss on Disposal of Assets	45,549	54%	▲	Timing	Timing of disposals
Capital Revenues					
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	(3,460,368)	(97%)	▼	Timing	Timing of grants and contributions, including flood damage reimbursements
Capital Expenses					
Land and Buildings	7,660,801	88%	▲	Timing	See Note 8 (Timing of projects)
Plant and Equipment	(82,320)	(5%)	▼	Timing	See Note 8 (Timing of purchases)
Furniture and Equipment	54,820	94%	▲	Timing	See Note 8 (Timing of projects)
Infrastructure - Roads	1,768,746	69%	▲	Timing	See Note 8 (Timing of roads projects and flood damage works)
Infrastructure - Other	1,147,782	89%	▲	Timing	See Note 8 (Timing of projects)
Financing					
No financing activities have material variances over the threshold					
Proceeds from new borrowings	(1,083,330)	100%	▲	Timing	No new borrowings
Transfer to Reserves	(92,598)	(29%)	▼	Timing	Timing of term deposit maturities

2. FINANCIAL POSITION

(a) Net Current Funding Position

	30 Apr 26	30 Jun 25
Current Assets	**$**	**$**
Cash and Cash Equivalents- Unrestricted	8,259,288	8,809,008
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted		
Cash Backed Reserves	8,877,884	8,464,456
Deposits and Bonds	51,043	56,953
Unspent Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	699,705	238,559
Receivables	1,075,365	1,065,143
Inventories	95,275	49,454
Total Current Assets	**19,058,559**	**18,683,573**
Current Liabilities		
Trade and Other Payables	(195,644)	(482,925)
Income Received in Advance	(18,844)	(31,159)
Contract Obligations	(680,861)	(207,400)
Loan Liability	-	(99,623)
Provisions	(219,570)	(219,570)
Total Current Liabilities	**(1,114,919)**	**(1,040,678)**
Less: Cash Reserves	(8,877,884)	(8,464,456)
Less: Loan Liability	-	99,623
Net Funding Position	**9,065,756**	**9,278,063**



2. FINANCIAL POSITION (Continued)

(b) Statement of Financial Position

	30 Apr 26	30 Jun 25
Current Assets	**$**	**$**
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,183,780	3,457,676
Receivables and Other Assets	1,075,365	1,118,579
Inventories	95,275	49,454
Financial Assets	14,704,139	14,111,300
Total Current Assets	**19,058,559**	**18,737,008**
Non-Current Assets		
Receivables and Other Assets	5,398	5,398
Financial Assets	19,905	19,905
Property, Plant and Equipment	24,049,910	22,338,454
Infrastructure	49,948,249	51,211,111
Total Non-Current Assets	**74,023,463**	**73,574,869**
Total Assets	**93,082,022**	**92,311,877**
Current Liabilities		
Other Liabilities	(482,780)	-
Trade and Other Payables	(412,569)	(774,920)
Borrowings	-	(99,623)
Employee Related Provisions	(219,570)	(219,570)
Total Current Liabilities	**(1,114,919)**	**(1,094,113)**
Non-Current Liabilities		
Borrowings	(362,918)	(362,918)
Employee Related Provisions	(51,479)	(51,479)
Total Non-Current Liabilities	**(414,397)**	**(414,397)**
Total Liabilities	**(1,529,316)**	**(1,508,510)**
Net Assets	**91,552,706**	**90,803,367**
Equity		
Retained Surplus	(27,980,010)	(27,644,099)
Reserves - Cash Backed	(8,877,884)	(8,464,456)
Revaluation Surplus	(54,694,812)	(54,694,812)
Total Equity	**(91,552,706)**	**(90,803,367)**

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3. CASH AND FINANCIAL ASSETS

(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents	Unrestricted $	Restricted $	Total Amount $	Interest Rate %	Maturity Date
Cash On Hand	970	-	970	0.00	N/A
Cheque Account	424,127	-	424,127	2.75	N/A
Online Saver Account	2,758,683	-	2,758,683	3.85	N/A
Cash Deposit	1,556,518	750,748	2,307,266	4.22	10 Jun 26
Cash Deposit	1,412,755	-	1,412,755	4.10	20 Aug 26
Cash Deposit	1,057,368	-	1,057,368	4.07	11 Feb 27
Cash Deposit	1,048,866	-	1,048,866	4.60	15 Jan 27
Reserves Deposit (NAB)	-	1,384,396	1,384,396	5.45	29 Apr 27
Reserves Deposit (NAB)	-	2,093,463	2,093,463	4.20	02 Jul 26
Reserves Deposit (NAB)	-	1,426,791	1,426,791	4.20	14 Jul 26
Reserves Deposit (NAB)	-	2,914,946	2,914,946	4.25	24 Nov 26
Reserves Deposit (NAB)	-	1,058,287	1,058,287	4.60	15 Jan 27
Total Cash / Financial Assets	**8,259,288**	**9,628,632**	**17,887,919**		

4. CASH BACKED RESERVES

YTD Actual

Reserve Name	Balance 01 Jul 25 $	Transfers from $	Interest Received $	Transfer to $	Balance 30 Apr 26 $
Long Service Leave	71,176	-	3,477	-	74,653
Building Maintenance	671,640	-	32,805	-	704,445
Plant Replacement	581,328	-	28,394	-	609,722
Streetscape	358,813	-	17,526	-	376,339
Sports Facilities	138,155	-	6,749	-	144,904
Tourist Park Development	285,367	-	13,938	-	299,305
Water Playground	68,638	-	3,353	-	71,991
Beringarra Road	2,515,104	-	122,842	-	2,637,946
Tourism	139,378	-	6,808	-	146,186
Housing / Land Development	244,979	-	11,966	-	256,945
Heritage	903,756	-	44,141	-	947,897
Road Maintenance	2,228,124	-	108,828	-	2,336,952
Infrastructure	257,998	-	12,601	-	270,599
Total Cash Backed Reserves	**8,464,456**	**-**	**413,428**	**-**	**8,877,884**

5. RECEIVABLES

(a) Rates Receivable

	30 Apr 26
	$
Current	162,298
Previous Year	47,544
Second Previous Year	51,216
Third Previous Year or Greater	84,956
Total Rates Receivable Outstanding	**346,014**

(b) General Receivables

	30 Apr 26
Current	526,381
30 Days	8,744
60 Days	-
90+ Days	-
Total General Receivables Outstanding	**535,124**

6. DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

Plant and Equipment	Annual Budget Profit / (Loss) $	YTD Proceeds on Disposal $	YTD Actual Profit / (Loss) $
Grader 12M	(52,500)	205,000	(32,256)
Iveco Prime Mover	4,000	-	-
2 x 4 Single Cab 4.5 Tonne Truck	(33,000)	-	-
Walker ride on Mower	3,900	3,897	3,897
Housekeeping Kart and Trailer (Polaris)	1,000	7,243	786
Houlotte Elevated Work Platform	(5,300)	15,486	(5,775)
Jeep Grand Cherokee	(9,500)	-	-
Total Profit or (Loss)	**(91,400)**	**231,627**	**(33,348)**

7. INFORMATION ON BORROWINGS

GROH Housing	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $
Principal Repayments	141,880	118,230	99,623
Interest and Fees	42,250	35,200	5,132
Total Repayments	**184,130**	**153,430**	**104,756**

Principal Outstanding

Principal Outstanding 01 Jul	462,541	462,541	462,541
New borrowings	1,300,000	1,083,330	-
Principal Repayments	(141,880)	(118,230)	(99,623)
Principal Outstanding Current Month	**1,620,661**	**1,427,641**	**362,918**

8. CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

(a) Land and Buildings

	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	YTD Variance $
Staff Housing Development	780,000	649,990	-	649,990
Pensioner Housing Development	400,000	333,310	-	333,310
Staff and Other Housing	400,000	333,320	-	333,320
GROH Housing	1,300,000	1,083,330	-	1,083,330
Refuse Site Office	20,000	16,650	4,705	11,945
Recreation Centre	2,790,000	2,325,000	-	2,325,000
Great Fingal Mine Office	1,000,000	833,330	-	833,330
Railway Building and Youth Centre	30,000	24,990	13,847	11,143
Town Hall Upgrades	30,000	24,980	-	24,980
Bank of WA	175,000	145,820	173,512	(27,692)
Masonic Lodge	750,000	624,990	488,846	136,144
Heritage Building Renovations	150,000	125,000	-	125,000
Rifle Range Ablutions	25,000	20,830	-	20,830
Bowling Green and Outdoor Area Upgrades	10,000	8,330	-	8,330
Works Depot Improvements	300,000	249,990	-	249,990
Airport Terminal	400,000	333,310	-	333,310
Tourist Park House and Office	20,000	16,650	-	16,650
Old Gaol Restoration	20,000	16,640	1,794	14,846
Tourist Park Buildings	200,000	166,640	-	166,640
Heydon Place Industrial Development	300,000	249,980	9,594	240,386
Old Municipal Building Improvements	50,000	41,650	19,378	22,272
Old Hospital and Incinerator	60,000	50,000	59	49,941
Administration Building Improvements	90,000	74,980	-	74,980
Bells Emporium 49 Austin Street GEN	700,000	583,310	166,902	416,408
65 Austin Street Shops	400,000	333,310	126,890	206,420
Total Land and Buildings	**10,400,000**	**8,666,330**	**1,005,529**	**7,660,801**

(b) Plant and Equipment

	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	YTD Variance $
14T Prime Mover with Tipping Trays	350,655	292,213	350,655	(58,443)
25T Side Tippers and Dolly	317,165	264,304	317,165	(52,861)
Plant Attachments and Equipment	57,680	48,067		48,067
Jeep Grand Cherokee	80,000	66,667	-	66,667
Workshop Equipment	30,000	25,000		25,000
Town Maintenance Equipment	30,000	25,000	-	25,000
Tourism Equipment (Tour Vehicle)	40,000	33,333	-	33,333
Grader	530,000	441,667	530,000	(88,333)
IT Carrier	254,500	212,083	240,000	(27,917)
Skid Steer and Profiler	240,000	200,000	254,500	(54,500)
Skip Bin Truck	10,000	8,333	-	8,333
Forklift Bells	20,000	16,667	20,000	(3,333)
Isuzu D-Max 4x4 Bells	20,000	16,667	20,000	(3,333)
Total Plant and Equipment	**1,980,000**	**1,650,000**	**1,732,320**	**(75,653)**

8. CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS (Continued)

(c) Furniture and Equipment

	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	YTD Variance $
Council	20,000	16,660	-	16,660
Staff Housing	15,000	12,500	-	12,500
Tourist Park	10,000	8,330	-	8,330
Community Gym	10,000	8,330	-	8,330
Administration	15,000	12,500	3,500	9,000
Total Furniture and Equipment	**70,000**	**58,320**	**3,500**	**54,820**

8. CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS (Continued)

(d) Infrastructure - Roads

	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	YTD Variance $
Flood Damage Reimbursement	1,025,000	854,160	3,513	850,648
Roads to Recovery	485,600	404,650	10,087	394,563
LRCIP Road Construction	-	-	-	-
Construction - Muni Funds Roads	500,000	416,660	374,191	42,469
Regional Roads Group	450,000	374,980	393,903	(18,923)
Cue-Beringarra Road	300,000	250,000	-	250,000
Grid Widening Program and Seal Approaches	50,000	41,660	-	41,660
Town Footpaths	250,000	208,330	-	208,330
Total Infrastructure - Roads	**3,060,600**	**2,550,440**	**781,694**	**1,768,746**

(e) Other Infrastructure

	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $	YTD Variance $
Waste Site Upgrades	100,000	83,320	45,884	37,436
Deep Sewerage	240,000	200,000	-	200,000
Cemetery Development	10,000	8,330	-	8,330
Playground Equipment and Other Infrastructure	300,000	249,980	-	249,980
Sporting Facilities	30,000	24,990	-	24,990
Oval Infrastructure	60,000	49,990	-	49,990
Airport Runway Resealing	300,000	250,000	-	250,000
Tourism and Area Promotion	100,000	83,310	-	83,310
Streetscape and Community Projects	180,000	150,000	93,904	56,096
Tourist Park Improvements	50,000	41,650	3,960	37,690
Golf Course and Other Infrastructure	25,000	20,830	-	20,830
CCTV and Communications	50,000	41,660	-	41,660
Austin Street Development	75,000	62,500	-	62,500
RV Site	20,000	16,640	-	16,640
Oasis Visitor Parking Project	10,000	8,330	-	8,330
Total Infrastructure - Other	**1,550,000**	**1,291,530**	**143,748**	**1,147,782**

Total Capital Expenditure	**17,060,600**	**14,216,620**	**3,666,791**	**10,556,496**

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9. RATING INFORMATION

General Rates	Rateable Value $	Rate in $	Number of Properties #	Annual Budget Revenue $	YTD Actual Revenue $
GRV Residential	547,933	0.112900	83	61,862	61,862
GRV Commercial	487,440	0.112900	7	55,032	55,032
GRV Vacant Land	-	0.112900	1	-	-
GRV M & T Workforce	598,429	0.169350	5	101,344	101,344
UV Mining	10,858,166	0.242390	357	2,631,911	2,631,911
UV Pastoral	531,791	0.088910	13	47,282	47,282
Total General Rates				**2,897,431**	**2,897,430**
Minimum Rates					
GRV Residential	148,171	515.00	53	27,295	27,810
GRV Commercial	-	515.00	0	-	-
GRV Vacant Land	5,190	515.00	35	18,025	17,510
GRV M & T Workforce	3	515.00	0	-	-
UV Mining	164,377	515.00	145	74,675	74,675
UV Pastoral	17,783	515.00	5	2,575	2,575
Total Minimum Rates				**122,570**	**122,570**
Total General and Minimum Rates				**3,020,001**	**3,020,000**
Other Rate Revenue					
Rates Written-off				(100,000)	(48,392)
Discounts / Concessions				(2,000)	(1,376)
Incentive Prize				(1,000)	-
Interim and Back Rates				6,999	(15,831)
Total Funds Raised from Rates				**2,924,000**	**2,954,402**

10. GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

(a) Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions

	Grant Provider	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $
General Commission Grants	WA Government	1,250,000	1,041,660	934,784
Roads Commission Grants	WA Government	315,000	262,500	235,523
ESL Grant	FESA	7,500	6,250	7,240
Youth Program Grant		1,000	830	-
Library Grant	State Library	10,000	8,330	-
Donations Received		800	660	375
Australia Day Grant	NADC	11,000	9,160	10,000
MRWA RRG Direct Grant	MRWA	184,000	153,330	179,132
Road User Agreements		1,700,000	1,416,660	1,683,730
Road Maintenance		6,000	5,000	6,712
Diesel Fuel Rebate		40,000	33,330	24,934
Sundry Income Admin		5,000	4,160	-
Event Contribution		-	-	2,182
AWARE Grant	DFES	16,085	13,400	16,085
Total Grants, Subsidies and Contributions		**3,546,385**	**2,955,270**	**3,100,696**

(b) Non-operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions

	Grant Provider	Annual Budget $	YTD Budget $	YTD Actual $
Deep Sewerage	Royalties for Regions	240,000	200,000	-
Recreation Centre		2,200,000	1,833,330	-
Bank of WA	RED	80,000	66,660	82,763
Playground	WA Government	50,000	41,660	-
Flood Damage Reimbursement	DFES	714,000	595,000	17,669
Town Footpaths	Dept of Transport	15,500	12,910	10,000
Airport Grants and Contributions	Contribution	200,000	166,660	-
Roads to Recovery	Federal	485,500	404,580	-
RRG - RRG Road Project Grant	RRG	300,000	250,000	-
Total Grants, Subsidies and Contributions		**4,285,000**	**3,570,800**	**110,432**

10.3 2026-2027 FEES AND CHARGES

APPLICANT:	Shire of Cue
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Lisa Keen - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	4 May 2026

Matters for Consideration:

Adoption of the fees and charges for the Shire of Cue for the 2026-2027 financial year.

Background:

In accordance with section 6.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, fees and charges are adopted annually as part of the Council's budget.

Comments:

Some of the fees and charges are proposed with no increase while common charges were increased by approximately 3.5% for most items, which aligns with the Shire's strategic plans. A review of the costs and the increase in prices over the 2025-2026 year was conducted and believed to be within reasonable tolerances. In reviewing the fees and charges applied to the goods or services to be provided, the Shire considered the costs of providing them, the importance of them to the community and the price they would be provided by alternate sources.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 - Part 6, Division 5, Subdivision 2 - Fees and Charges.

6.16. Imposition of fees and charges
(1) A local government may impose and recover a fee or charge for any goods or service it provides or proposes to provide, other than a service for which a service charge is imposed.*
** Absolute majority required.*

(2) A fee or charge may be imposed for the following -
(a) providing the use of, or allowing admission to, any property or facility wholly or partly owned, controlled, managed or maintained by the local government;
(b) supplying a service or carrying out work at the request of a person;
(c) subject to section 5.94, providing information from local government records;

(d) receiving an application for approval, granting an approval, making an inspection and issuing a licence, permit, authorisation or certificate;
(e) supplying goods;
(f) such other service as may be prescribed.

(3) Fees and charges are to be imposed when adopting the annual budget but may be -
(a) imposed during a financial year; and*
(b) amended from time to time during a financial year.*
** Absolute majority required.*

6.17. Setting level of fees and charges
(1) In determining the amount of a fee or charge for a service or for goods a local government is required to take into consideration the following factors -
(a) the cost to the local government of providing the service or goods; and
(b) the importance of the service or goods to the community; and
(c) the price at which the service or goods could be provided by an alternative provider.

(2) A higher fee or charge or additional fee or charge may be imposed for an expedited service or supply of goods if it is requested that the service or goods be provided urgently.

(3) The basis for determining a fee or charge is not to be limited to the cost of providing the service or goods other than a service -
(a) under section 5.96; or
(b) under section 6.16(2)(d); or
(c) prescribed under section 6.16(2)(f), where the regulation prescribing the service also specifies that such a limit is to apply to the fee or charge for the service.

(4) Regulations may -
(a) prohibit the imposition of a fee or charge in prescribed circumstances; or
(b) limit the amount of a fee or charge in prescribed circumstances.

6.18. Effect of other written laws
(1) If the amount of a fee or charge for a service or for goods is determined under another written law a local government may not -
(a) determine an amount that is inconsistent with the amount determined under the other written law; or
(b) charge a fee or charge in addition to the amount determined by or under the other written law.

(2) A local government is not to impose a fee or charge for a service or goods under this Act if the imposition of a fee or charge for the service or goods is prohibited under another written law.

6.19. Local government to give notice of fees and charges
If a local government wishes to impose any fees or charges under this Subdivision after the annual budget has been adopted it must, before introducing the fees or charges, give local public notice of -
(a) its intention to do so; and
(b) the date from which it is proposed the fees or charges will be imposed.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Fees and charges revenue makes up approximately 14% of the Shires operating income and provides a means for the Shire to recover the costs of providing services on a user pay basis.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Cue Strategic Community Plan 2023 - 2038
Outcome 2.1: A strategically focused and unified Council functioning efficiently
2.1.3: Maintain accountability and financial responsibility

Consultation:

Richard Towell, Chief Executive Officer
John Curtin, Manager Works and Services
Savannah McIntosh, Tourist Park Manager

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Absolute Majority

That Council, by absolute majority, adopts the schedule of fees and charges, effective from 01 July 2026, and incorporates these fees and charges into the 2026-2027 budget.

Council Decision:	**Voting Requirement:** Absolute Majority
MOVED:	**SECONDED:**
CARRIED:	

OFFICE CHARGES	Adopted Fee 2025-2026	Proposed Fee 2026-2027	GST included	Statutory Fee	Comments
Photocopying					
A4 Black printing - per single sided page	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	*		No increase
A4 Colour printing - per single sided page	$ 1.65	$ 1.65	*		No increase
A3 Black printing - per single sided page	$ 1.55	$ 1.55	*		No increase
A3 Colour printing - per single sided page	$ 3.35	$ 3.35	*		No increase
All other office services, Refer Customer to Community Resource Centre					
Library					
Lost/damaged books	At Cost	At Cost			No increase
Freedom of Information (as per Act)					
Other fees may apply - check with the FOI co-ordinator					
Staff time per hour	$ 30.00	$ 30.00		*	As per legislation
Non personal application	$ 30.00	$ 30.00		*	As per legislation
TOURISM CHARGES	**Adopted Fee 2025-2026**	**Proposed Fee 2026-2027**	**GST included**	**Statutory Fee**	**Comments**
"Just A Century Ago" paperback book	$ 19.00	$ 19.00	*		No increase
"Just A Century Ago" hardback book	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	*		No increase
HALL CHARGES	**Adopted Fee 2025-2026**	**Proposed Fee 2026-2027**	**GST included**	**Statutory Fee**	**Comments**
Bond for hall hire - event/function with alcohol (licensee responsible for liquor license)	$ 950.00	$ 950.00			No increase
Bond for hall hire - event/function without alcohol	$ 600.00	$ 600.00			No increase
Hall hire - private function (with alcohol) per day (licensee responsible for liquor license)	$ 490.00	$ 490.00	*		No increase
Hall hire - private function (without alcohol) per day	$ 185.00	$ 185.00	*		No increase
Sound system bond	$ 350.00	$ 350.00			No increase
Sound system - per day	$ 36.00	$ 36.00	*		No increase
Half day or less - 50% of full day hire fees - bond applies					
Community use - fundraising	No Charge	No Charge			No increase
Key bond	$ 105.00	$ 105.00			No increase
Additional cleaning (per hour)	$ 93.00	$ 96.50	*		3.6% increase
Repair of damage caused during hire use	At Cost + 25%	At Cost + 25%			No increase
Hall hire includes hire of all chattels					
Bond for table and chair hire	$ 125.00	$ 125.00			No increase
Chair hire (per day)	$ 2.20	$ 2.20	*		No increase
Table hire (per day)	$ 14.50	$ 14.50	*		No increase
Shire delivery - tables / chairs	$ 125.00	$ 130.00			3.8% increase
Out of town delivery extra	Negotiated	Negotiated			No increase
Cost of extended table and chair hire to be negotiated	Negotiated	Negotiated			No increase

SPORTS AND RECREATION CHARGES	Adopted Fee 2025-2026	Proposed Fee 2026-2027	GST included	Statutory Fee	Comments
Gym membership (monthly)	$ 30.00	$ 30.00			No increase
Gym membership (annual)	$ 350.00	$ 350.00			No increase
Gym membership (monthly) - concession, volunteers and sponsors	$ 15.00	$ 15.00			No increase
Gym membership (annual) - concession, volunteers and sponsors	$ 175.00	$ 175.00			No increase
Gym swipe card (new and replacement)	$ 15.00	$ 15.00			No increase
Key bond	$ 100.00	$ 100.00			No increase
Casual court use at night with lights	No Charge	No Charge			No increase
Shire initiated programs	No Charge	No Charge			No increase
PLANT HIRE / PRIVATE WORKS	**Adopted Fee 2025-2026**	**Proposed Fee 2026-2027**	**GST included**	**Statutory Fee**	**Comments**
The Shire does not supply commercial quantities of water, sand, gravel or other materials. The Shire supplies for residential, non-profit purposes and only if/when the product is available. Minimum quantity is $1m^3$					
Persons or organisations requiring large quantities of materials or commercial volumes should negotiate with local contractors.					
Standpipe - water must be for drinking or personal use only and not for road construction, dust suppression, earth works, land development or any other construction type works.					
All private works and plant hire are subject to quotation by CEO. Quotations are dependent on scope of work, location and prevailing conditions.					
Material Supply					
Water usage per kL (maximum 10kL per day)	$ 13.50	$ 15.00			10% increase
Swipe card to access standpipe	$ 15.00	$ 15.00	*		No increase
Bore water (non potable) per kL - minimum charge applies	$ 1.00	$ 1.00			No increase
Bore water (non potable) minimum charge	$ 35.00	$ 10.00			250% reduction
Diesel fuel sales	At Cost + $0.04	At Cost + $0.04	*		No increase
River sand per M^3 - includes delivery	$ 90.00	$ 100.00	*		10% Increase
Wandri sand per M^3 - includes delivery	$ 90.00	$ 100.00	*		10% Increase
Red gravel per M^3 - includes delivery	$ 90.00	$ 100.00	*		10% Increase
Cracker dust per M^3 (if available) - includes delivery	$ 90.00	$ 100.00	*		10% Increase
Brickies sand per M^3 (if available) - includes delivery	$ 155.00	$ 165.00	*		6.1% Increase
Blue metal per M^3 (if available) - includes delivery	$ 195.00	$ 215.00	*		9.3% increase
Mulch per M^3 (if available) - Includes delivery		$ 100.00	*		New charge
Gravel/sand from town stockpile, no delivery M^3	$ 35.00	$ 42.50	*		17.6% increase
Gravel from pits - rehabilitation & establishment cost - per M^3	$ 25.00	$ 32.50	*		23.1% increase

PLANT HIRE / PRIVATE WORKS	Adopted Fee 2025-2026	Proposed Fee 2026-2027	GST included	Statutory Fee	Comments
Plant Hire/Private Works					
Plant Hire Charges Per Hour - NO DRY HIRE					
Grader	$ 252.00	$ 261.00	*		3.4% increase
JCB ICT	$ 225.00	$ 233.00	*		3.4% increase
Attachments / small plant (in addition to the hire of the plant)	$ 26.00	$ 27.00	*		3.7% increase
Bobcat (Skidsteer Loader)	$ 165.00	$ 171.00	*		3.5% increase
Mini Digger	$ 165.00	$ 171.00	*		3.5% increase
Kubota Tractor	$ 165.00	$ 171.00	*		3.5% increase
950G Wheel Loader	$ 260.00	$ 270.00	*		3.7% increase
D6T Dozer	$ 275.00	$ 285.00	*		3.5% increase
Excavator	$ 260.00	$ 270.00	*		3.7% increase
Bomag MPH100 Stabiliser	$ 275.00	$ 285.00	*		3.5% increase
Vibrator Drum Roller	$ 200.00	$ 208.00	*		3.8% increase
Rubber Roller	$ 195.00	$ 202.00	*		3.5% increase
Twin Drum Roller (1.6 tonne)	$ 125.00	$ 130.00	*		3.8% increase
Ride-on Mower	$ 125.00	$ 130.00	*		3.8% increase
Fork Lift	$ 125.00	$ 130.00	*		3.8% increase
Service Vehicle - Ute	$ 140.00	$ 145.00	*		3.4% increase
3.5 Tonne Tip Truck	$ 140.00	$ 145.00	*		3.4% increase
Prime Mover	$ 170.00	$ 176.00	*		3.4% increase
Prime Mover with one trailer	$ 215.00	$ 223.00	*		3.6% increase
Prime Mover with two trailers	$ 250.00	$ 260.00	*		3.8% increase
Prime Mover with drop deck ramps	$ 215.00	$ 223.00	*		3.6% increase
EWP	$ 125.00	$ 130.00	*		3.8% increase
Street Sweeper	$ 125.00	$ 130.00	*		3.8% increase
Labour Hire					
Per man hour - ordinary hours	$ 90.00	$ 93.50	*		3.7% increase
Per man hour - overtime hours (double)	$ 180.00	$ 187.00	*		2 x ordinary hrs
Per man hour - overtime hours (1.5)	$ 135.00	$ 140.25	*		1.5 x ordinary hrs
CEMETERY CHARGES	**Adopted Fee 2025-2026**	**Proposed Fee 2026-2027**	**GST included**	**Statutory Fee**	**Comments**
Grant of right of burial	$ 150.00	$ 155.00			3.2% increase
Application of monumental works	$ 50.00	$ 52.00			3.8% increase
Plot reservation, valid for 25 years	$ 25.00	$ 25.00			No increase
Sinking/reopening a grave	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,600.00	*		3.8% increase
Internment of ashes in an existing grave	$ 325.00	$ 337.00	*		3.6% increae
Internment of ashes in niche wall - single	$ 565.00	$ 585.00	*		3.4% increase

CEMETERY CHARGES	Adopted Fee 2025-2026	Proposed Fee 2026-2027	GST included	Statutory Fee	Comments
Internment of ashes in niche wall - double	$ 785.00	$ 815.00	*		3.7% increase
Niche wall plaque (if not supplied)	At cost + 20%	At cost + 20%			No increase
Internment penalty - lack of notice or weekend/public holiday penalty	Additional cost of staff time	Additional cost of staff time	*		No increase
Pet Cemetery					
Grant of right of burial	$ 50.00	$ 52.00			3.8% increase
Application of monumental works	$ 50.00	$ 52.00			3.8% increase
Sinking/reopening a grave	$ 500.00	$ 520.00	*		3.8% increase
AIRPORT CHARGES	**Adopted Fee 2025-2026**	**Proposed Fee 2026-2027**	**GST included**	**Statutory Fee**	**Comments**
Visiting Aircraft					
Landing charge per 1000kg (MTOW)	$ 20.00	$ 20.50	*		2.4% increase
Parking fee	$ 37.00	$ 38.00	*		2.6% increase
Night landing lights (except RFDS)	$ 330.00	$ 340.00	*		2.9% increase
Passenger outbound landing fee per person	$ 11.00	$ 11.25	*		2.2% increase
Passenger inbound landing fee per person	$ 11.00	$ 11.25	*		2.2% increase
Locally Based Aircraft					
Parking fee per annum (part thereof)	$ 680.00	$ 695.00	*		2.2% increase
Call Out Fee - After Hours					
Per man hour - overtime hours (double)	$ 175.00	$ 187.00			6.4% increase
COMMUNITY BUS	**Adopted Fee 2025-2026**	**Proposed Fee 2026-2027**	**GST included**	**Statutory Fee**	**Comments**
ALL users must pay for fuel					
Bond (refunded once bus is returned undamaged, in a clean condition and with a FULL tank of fuel)	$ 550.00	$ 550.00			No increase
Minimum hire fee (Under 50km) per day	$ 150.00	$ 155.00	*		3.2% increase
Standard hire fee (50km to 250km) per day	$ 155.00	$ 160.00	*		3.1% increase
Hire charge over 250km (per km)	$ 1.25	$ 1.30	*		3.8% increase
Additional day hire (Over 2 days)	$ 115.00	$ 119.00	*		3.4% increase
School - any occasion (250km then km charge)	Negotiated	Negotiated	*		No increase
Sporting clubs etc (250km then km charge)	$ 150.00	$ 155.00	*		3.2% increase
Medical hire	Free	Free	*		No increase
Fuel charges (per litre)	At cost + 20%	At cost + 20%	*		No increase
Cleaning charges (per hour)	At cost + 20%	At cost + 20%	*		No increase
Repair charges	At cost + 20%	At cost + 20%	*		No increase

ANIMAL CONTROL	Adopted Fee		Proposed Fee		GST included	Statutory Fee	Comments
(Dog Act 1976, Dog Regulations 2013) (Cat Act 2011, Cat Regulations 2012)							
Cat trap hire	Free 1st week		Free 1st week				No increase
Trap hire subsequent weeks	$	13.50	$	14.00	*		3.6% increase
Trap bond	$	50.00	$	50.00			No increase
Dog registration - 1 year sterilised	$	20.00	$	20.00		S15, R17	As per legislation
Dog registration - 3 year sterilised	$	42.50	$	42.50		S15, R17	As per legislation
Dog registration - 1 year unsterilised	$	50.00	$	50.00		S15, R17	As per legislation
Dog registration - 1 year dangerous dog	$	50.00	$	50.00		S15, R17	As per legislation
Dog registration - lifetime unsterilised	$	250.00	$	250.00		S15, R17	As per legislation
Dog registration - lifetime sterilised	$	100.00	$	100.00		S15, R17	As per legislation
Dog registration - 3 years unsterilised	$	120.00	$	120.00		S15, R17	As per legislation
Cat registration - 1 year	$	20.00	$	20.00		Sch 3	As per legislation
Cat registration - 3 year	$	42.50	$	42.50		Sch 3	As per legislation
Cat registration - lifetime	$	100.00	$	100.00		Sch 3	As per legislation
Pension rebate	50% of fee		50% of fee			S15, R17	As per legislation
Bonafide stock dogs	25% of fee		25% of fee			S15, R17	As per legislation
Impounding of a dog/cat	$	100.00	$	105.00	*		4.8% increase
Maintenance of a dog/cat in pound - per day	$	30.00	$	32.00	*		6.3% increase
Dog/cat destruction	$	65.00	$	67.50	*		3.7% increase
SANITATION CHARGES	**Adopted Fee 2025-2026**		**Proposed Fee 2026-2027**		**GST included**	**Statutory Fee**	**Comments**
Rubbish Charges (Annual Fees for Service)							
Residential sanitation service - one bin/one pick up per week	$	295.00	$	305.00			3.3% increase
Residential sanitation service - extra bin	$	148.00	$	153.00			3.3% increase
Pensioner discounted rate - per domestic service	$	195.00	$	200.00			2.5% increase
Commercial rubbish service - per bin bi-weekly pick up	$	585.00	$	605.00			3.3% increase
Minimum commercial rubbish service	$	585.00	$	605.00			3.3% increase
Extra commercial pick ups will be by negotiation with the Shire	Negotiated		Negotiated				No increase
Mining camp - per bin collected (by operator)	$	7.00	$	7.25			3.4% increase
Sanitation Charges - Waste Disposal Site Fees							
Domestic	No charge		No charge				No increase
Commercial - per cubic metre	$	10.00	$	11.00	*		9.1% increase
Effluent disposal to waste ponds - per litre	$	0.07	$	0.07	*		No increase
Commercial oil - per litre - cost recovery	$	0.30	$	0.30	*		No increase
Car bodies	No charge		No charge		*		No increase
Asbestos per kilo up to 20kg	$	0.50	$	0.55			9.1% increase
Asbestos per sheet or part thereof	$	2.00	$	2.10			4.8% increase
Asbestos/contaminated waste products - per cubic metre or part thereof	$	100.00	$	105.00	*		4.8% increase

SANITATION CHARGES	Adopted Fee 2025-2026	Proposed Fee 2026-2027	GST included	Statutory Fee	Comments
Tyres - cost recovery - per tyre up to light truck	$ 3.00	$ 3.15	*		4.8% increase
Tyres - cost recovery - per large tyre (truck)	$ 10.00	$ 10.50	*		4.8% increase
Larger sizes and commercial quantities	Negotiated	Negotiated			No increase
Demolition - Waste Disposal Site Fees					
Permit to demolish a building (per storey)	$ 115.00	$ 120.00	*		4.2% increase
Demolition waste disposal	$ 160.00	$ 176.00	*		9.1% increase
Building license waste disposal	$ 60.00	$ 66.00	*		9.1% increase
TOURIST PARK CHARGES	**Adopted Fee 2025-2026**	**Proposed Fee 2026-2027**	**GST included**	**Statutory Fee**	**Comments**
Caravan and Camping Sites					
Weekly rates - pay for six nights, stay seventh night free					
Powered site multi accommodation unit caravan (booked as a week)	$ 210.00	$ 500.00	*		58% increase
Powered site - per site per day	$ 32.00	$ 35.00	*		8.6% increase
Powered site - per week (booked as a week)	$ 192.00	$ 210.00	*		8.6% increase
Powered site - pensioners and seniors - per site per day	$ 25.00	$ 28.00	*		10.7% increase
Powered site - pensioners and seniors - per week (booked as a week)	$ 150.00	$ 168.00	*		10.7% increase
Unpowered site - per site per day	$ 25.00	$ 28.00	*		10.7% increase
Unpowered site - per site per week (booked as a week)	$ 150.00	$ 168.00	*		10.7% increase
Unpowered site - pensioners and seniors per site per day	$ 20.00	$ 23.00	*		13% increase
Unpowered site - pensioners and seniors - per site per week (booked as a week)	$ 120.00	$ 138.00	*		13% increase
Overflow sites - unpowered - per site per day	$ 25.00	$ 28.00	*		10.7% increase
All prices quoted are based on two people per night					
Additional people - children per night	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	*		No increase
Additional People - adults per night	$ 10.00	$ 10.00	*		No increase
Historic Cottages					
Historic cottage - per cottage per day	$ 95.00	$ 95.00	*		No increase
Historic cottage - per week (booked as a week)	$ 450.00	$ 570.00	*		21.1% increase
Other Fees					
Van storage in designated area - per day, no power	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	*		No increase
Shower only - per person	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	*		No increase
Washing machine/dryers	$ 4.00	$ 4.00	*		No increase
Damage/excess cleaning fee/pet cleaning fee	$ 50.00	$ 50.00	*		No increase
72hr cancellation fee (no show or cancellation with less than 72 hours notice)	$ 95.00	$ 95.00			No increase

SHIRE RENTAL PREMISES	Adopted Fee 2025-2026	Proposed Fee 2026-2027	GST included	Statutory Fee	Comments
Staff house - per week	$ 70.00	$ 70.00			No increase
Staff tourist park site - per week	$ 25.00	$ 25.00			No increase
Rented houses - bond	$ 800.00	$ 800.00			No increase
BUILDING RELATED CHARGES	**Adopted Fee 2025-2026**	**Proposed Fee 2026-2027**	**GST included**	**Statutory Fee**	**Comments**
(Planning & Development Act 2005, Planning & Development Regulations 2009)					
(a) Development application (not more than $50,000)	$ 147.00	$ 147.00		Sch 2	As per legislation
(b) more than $50,000 but not more than $500,000	0.32% of development	0.32% of estimated development		Sch 2	As per legislation
(c) more than $500,000 but not more than $2.5 million	$1 700 + 0.257% for every $1 in excess of $500,000	$1,700 + 0.257% for every $1 in excess of $500,000		Sch 2	As per legislation
(d) more than $2.5 million but not more than $5 million	$7 161 + 0.206% for every $1 in excess of $2.5M	$7,161 + 0.206% for every $1 in excess of $2.5M		Sch 2	As per legislation
(e) more than $5 million but not more than $21.5 million	$12 633 + 0.123% for every $1 in excess of $5M	$12,633 + 0.123% for every $1 in excess of $5M		Sch 2	As per legislation
(f) more than $21.5 million	$ 34,196.00	$ 34,196.00		Sch 2	As per legislation
Determining a development application where the development has commenced or been carried out	$ 294.00	The development application fee plus, by way of penalty, twice that fee		Sch 2	As per legislation
Determining a development application for an extractive industry where the development has not commenced or been carried out	$ 739.00	$ 739.00		Sch 2	As per legislation
Determining a development application for an extractive industry where the development has commenced or been carried out	$ 1,478.00	The development application fee plus, by way of penalty, twice that fee		Sch 2	As per legislation
Determining an application to amend or cancel development approval	$ 295.00	$ 295.00		Sch 2	As per legislation

BUILDING RELATED CHARGES	Adopted Fee 2025-2026	Proposed Fee 2026-2027	GST included	Statutory Fee	Comments
Providing a zoning certificate		$ 73.00		Sch 2	New charge As per legislation
Replying to a property settlement questionnaire	$ 73.00	$ 73.00	*	Sch 2	As per legislation
Providing written planning advice	Cost recovery + 10%	$ 73.00	*	Sch 2	As per legislation
Home Based Business: (Planning & Development Act 2005, Planning & Development Regulations 2009, Town Planning Scheme 1)					
Application where the development has not commenced or been carried out	$ 222.00	$ 222.00		Sch 2	As per legislation
Annual renewal	$ 73.00	$ 73.00		Sch 2	As per legislation
Determine an initial application for approval of a home occupation where the home occupation has commenced	$ 444.00	The application fee plus, by way of penalty, twice that fee		Sch 2	As per legislation
Determining an application for the renewal of an approval of a home occupation where the application is made after the approval has expired	$ 146.00	The renewal fee plus, by way of penalty, twice that fee		Sch 2	As per legislation
Change of use application	$ 295.00	$ 295.00		Sch 2	As per legislation
Change of use application when change has commenced	$ 590.00	The change of use fee plus, by way of penalty, twice that fee		Sch 2	As per legislation
Building Permit Application Fee: (Building Act 2011, Building & Construction Industry Training Levy Act 1990, Building Services Levy Act 2011, Building Services (Complaint Resolution and Administration) Act 2011, Building Regulations 2012)					
Uncertified building permit application - % of value	0.32% of value but not < $105	0.32% of estimated value but not < $110		Sch 2	As per legislation
Certified building permit application - % of value (Class 1 & 10)	0.19% of value but not <$105	0.19% of estimated value but not <$110		Sch 2	As per legislation
Certified building permit application - % of value (Class 2 - 9)	0.19% of value but not <$105	0.09% of estimated value but not <$110		Sch 2	As per legislation

BUILDING RELATED CHARGES	Adopted Fee 2025-2026	Proposed Fee 2026-2027	GST included	Statutory Fee	Comments
Application for an occupancy permit for a completed building, temporary occupancy permit, variation to occupancy permit, replacement of an occupancy certificate or change of classification occupancy permit	**$ 105.00**	**$ 110.00**		**Sch 2**	As per legislation
Application for an occupancy permit for a building in respect of which unauthorised work has been done	**0.18% of the estimated value but not < $105**	**0.18% of the estimated value but not < $110**		**Sch 2**	As per legislation
Application for a building approval certificate for a building in respect of which unauthorised work has been done	**0.38% of the estimated value but not < $105**	**0.38% of the estimated value but not < $110**		**Sch 2**	As per legislation
Application to extend the time during which an occupancy permit or building approval certificate has effect	**$ 105.00**	**$ 110.00**		**Sch 2**	As per legislation
Building Services Levy under $45,000	**$ 61.65**	**$ 61.65**		**S7**	As per legislation
Building Services Levy over $45,000	**0.137% of cost of works**	**0.137% of cost of works**		**S7**	As per legislation
Demolition under $45,000	**$61.65**	**$61.65**		**S6**	As per legislation
Demolition over $45,000	**0.137% of cost of works**	**0.137% of cost of works**		**S6**	As per legislation
Certificate of Design compliance (Minimum Fee)	**0.2% of the value of the building works. (Minimum Fee $130.00)**	**0.2% of the value of the building works. (Minimum Fee $130.00)**	*		No Increase
Provision of sub division clearance **(**Planning & Development Act 2005, Planning & Development Regulations 2009)					
Not more than 5 lots	**$73.00 per lot**	**$73.00 per lot**		**Sch 2**	As per legislation
More than 5 lots but not more than 195	**$73 per lot for first 5 lots & $35 thereafter**	**$73 per lot for first 5 lots & $35 thereafter**		**Sch 2**	As per legislation
Liquor Licensing Approvals (Liquor Control Act 1988)					
Section 40 Town Planning approval	**$ 100.00**	**$ 150.00**			33.3% increase
Section 39 Health & Food Act approval	**$ 100.00**	**$ 150.00**			33.3% increase

HEALTH RELATED CHARGES	Adopted Fee 2025-2026	Proposed Fee 2026-2027	GST included	Statutory Fee	Comments
Septic Tank Installation Permit (Health Act 1911, Health Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste Regulations 1974)					
Application fee - administration	**$ 118.00**	**$ 118.00**		**Sch 1**	As per legislation
Inspection fee	**$ 118.00**	**$ 118.00**		**Sch 1**	As per legislation
Additional inspection fee	**$ 118.00**	**$ 118.00**		**Sch 1**	As per legislation
Local government report	**$ 118.00**	**$ 118.00**		**Sch 1**	As per legislation
Food Business Fees					
Low risk annual enforcement agency fee	**$ 60.00**	**$ 120.00**			50% increase
Medium risk annual enforcement agency fee	**$ 120.00**	**$ 240.00**			50% increase
High risk annual enforcement agency fee	**$ 240.00**	**$ 480.00**			50% increase
Notification of a food business	**$ 50.00**	**$ 120.00**			58.3% increase
Food business application	**$ 60.50**	**$ 120.00**			49.6% increase
Lodging House Fees					
Lodging house fees	**$ 220.00**	**$ 240.00**			8.3% increase
Street Trader / Hawker Licence (Activities in Thoroughfares & Public Places & Trading Local Law 2001)					
Trading licence (yearly fee)	**$ 506.00**	**$ 550.00**			8% increase
Trading licence (per day)	**$ 27.50**	**$ 30.00**			8.3% increase

RATES	Adopted Fee 2025-2026	Proposed Fee 2026-2027	GST included	Statutory Fee	Comments
(Local Government Act 1995; Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996)					
Rate Enquiries					
Rate/account enquiry (simple)	**$ 60.00**	**$ 80.00**	*		No increase
Rates/zoning/orders/requisitions (Complex)	**$ 120.00**	**$ 160.00**	*		No increase
Rate reports (printout - including rate info photocopies)	**$ 25.00**	**$ 30.00**	*		No increase
Rate Interest					
Days until interest applies from issue date - 35 days				**S12**	As per legislation
Interest on overdue rates/rubbish				**S12**	As per legislation
Instalments - 4 Payments					
Rubbish charge to be spread over all instalments					
Previous years rate and rubbish arrears not to be spread over instalments, but are payable in full with the first instalment					
Instalment option is not available until all arrears have been paid					
Instalment administration charge (annual)	**$ 15.00**	**$ 15.00**			No increase
Adhoc payment plan administration fee	**$ 25.00**	**$ 25.00**	*		No increase
Debt Recovery					
Days until interest applies from date charge is incurred - 35				**S12**	As per legislation
Chargeable costs	**At cost**	**At cost**		**S12**	As per legislation
Interest on costs				**S12**	As per legislation
Definitions:					
Per Hour means each hour or part thereof					
Per Day means each day or part thereof					
Per Half Day means to 12 noon					

10.4 COUNCILLORS MEETING ATTENDANCE FEES

APPLICANT:	Shire of Cue
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Lisa Keen - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	4 May 2026

Matters for Consideration:

To determine the fees and allowances payable to Councillors for attending Council and Committee meetings for the 2026-2027 financial year and set meeting fees for independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee members.

Background:

The *Local Government Act 1995* prescribes that council members and independent committee members be paid for attending meetings and reimbursed for costs incurred while carrying out their function as a Council member.

Section 7B(2) of the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975* requires the Tribunal to undertake a review of fees and allowances to be paid to Elected Members under the local government act on an annual basis. The review for 2026 has been completed with the Tribunal determining that Elected Member attendance fees and annual allowance ranges be increased by 3.5%.

Comments:

The 26/27 annual attendance fees, under the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975* for a band 4 government, ranges from $4,161 to $11,023 for Councillors, and $4,161 to $22,646 for the President. The annual allowance for a President ranges from $596 to $23,257. The annual allowance for the Deputy President is 25% of the President's allowance.

In accordance with Section 5.100(2)(b) of the *LG Act*, the fee payable by a local government to an Independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Member (whether Presiding Member, Deputy Presiding Member, Deputy Member or Member) for attendance at an ARIC meeting is set within the range of $110 to $1,215. The rates proposed for the Shire of Cue are $850 for the Presiding Member and $500 for the Deputy Presiding Member.

The table below shows the proposed 3.5% increase in annual fees and allowances:

Fee or Allowance	25/26 Amount	~3.5% Increase	26/27 Amount
President's Sitting Fees	$1,328	$46.48	$1,374
Members Sitting Fees	$885	$30.98	$916
President's Allowance	$1,498	$52.43	$1,550
Deputy President's Allowance	$374	$13.09	$387.00
Independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting attendance fee per meeting.			
Independent Presiding Member	New fee		$850
Independent Deputy Presiding Member	New fee		$500

The ICT allowance is to provide Councillors with the resources to obtain a high standard of electronic communication hardware and services to allow the Shire to optimise its communications with Councillors. There is no increase to this allowance under the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal review.

The Tribunal has set the travel allowance to *section 30.6* of the *Local Government Officers' (Western Australia) Award 2021*, which is currently $0.9901 cents per kilometre for a vehicle with an engine capacity over 2600cc.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995
Part 5 Division 8 - Local government payments and gifts to its members.
5.98. Fees etc. for council members
(1) A council member who attends a council or committee meeting is entitled to be paid —
(a) the fee determined for attending a council or committee meeting; or
(b) where the local government has set a fee within the range determined for council or committee meeting attendance fees, that fee.

(2A) A council member who attends a meeting of a prescribed type at the request of the council is entitled to be paid —
(a) the fee determined for attending a meeting of that type; or
(b) where the local government has set a fee within the range determined for meetings of that type, that fee.

(5) The mayor or president of a local government is entitled, in addition to any entitlement that he or she has under subsection (1) or (2), to be paid —
(a) the annual local government allowance determined for mayors or presidents;

or

(b) where the local government has set an annual local government allowance within the range determined for annual local government allowances for mayors or presidents, that allowance.

(6) A local government cannot make any payment to, or reimburse an expense of, a person who is a council member or a mayor or president in that person's capacity as council member, mayor or president unless the payment or reimbursement is in accordance with —

(a) this Division; or

(b) a policy adopted by the local government under section 5.129.

5.98A. Allowance for deputy mayor or deputy president

(1) A local government may decide to pay the deputy mayor or deputy president of the local government an allowance of up to the percentage that is determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal under the Salaries and Allowances Act 1975 section 7B of the annual local government allowance to which the mayor or president is entitled under section 5.98(5).*

** Absolute majority required.*

(2) An allowance under subsection (1) is to be paid in addition to any amount to which the deputy mayor or deputy president is entitled under section 5.98.

5.99. Annual fee for council members in lieu of fees for attending meetings

A local government may decide that instead of paying council members a fee referred to in section 5.98(1), it will instead pay all council members who attend council or committee meetings —*

(a) the annual fee determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal under the Salaries and Allowances Act 1975 section 7B; or

(b) where the local government has set a fee within the range for annual fees determined by that Tribunal under that section, that fee.

** Absolute majority required.*

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Part 8 - Local government payments and gifts to its members.

Salaries and Allowances Act 1975

7B. Determinations as to fees and allowances of local government councillors

(2) The Tribunal is to, from time to time as provided by this Act, inquire into and determine -

(a) the amount of fees, or the minimum and maximum amounts of fees, to be paid under the Local Government Act 1995 to elected council members for attendance at meetings; and

(b) the amount of expenses, or the minimum and maximum amounts of expenses,

to be reimbursed under the Local Government Act 1995 to elected council members; and

(c) the amount of allowances, or the minimum and maximum amounts of allowances, to be paid under the Local Government Act 1995 to elected council members.

Extracts from the determination dated 04 April 2025

20. The Tribunal has determined Elected Member attendance fees, and annual allowance ranges be increased by 3.5%. The Tribunal considered various submissions calling for increases, with the determined increase reflecting a variety of issues raised in the submission.

21. The Tribunal maintains that Elected Members fees should be set to compensate costs for the prescribed role of an Elected Member. The role of an Elected Member was specifically described as not being a full-time occupation in parliamentary debates regarding the Local Government Amendment Act 2011 presented to the Parliament in 2011, and there has been no change in this view from Government or the Parliament as far as the Tribunal is aware.

Local Government Officers' (Western Australia) Award 2021
30.6 Rates of hire for use of an Officer's own motor vehicle on official business.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Allowance for the increase will be made in the 2026-2027 budget for Councillor meeting attendance fees and independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting attendance fees.

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Richard Towell, Chief Executive Officer

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Absolute Majority

That Council, by absolute majority,

1. Set the following Members fees and allowances for the 2026-2027 financial year:

Annual Fees	**Fees**
Meeting Fees	
President	$1,374
Councillors	$916
Allowances	
President	$1,550
Deputy President	$387
ICT Allowance	
All Councillors	$290
Per Meeting Fees	
Independent, Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Member	
Independent Presiding Member	$850
Independent Deputy Presiding Member	$500
Reimbursements	
Engine Displacement	
Over 2600cc	$0.9901
1600cc to 2600cc	$0.7087
1600cc and under	$0.5837
Other approved expenses supported by receipts	

Council Decision:	**Voting Requirement:** Absolute Majority
MOVED:	**SECONDED:**
CARRIED:	

10.5 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PRESIDING MEMBER AND DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBER

APPLICANT:	Shire of Cue
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Richard Towell - Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	14 May 2026

Matters for Consideration:

Appointment of an independent Presiding Member and independent Deputy Presiding Member to the Shire of Cue Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC).

Background:

Recent amendments to the *Local Government Act 1995* now require Council to establish an Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee with independent representation. Council is required to appoint an Independent Presiding Member and an Independent Deputy Presiding Member to the Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee to ensure compliance with legislative requirements and strengthen governance oversight.

Comments:

Regulations provide for the transition from existing audit committees to Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees, provided they meet the requirements of independent members and implement changes by 30 June 2026.

The functions of ARIC include –
receive and review reports related to local government compliance audits required under the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulations,

- make recommendations to the council on actions to be taken in relation to those reports,
- receive and review reports on the effectiveness of the local government's systems and procedures in relation to financial management, legislative compliance, and risk management, and make recommendations to the council on improvements to those systems and procedures,
- receive and review reports on any actions the local government is required to take under the *Local Government Act 1995*, or has decided to take in relation to a compliance audit report or report into the effectiveness of the local government's systems and procedures, and

- perform any function conferred on the ARIC prescribed in the regulations or another written law.

Following discussions with Council and consideration of suitable candidates, Mr David Price and Mr Stephen Manning were approached to fulfil the two required roles. Both candidates have agreed to accept the roles if appointed.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995, Section 7.1A.
7.1A. Establishment of audit, risk and improvement committee

(1) A local government must establish a committee of its council under section 5.8 to be called the audit, risk and improvement committee.

(2) The following provisions apply in respect of the membership of the audit, risk and improvement committee —
(a) an employee of the local government is not to be a member;
(b) no member is to be nominated by, or is to be appointed to represent, any employee of the local government;
(c) section 5.10(1)(b) does not apply.

(3) The presiding member of the audit, risk and improvement committee cannot be a council member of the local government or of any other local government.

(4) Any deputy presiding member of the audit, risk and improvement committee cannot be a council member of the local government or of any other local government.

Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 – Regulation 19
19. Transitional provisions relating to establishment of audit, risk and improvement committees

(1) This regulation is made for the purposes of Schedule 9.3 clause 81(2) of the Act.

(2) If a term used in this regulation is given a meaning in Schedule 9.3 clause 69(1) of the Act, it has the same meaning in this regulation.

(3) This regulation applies to a local government if, immediately before amendment day —
(a) the membership of the local government's existing audit committee accords with section 7.1A(2)(a) and (b) (as inserted by the Local Government Amendment Act 2024 section 87); and

(b) none of the members of the existing audit committee is a member who was appointed under section 5.10(1)(b); and
(c) the presiding member of the existing audit committee, and any deputy presiding member of the existing audit committee, is not a council member of the local government or of any other local government; and
(d) a deputy of the presiding member is in place under section 5.11A and the deputy is not a council member of the local government or of any other local government; and
(e) if there is a deputy presiding member and a deputy of the deputy presiding member is in place under section 5.11A, the deputy is not a council member of the local government or of any other local government.

(4) The local government is taken to have established, at the beginning of amendment day, the existing audit committee as the local government's audit, risk and improvement committee (and to have complied with Schedule 9.3 clause 69(2) of the Act accordingly).

(5) If, immediately before amendment day, there is in effect a delegation to the existing audit committee of any of the local government's powers or duties, the delegation continues in effect on and after amendment day as a delegation to the audit, risk and improvement committee taken to be established under subregulation (4).

(6) Subregulations (4) and (5) do not prevent the local government from establishing, during the period of 6 months referred to in Schedule 9.3 clause 69(2) of the Act, a new audit, risk and improvement committee that replaces the audit, risk and improvement committee taken to be established under subregulation (4).

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Independent members are entitled to remuneration in accordance with the range set by the Salary and Allowances Tribunal and determined by Council. Allocations will be made in future budgets to accommodate these costs.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Cue Strategic Community Plan 2023-2038:
Leadership Objective
Outcome 2.1 A strategically focused and unified Council functioning efficiently
2.1.3 Maintain accountability and financial responsibility

Consultation:

Lisa Keen, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Council Members

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

That Council, pursuant to the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*, -

- Appoints Mr David Price as Independent Presiding Member of the Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee,
- Appoints Mr Stephen Manning as Independent Deputy Presiding Member of the Audit, Risk, and Improvement Committee

Council Decision:	**Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority
MOVED:	**SECONDED:**
CARRIED:	

10.6 CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN 2027 - 2031

APPLICANT:	Shire of Cue
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Lisa Keen - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	11 May 2026

Matters for Consideration:

To adopt the Shire of Cue's draft 2027 - 2031 Corporate Business Plan

Background:

The Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 were amended in August of 2011 with the inclusion of regulation *19DA - Corporate Business Plans*. This regulation requires Councils to produce and maintain a Corporate Business Plan covering a period of at least four (4) years. The Corporate Business Plan sets out the priority actions required to achieve the objectives in the Strategic Community Plan over at least the next 4 years.

Comments:

The Corporate Business Plan also draws upon the other planning documents which form part of Council's integrated planning. These include the Asset Management Plan, Long Term Financial Plan and Workforce Plan. The Corporate Business Plan shows the actions that will be undertaken to achieve each objective and the timing of each action. Some actions are ongoing while others relate to specific projects.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 - Section 5.56 (1&2)

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 - Section 19DA
(1) A local government is to ensure that a corporate business plan is made for its district in accordance with this regulation in respect of each financial year after the financial year ending 30 June 2013.

(2) A corporate business plan for a district is to cover the period specified in the plan, which is to be at least 4 financial years.

(3) A corporate business plan for a district is to -

(a) set out, consistently with any relevant priorities set out in the strategic community plan for the district, a local government's priorities for dealing with the objectives and aspirations of the community in the district; and

(b) govern a local government's internal business planning by expressing a local government's priorities by reference to operations that are within the capacity of the local government's resources; and

(c) develop and integrate matters relating to resources, including asset management, workforce planning and long-term financial planning.

(4) A local government is to review the current corporate business plan for its district every year.

(5) A local government may modify a corporate business plan, including extending the period the plan is made in respect of and modifying the plan if required because of modification of the local government's strategic community plan.

(6) A council is to consider a corporate business plan, or modifications of such a plan, submitted to it and is to determine whether or not to adopt the plan or the modifications.*

**Absolute majority required.*

(7) If a corporate business plan is, or modifications of a corporate business plan are, adopted by the council, the plan or modified plan applies to the district for the period specified in the plan.

Policy Implications:

As part of the integrated planning framework, the Corporate Business Plan will guide Council's future budget decision-making processes.

Financial Implications:

The Corporate Business Plan guides the actions for the coming years to achieve the objectives in the Strategic Community Plan. Major projects over this time are expected to be funded by grant funding, reserve funds or operating revenues.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Cue Strategic Community Plan 2023-2038
Leadership Objective
Outcome 2.1.2 Continue to improve and review organisational plans.

Consultation:

Richard Towell - Chief Executive Officer

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Absolute Majority

That Council adopt the Shire of Cue's draft 2027 - 2031 Corporate Business Plan

Council Decision:	**Voting Requirement:** Absolute Majority
MOVED:	**SECONDED:**
CARRIED:	

SHIRE OF CUE

Queen of the Murchison

CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN

2027 - 2031

Strategic priorities for a resilient and connected community

Honouring our Past
Growing our Future

STRONG COMMUNITY

THRIVING ECONOMY

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE

GOOD GOVERNANCE

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Located in the heart of the Murchison region of Western Australia, the Shire of Cue is a unique and resilient outback community rich in history, opportunity and character. Known proudly as the Queen of the Murchison, Cue has long played an important role in the development of inland Western Australia through its strong connections to mining, transport, pastoralism and regional trade.

Today, Cue continues to evolve as a strategic regional centre that balances economic growth with the preservation of its heritage, environment and community identity. Positioned along the Great Northern Highway approximately 650 kilometres north-east of Perth, Cue serves as an important gateway to the Murchison region and surrounding mining operations.

The Shire is home to a small but passionate community that values its remote lifestyle, strong sense of belonging and rich cultural and historic assets. Residents are proud of the Town's iconic architecture, red dirt landscapes, pioneering history and authentic outback experience which continue to attract visitors from across Australia and around the world.

Mining remains the dominant economic driver for the region, supporting employment, investment and economic activity throughout the Shire. Current and emerging mining developments continue to create opportunities for regional growth, infrastructure investment and local business participation. At the same time, the community recognises the importance of economic diversification and the need to strengthen tourism, small business development and community services to support long-term sustainability.

Cue's tourism industry continues to grow through increasing interest in heritage tourism, caravanning, regional touring routes and authentic outback experiences. The Town's historic buildings, wide streets, heritage trails and iconic landmarks provide significant opportunities to further develop Cue as a destination of choice within the Mid West and Murchison regions.

SHIRE OF CUE

Our Vision, Mission and Values

VISION

The Shire of Cue – Queen of the Murchison, will be a place that is liveable for residents, profitable for local enterprises and welcoming and accessible for visitors

MISSION

Council will provide the leadership to provide and develop service opportunities to meet social, economic and environmental needs for the benefit of, and in partnership with, the Community

VALUES

Accountability
We will ensure continued compliance with our statutory obligations

Community
We will invite community participation in the development of our town and Shire

Heritage
We recognise our shared responsibility as custodians of the district's rich and diverse European and Indigenous heritage

Sustainability
We will work towards ensuring that our plans and actions contribute towards the long term sustainability of the Shire of Cue

Rich in History, Strong in Opportunity, Focused on the Future

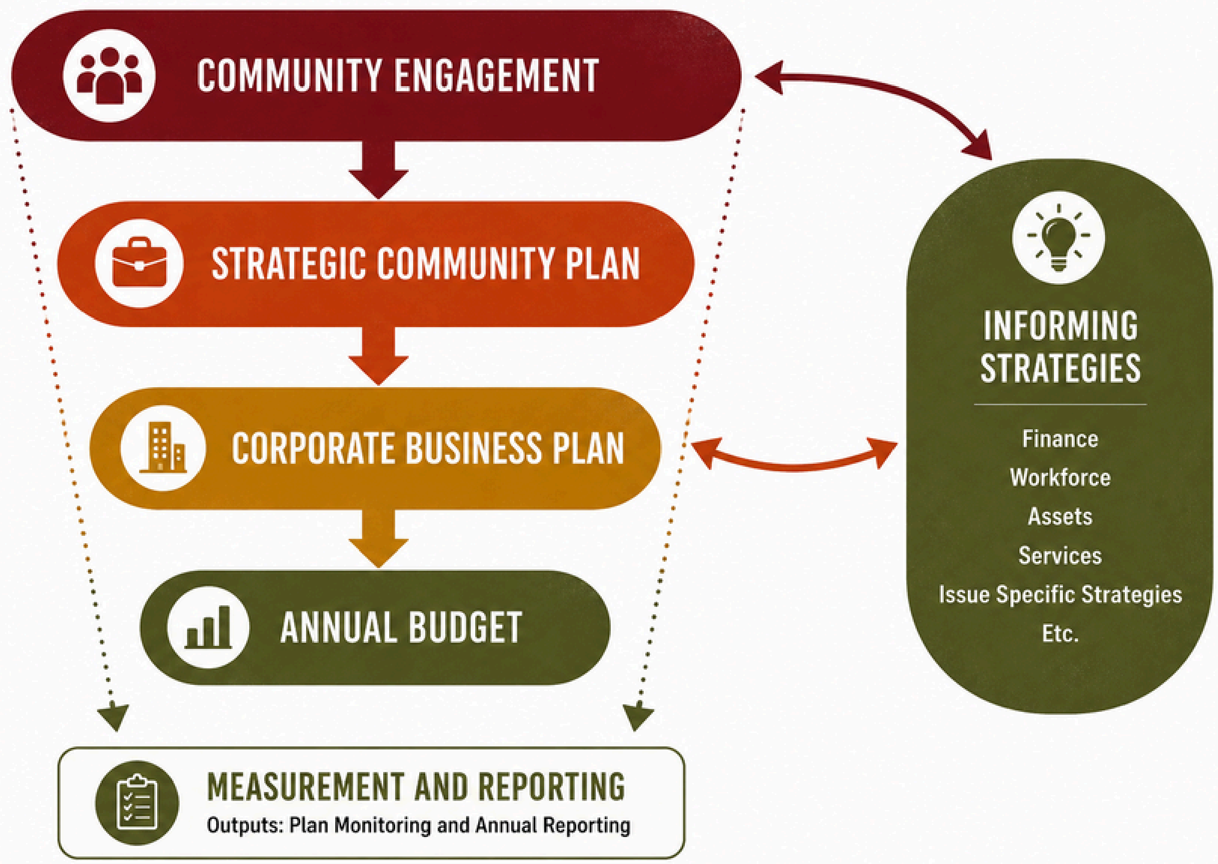
How to use this Plan

The Shire of Cue adopts an integrated approach to strategic planning in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995.

The Shire of Cue's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (IPRF) ensures that planning is coordinated, practical and driven by the needs and aspirations of the community.

The framework links planning with performance monitoring, allowing the Shire to adapt and respond to changing community priorities and regional conditions.

This approach ensures that community input is effectively captured, provides clear long-term direction and objectives, identifies the resources required to deliver outcomes, and supports transparent reporting. It also ensures that long-term financial impacts are understood and managed to support a sustainable future for Cue.



Planning Framework

Strategic Community Plan

The Strategic Community Plan was prepared to cover a minimum period of 10 years and sets out the community's vision, aspirations and values. To achieve the vision, a series of outcomes and strategies were developed. Many strategies may be required to achieve a single outcome and many outcomes needed to achieve a single objective.

Individual strategies all require actions that may involve additional human, physical and financial resources. In addition, achieving these strategies may require a series of actions over time as they may not be able to be achieved concurrently, taking into account limited resources.

To achieve the Shire's strategic outcomes requires careful operational planning and prioritisation. This planning process is formalised as a Corporate Business Plan which operates on a rolling four-year basis.

Corporate Business Plan

The Corporate Business Plan contains details of the actions and resources (Human, Asset and Financial) to achieve each strategy and acts as an organisational guide for the Council and management.

The financial capacity and asset management practices to support the Corporate Business Plan are set out in the Strategic Resource Plan for the period. This long term planning provides a level of assurance the actions contained in the Corporate Business Plan can be adequately resourced over the next four years and highlights the long term consequences of the application of resources to undertake various projects.

Planning Framework

STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN

The Shire has developed Asset Management Plans for its major asset classes in accordance with Council's Asset Management Policy. These plans form part of the broader Strategic Resource Plan, which outlines current practices and identifies actions to improve the long-term management of Shire assets.

Capital renewal estimates within the Strategic Resource Plan are informed by both the Asset Management Plans and the Long-Term Financial Plan, ensuring a coordinated and sustainable approach to asset investment.

The Shire of Cue is planning for a positive and sustainable future. It aims to maintain, and where possible enhance, service levels while ensuring long-term financial sustainability.

As part of the development of this Corporate Business Plan, the Long-Term Financial Plan was reviewed and updated to confirm the Shire's capacity to deliver planned actions. The outcomes of this review are reflected in the Forecast Statement of Funding included in this document.

OPERATIONAL PLAN

The Operational Plan incorporates the Shire's Workforce Plan and Information Technology and Communications Plan, which support the delivery of the Strategic Community Plan's objectives and outcomes.

These areas have been carefully considered during the development of this Corporate Business Plan. The associated financial impacts are captured within the Strategic Resource Plan, ensuring alignment between operational capacity and financial resources.

Workforce availability and financial constraints have been key considerations in prioritising actions within this Plan.

REVIEW OF PLAN

This Corporate Business Plan has been developed following a major review of the Strategic Community Plan in 2022, and a desktop review in 2025. The Plan will be reviewed and updated annually as part of the Shire's budget process to ensure it remains relevant, responsive and aligned with community priorities.

PROJECT FUNDING PLAN

Theme	Project Description	Strategy No	Action No	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	2029/2030	2030/2031
Economic	Cue Airport Runway Upgrade	1.1.1	1.1.1.2	0	64,004	0	201,733	0
	Aircraft Storage and Refuelling Facilities	1.1.1	1.1.1.2	0	0	0	0	0
	Streetscape Development	1.1.2	1.1.2.2	0	64,004	0	0	0
	Industrial Area Development	1.1.3	1.1.3.2	49,955	175,000	250,000	0	0
	Staff Housing Improvements	1.2.1	1.2.1.3	84,923	89,606	91,846	94,142	96,496
	RV Site Development	1.2.1	1.2.1.5	0	32,002	0	0	0
	Tourist Park Expansion and Improvement	1.2.1	1.2.1.6	37,466	38,403	39,363	40,347	48,248
	Historical Cottage Renovations	1.2.2	1.2.2.1	18,733	25,602	0	0	0
	Refurbish of Old Gaol	1.2.2	1.2.2.2	0	0	0	0	13,785
	Eco Trail Development	1.2.3	1.2.3.3	0	0	0	0	0
Social	Purchase of Staff Housing	3.1.1	3.1.1.3	0	550,000	0	336,222	0
	Pensioner Housing Development	3.1.1	3.1.1.2	0	0	0	672,444	0
	Oasis Visitor Parking Project	3.1.3	3.1.3.1	0	0	0	33,622	0
	Town Hall Upgrade	3.1.3	3.1.3.6	0	38,403	131,209	0	0
	Alternative Energy Development	3.1.5	3.1.5.1	200,000	0	0	0	250,000
	Develop Old Railway Building into Youth Centre	3.2.1	3.2.1.1	12,489	12,801	13,121	13,449	13,785
	Town Oval Infrastructure	3.2.1	3.2.1.3	0	0	39,363	0	0
	Water Park	3.2.1	3.2.1.3	0	0	0	26,898	0
	Park Upgrades	3.2.3	3.2.3.1	349,681	0	0	0	82,711

Theme	Project Description	Strategy No	Action No	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	2029/2030	2030/2031
Environmental	Dog Fence Development	4.1.1	4.1.1.3	0	0	39,363	0	0
	Dual Use Pathway Program	4.3.1	4.3.1.1	49,602	25,602	26,242	26,898	27,570
	Beringarra Cue Road Reseal	4.3.1	4.3.1.4	62,443	64,004	65,604	67,244	68,926
	Grid Widening Project	4.3.1	4.3.1.4	99,909	102,407	26,242	26,898	27,570
	Plant Replacement	4.3.1	4.3.1.4	811,761	963,264	980,129	742,379	843,649
	Equipment Replacement	4.3.1	4.3.1.4	42,461	44,803	45,923	47,071	48,248
	Road Maintenance and Construction	4.3.1	4.3.1.4	986,602	1,011,267	1,128,395	1,075,911	1,102,809
	Old Municipal Chambers Development	4.3.2	4.3.2.1	0	0	32,802	0	82,711
	Preservation of Historic Buildings	4.3.3	4.3.3.3	0	0	0	107,591	0
	Building Improvements	4.3.3	4.3.3.4	42,461	120,000	45,923	47,071	48,248
	Waste Oil Facility Upgrade	4.4.4	4.4.4.2	93,665	0	32,802	0	34,463
	Waste Site Fencing and Improvements	4.4.4	4.4.4.2	0	32,002	0	33,622	0

FORECAST

REVENUES	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	2029/2030	2030/2031
Rate Levies (Under adopted assumptions)	3,055,392	3,169,600	3,288,077	3,410,983	3,538,483
Other Revenue	4,314,942	4,361,816	4,523,470	4,556,315	4,657,227
Revenues Sub-total	7,370,335	7,531,417	7,811,547	7,967,298	8,195,710
EXPENSES					
All Operating Expenses	(7,424,263)	(7,534,942)	(7,647,112)	(7,763,823)	(7,874,867)
Net Operating Profit/(Loss)	(53,928)	(3,526)	164,435	203,475	320,843
NON-CASH ITEMS					
(Profit)/Loss on Asset Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation on Assets	2,904,885	2,905,992	2,905,857	2,906,622	2,896,235
Sub-total	2,904,885	2,905,992	2,905,857	2,906,622	2,896,235
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE					
Purchase Land and Buildings	(166,099)	(966,608)	(518,978)	(1,223,849)	(206,777)
Infrastructure Assets - Roads	(1,198,556)	(1,203,279)	(1,246,482)	(1,196,951)	(1,226,875)
Infrastructure Assets - Other	(680,812)	(230,415)	(150,890)	(336,222)	(415,421)
Purchase Plant and Equipment	(811,761)	(963,264)	(980,129)	(742,379)	(843,649)
Purchase Furniture and Equipment	(84,923)	(89,606)	(91,846)	(94,142)	(96,496)
Proceeds Disposal of Assets	212,307	544,036	262,417	416,916	330,843
Repayment of Debentures	(105,216)	(108,404)	(111,677)	-	-
Proceeds from New Debentures	-	-	-	-	-
Self-supporting Loan Principal	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Reserves	(65,897)	(34,926)	(282,707)	-	(808,703)
Transfers from Reserves	50,000	150,000	50,000	66,530	50,000
Net Cash from Activities	(2,850,956)	(2,902,467)	(3,070,292)	(3,110,097)	(3,217,078)
ESTIMATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) JULY 1 B/FWD	-	-	-	-	-
ESTIMATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) JUNE 30 C/FWD	-	-	-	-	-

Shire of cue
Queen of the Murchison

Economic

The community would like to continue strengthening Cue's tourism industry by celebrating and promoting the Town's historic buildings, mining history and unique heritage.

TOURISM AND HERITAGE
Residents see Cue's history and character as major economic strengths and want continued investment in the preservation, activation and promotion of these assets to attract more visitors and support local business

SUPPORTING ECONOMIC GROWTH
The community recognises the economic opportunities associated with current and future mining developments and the important role they play in supporting jobs, investment and local services.

STRONGER BUSINESS SERVICES
Respondents would like the Shire to help facilitate improved access to business services and support opportunities within the Town to encourage growth, investment and entrepreneurship.

Economic Objective

To maximise local economic opportunities by leveraging tourism, supporting mining-related growth, and enabling a more vibrant and accessible business environment.

DRIVING OPPORTUNITY

SUPPORTING GROWTH

STRENGTHENING CUE

Expanding economic opportunities for a stronger Cue

Outcome 1.1 Maximise local economic opportunities to benefit the whole community

Strategy Ref	Strategies	Action No	Actions	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	Ongoing	Future Years
1.1.1	Work with the commercial sector to grow and support local infrastructure and services	1.1.1.1	Aerodrome facility upgrades for Cue Airport						
		1.1.1.2	Seal runway for Cue Airport to accommodate jet arrivals and departures		●		●	●	
		1.1.1.3	Development of the Murchison Regional Vermin Council dog fence					●	
		1.1.1.4	Work with local mining operators to align infrastructure development and services to benefit the community	●	●	●	●	●	
1.1.2	Develop main street shopping and commercial precinct by working with property owners to maintain and improve our heritage listed buildings	1.1.2.1	Explore funding opportunities to maintain and develop heritage buildings for business development	●	●	●	●	●	
		1.1.2.2	Develop and maintain Cue's main street, including banners/ flower beds	●	●	●	●	●	
		1.1.2.3	Manage existing building and structures to ensure they are safe and comply with legislative requirements	●	●	●	●	●	
1.1.3	Utilise the land available in the area for a range of new business to be self-sustaining	1.1.3.1	Investigate uses for old Power Station site	●	●	●	●	●	
		1.1.3.2	Continue to develop industrial area and incubator hub	●	●	●	●	●	
		1.1.3.3	Encourage and support new light industrial and retail businesses through advocacy	●	●	●	●	●	
		1.1.3.4	Develop and implement an Economic Development Strategy to guide growth and develop a local workforce	●	●	●	●	●	
1.1.4	Monitor and review town planning scheme to ensure it encourages development that maximises opportunities for the town	1.1.4.1	Monitor and review town planning scheme to ensure it encourages development that maximises opportunities for the town	●	●	●	●	●	●
1.1.5	To facilitate services in the town	1.1.5.1	Investigate strategies to increase services in town	●	●	●	●	●	●
		1.1.5.2	Investigate commercial infrastructure solutions for service providers	●	●	●	●	●	●

Outcome 1.2 Develop strategies to increase number of tourists visiting the Shire

Strategy Ref	Strategies	Action No	Actions	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	Ongoing	Future Years
1.2.1	Investigate strategies to increase visitor accommodation options in the Shire	1.2.1.1	Deliver Tourism Plan	●	●	●	●		
		1.2.1.3	Develop old Tourist Park residence into Transit House	●	●	●	●	●	
		1.2.1.5	Develop overflow areas		●				
		1.2.1.6	Continue Tourist Park upgrade and improvements	●	●	●	●	●	
		1.2.1.7	Investigate and promote overnight and short stay options in the town, including renovation of existing facilities	●	●	●	●	●	
1.2.2	Showcase our heritage and mining attractions	1.2.2.1	Refurbish Historic Cottages	●	●				●
		1.2.2.2	Refurbish Old Gaol and investigate uses						●
		1.2.2.3	Explore significance of nearby old mine sites	●	●	●	●	●	
1.2.3	Develop new tourism attractions to enhance and encourage visitors to stay longer	1.2.3.1	Support existing and new local events that promote visitation to the Shire	●	●	●	●	●	
		1.2.3.2	Explore the development of facilities to support tourism activities	●	●	●	●	●	
		1.2.3.3	Investigate establishing Eco and Indigenous heritage trails for tourist use	●	●	●	●	●	●
		1.2.3.4	Develop a local museum					●	
1.2.4	To work with the Department of Mines to develop designated gold prospecting areas	1.2.4.1	Work with the Department of Mines to develop a gold prospecting park					●	
1.2.5	Maintain a tourism strategy and theme	1.2.5.1	Maintain a tourism strategy and theme	●	●	●	●	●	

Leadership

Our community has told us strong leadership and active representation are essential for Cue's future.

BE AMBASSADORS FOR CUE
The community wants the Shire and Councillors to proudly promote Cue and champion its strengths, opportunities and potential.

ENGAGE AND BE ACTIVE
Residents would like to see the Shire and Councillors more visible, approachable and involved in community events and initiatives.

ADVOCATE FOR BETTER OUTCOMES
The community expects the Shire to advocate strongly for improved services and infrastructure on behalf of Cue.

Strong leadership
Proudly Representing Cue

BE PROUD AMBASSADORS

LISTEN ENGAGE TAKE ACTION

ADVOCATE, ACHIEVE, DELIVER

Outcome 2.1 A strategically focused and unified Council functioning efficiently

Strategy Ref	Strategies	Action No	Actions	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	Ongoing	Future Years
2.1.1	Continued professional development of Elected Members and Staff	2.1.1.1	Continue to provide training for Elected Members and Staff	●	●	●	●	●	
2.1.2	Continue to improve and review organisational plans	2.1.2.1	Maintain and implement strategic plans and ensure legislative compliance	●	●	●	●	●	
		2.1.2.2	Continue to review, update and maintain operational plans	●	●	●	●	●	
2.1.3	Maintain accountability and financial responsibility	2.1.3.1	Regular Council meetings and forums are held to facilitate transparent and informed decision making, including Cue Parliament	●	●	●	●	●	
		2.1.3.2	The Shire is represented on key local and regional organisations	●	●	●	●	●	
		2.1.3.3	Develop appropriate Council policies that enable good governance, development, services and growth	●	●	●	●	●	

Outcome 2.2 Strengthen our communities' position for the future

Strategy Ref	Strategies	Action No	Actions	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	Ongoing	Future Years
2.2.1	Effective community and stakeholder engagement	2.2.1.1	Develop a community engagement approach to guide Council engagement with the Shire's residents	●	●	●	●	●	●
		2.2.1.2	Use print, electronic and social media to proactively engage with residents	●	●	●	●	●	●
		2.2.1.3	Council actively engages and works with key State and strategic partners to advocate on behalf of the Shire	●	●	●	●	●	●
		2.2.1.4	Ensure residents are informed of key decisions, options considered and any implications of decisions	●	●	●	●	●	●
2.2.2	Maintain a strong customer focus	2.2.2.1	Develop opportunities for improved customer service through the increased use of technology	●	●	●	●	●	●
		2.2.2.2	Monitor and follow up community requests	●	●	●	●	●	●
2.2.3	Provide support to community and education groups	2.2.3.1	Provide support to community and education groups	●	●	●	●	●	●
2.2.4	Continue to enhance the culture of our town	2.2.4.1	Continue to enhance the culture of our town	●	●	●	●	●	●

Social

Our community wants a healthy, inclusive and connected Cue where everyone can thrive.

HEALTH SERVICES AND HOUSING
The community highlighted the need for improved health services, including mental health support, and more suitable housing options, particularly for pensioners.

MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES
Residents would like more recreational facilities and spaces to support active lifestyles, social connection and community wellbeing.

STRONGER, CONNECTED COMMUNITY
Investment in services, facilities and housing will help build a stronger, more supportive and inclusive community for all.

Healthy people
Strong community
Bright future

SUPPORTING HEALTH AND WELLBEING

SAFE SUITABLE HOUSING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

FACILITIES THAT CONNECT AND BRING US TOGETHER

Outcome 3.1 Community infrastructure that meets the needs of our Residents

Strategy Ref	Strategies	Action No	Actions	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	Ongoing	Future Years
3.1.1	Increase affordable housing options for existing residents and to attract new families	3.1.1.1	Investigate residential development and affordable housing options	●	●	●	●	●	
		3.1.1.2	Development of pensioner units				●	●	
		3.1.1.3	Build new staff houses/units		●		●	●	
		3.1.1.4	Work with State Government to ensure effective management of local housing	●	●	●	●	●	
3.1.2	Investigate opportunities to improve health services in town to provide greater and more timely access for the community	3.1.2.1	Work with State government to improve health services	●	●	●	●	●	
3.1.3	Provide, maintain and improve community infrastructure and facilities	3.1.3.1	Provide and maintain community buildings and facilities	●	●	●	●	●	
		3.1.3.2	Investigate opportunities to develop transportation options into Cue – air and road	●	●	●	●	●	
		3.1.3.3	Provide and maintain a Town Planning Scheme, subdivision and development control services	●	●	●	●	●	
		3.1.3.4	Town Hall upgrades		●			●	●
3.1.4	Monitor and investigate measures to ensure water sustainability	3.1.4.1	Work advocate with Water Corporation to ensure adequate water supply	●	●	●	●	●	
3.1.5	Investigate renewable energy options for the district	3.1.5.1	Explore utilisation of alternative energy sources for the Cue region	●	●	●	●	●	

Outcome 3.2 Encourage community participation and services

Strategy Ref	Strategies	Action No	Actions	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	Ongoing	Future Years
3.2.1	Develop community facilities to provide places and activities for young people	3.2.1.1	Maintain the Youth Centre and explore the development of a youth related activities	●	●	●	●	●	
		3.2.1.2	Provide and maintain community sporting and recreational facilities	●	●	●	●	●	
3.2.2	Increase Aboriginal involvement and engagement in the development of the community	3.2.2.1	Explore the development and implementation of a strategy to address aboriginal housing and employment needs and which celebrates culture	●	●	●	●	●	
3.2.3	Encourage healthy living and social interaction	3.2.3.3	Provide public library services	●	●	●	●	●	
		3.2.3.4	DAIP	●	●	●	●	●	
3.2.4	Support provision of emergency services, support and encourage community volunteers	3.2.4.1	Continue to support provision of emergency services and encourage community volunteers	●	●	●	●	●	
3.2.5	Support a safe community environment	3.2.5.1	Provide environmental health services to protect public health	●	●	●	●	●	
		3.2.5.2	Provide Ranger services including animal control and bushfire control	●	●	●	●	●	
3.2.6	Lobby to improve transport options	3.2.6.1	Lobby to improve transport options	●	●	●	●	●	

Enviromental

Our community values its remote location, natural environment and heritage assets and is committed to helping protect these into the future.

PROTECT OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
We will help protect our unique landscapes, native vegetation, wildlife and natural resources for future generations

PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE
Our rich Aboriginal and European heritage forms an important part of Cue's identity and will continue to be protected, celebrated and promoted.

A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE
By protecting and promoting all aspects of our environment, we can help ensure the long-term sustainability, resilience and viability of our Shire.

Protecting what we love today for tomorrow

PROTECT NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE

PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Outcome 4.1 To protect and uphold our natural environment

Strategy Ref	Strategies	Action No	Actions	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	Ongoing	Future Years
4.1.1	Support biosecurity management within our shire	4.1.1.1	Continued support for the regional vermin proof fence	●	●	●	●	●	
		4.1.1.2	Provide weed management services	●	●	●	●	●	
		4.1.1.3	Support construction of the Murchison Vermin Cell	●	●	●	●	●	
		4.1.1.4	Meet regularly with pastoralists, and DBCA on environmental bio-security and undertake vermin and pest control activities where appropriate	●	●	●	●	●	
4.1.2	Encourage locals and visitors to participate in keeping our natural bushlands free of rubbish	4.1.2.1	Encourage visitors to pick up rubbish by providing bin bags	●	●	●	●	●	
4.1.3	Sustainable environmental protection	4.1.3.1	Provide natural resource management services	●	●	●	●	●	
4.1.4	Showcase and protect areas of natural significance	4.1.4.1	Support opportunities to showcase natural and environmental features of the Shire	●	●	●	●	●	
4.1.5	Advocate for environmental protection with regards to mining and commercial operations	4.1.5.1	EHO reviews applications to the Shire in accordance with legislative framework	●	●	●	●	●	

Outcome 4.2 Protect our indigenous cultural heritage and landscape

Strategy Ref	Strategies	Action No	Actions	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	Ongoing	Future Years
4.2.1	Maintain and protect areas of cultural significance	4.2.1.1	Investigate funding to undertake education and marketing program on indigenous sites following community consultation	●	●	●	●	●	
4.2.2	Seek protection and recognition of sites where appropriate	4.2.2.1	Seek protection and recognition of sites where appropriate	●	●	●	●	●	

Outcome 4.3 Maintain and improve our built environment

Strategy Ref	Strategies	Action No	Actions	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	Ongoing	Future Years
4.3.1	Maintain, improve and renew infrastructure	4.3.1.1	Continue councils 14-year dual use pathway plan	●	●	●	●	●	
		4.3.1.2	Investigate funding for a deep sewerage system for the Cue town site*						●
		4.3.1.3	Lobby the state for a sewerage system as a community service obligation	●	●	●	●	●	
		4.3.1.4	Continue to maintain the Shire's existing assets	●	●	●	●	●	
4.3.2	Maintain the integrity of heritage assets	4.3.2.1	Refurbish old Municipal Chambers and investigate uses			●			●
		4.3.2.2	Manage existing building and structures to ensure they are safe and comply with legislative requirements	●	●	●	●	●	
4.3.3	Preserve heritage assets for future generations	4.3.3.1	Move the Great Fingall Mine office into the Cue town site**						●
		4.3.3.2	Investigate opportunities to purchase heritage buildings	●	●	●	●	●	
		4.3.3.3	Preservation of historic buildings	●	●	●	●	●	
		4.3.3.4	Continued development of the Gentlemen's Club building	●	●	●	●	●	

* – 4.3.1.2 – Subject to grant funding and will be carried forward until funding received
** – 4.3.3.1 – Moving the Great Fingall Mine Office is subject to grant funding and will be carried forward until funding received

Outcome 4.4 Optimise waste management strategies in the Shire

Strategy Ref	Strategies	Action No	Actions	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	Ongoing	Future Years
4.4.1	Support recycling and explore related programs	4.4.1.1	Support recycling and explore related programs	●	●	●	●	●	
		4.4.1.2	Establish and implement a waste management plan						●
4.4.2	Encourage community participation in streetscape improvements	4.4.2.1	Austin Street revitalisation and streetscape upgrades	●	●	●	●	●	
		4.4.2.2	Implement townscape revitalisation plan	●	●	●	●	●	
4.4.3	Promote a tidy town and surrounding bushlands	4.4.3.1	Develop a strategy for a community wide waste management education program	●	●	●	●	●	
4.4.4	Implement actions that reduce the amount of waste which requires disposal	4.4.4.1	Provide and maintain waste collection services and transfer stations	●	●	●	●	●	
		4.4.4.2	Waste Site upgrades	●	●	●	●	●	

Outcome 4.5 Implement sustainability and protection resources for the future of the area

Strategy Ref	Strategies	Action No	Actions	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	Ongoing	Future Years
4.5.1	Ensure local planning strategies consider the local environment	4.5.1.1	Ensure local planning strategies consider the local environment	●	●	●	●	●	
4.5.2	Support town and tourism strategies within the region	4.5.2.1	Formalise a strategy for the marketing of tourism	●	●	●	●	●	
		4.5.2.2	Continue town beautification/revitalisation projects	●	●	●	●	●	

MEASURING SUCCESS

The Shire will review its suite of Strategic Plans on an annual basis.

FOCUS AREA	OBJECTIVES	MEASURES
ECONOMIC	• We can help grow the local economy • Showcasing our attractions increases the number of people visiting the area • Visitors stay longer in our community • Short-term employees can reside in the Shire • Increased customer spending and employment in the Shire	• New business start ups • Business growth • Number of jobs in the Shire of Cue per 100 resident workers • Increase in building approvals • Number of visitors to the Shire
LEADERSHIP	• Community contribution to how local issues are managed • Effective communication on key decisions • A sustainable and progressive local government	• Proportion of people who have trust and confidence in council • Proportion of people who felt confident that their say was taken into consideration
SOCIAL	• Essential services help us to prosper as a community • Increased growth and participation in our community • Our community can more easily access the range of services they need at the time they need them • Young people are active and contributing positively in our community • Stronger, inclusive communities across the Shire that define our identity	• Growth in Shire of Cue population • Increase in building approvals • Residents satisfaction with Council services • Persons undertaking voluntary work for an organisation or group
ENVIRONMENT	• Protection of our resources to maintain and increase productivity • We recognise, protect and uphold the value of our natural landscape and encourage visitors to do the same	• Active management of Local Government natural areas of conservation value • Proportion of people who feel a sense of pride in their natural landscape

10.7 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES

APPLICANT:	Shire of Cue
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Richard Towell - Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	14 May 2026

Matters for Consideration:

Adoption of the updated Shire of Cue Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates.

Background:

Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct prescribed in the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021* provide for the new role of the Local Government Inspector and clarify decision-making responsibilities for behavioural breach complaints.

The purpose of the Model Code of Conduct is to guide decisions, actions and behaviours of council members, elected and unelected committee members, and candidates in local elections. The intent of the Model Code is that local governments will address behaviour through education rather than sanctions.

The updated Model Code of Conduct replaces the previous Code of Conduct and incorporates the new role of the Local Government Inspector requiring a complaint to be referred to the Inspector if the person who is the subject of the complaint has, on at least 2 previous occasions, been found to have committed, on or after 1 January 2026, a behavioural breach.

Section *5.104* of the Act requires that local governments adopt the Model Code as their Code of Conduct within three months of the amended Regulations coming into operation. In accordance with section *5.104(5)*, the Model Code applies until the local government adopts it as their Code. This means that the principles, behaviour requirements and rules of conduct of the Regulations apply to council members, committee members and candidates even if their local government has not yet adopted the amendments.

Comments:

The *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 (Model Code Regulations)* bring into effect sections *48-51* of the *Amendment Act* by introducing a mandatory code of conduct for council members, committee members and candidates.

The Model Code Regulations provide for:

- *overarching principles to guide behaviour*
- *behaviours which are managed by local governments*
- *rules of conduct breaches which are to be referred to the Local government Inspector.*

The purpose of the Model Code is to guide decisions, actions and behaviours. It also recognises that there is a need for a separate code for council members, committee members and candidates to clearly reflect community expectations of behaviour and ensure consistency between local governments.

Local governments will be required to prepare and adopt the Model Code within three months of these amendments. In adopting the Model Code, local governments can include additional behaviours under Division 3 provided these are consistent with the Model Code.

In accordance with the 2021 Local Government Reforms, at the ordinary meeting of Council held on 16 February 2021, Council affirmed the CEO as the person to receive complaints of breaches of the Code of Conduct and approved the form for complaints to be lodged. This form is included as an attachment to this item for Council approval.

The draft Shire of Cue Model Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates is attached.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995, Section 5.103 and 5.104

5.103. Model code of conduct for council members, committee members and candidates

(1) Regulations must prescribe a model code of conduct for council members, committee members and candidates.

(2) The model code of conduct must include -
(a) general principles to guide behaviour; and
(b) requirements relating to behaviour; and
(c) provisions specified to be rules of conduct.

(3) The model code of conduct may include provisions about how the following are to be dealt with -
(a) alleged breaches of the requirements referred to in subsection (2)(b);

(b) alleged breaches of the rules of conduct by committee members.

(3A) Without limiting subsection (3), the provisions of the model code of conduct may -
(a) provide for the Inspector to appoint a monitor for a local government to assist the local government to deal with matters raised by a complaint of a behavioural breach; and
(b) confer other functions on the Inspector in relation to a complaint of a behavioural breach.

(4) The model code of conduct cannot include a rule of conduct if contravention of the rule would, in addition to being a conduct breach, also be a specified breach.

(5) Regulations may amend the model code of conduct.

5.104. Adoption of model code of conduct

(1) Within 3 months after the day on which regulations prescribing the model code come into operation, a local government must prepare and adopt a code of conduct to be observed by council members, committee members and candidates that incorporates the model code.*

** Absolute majority required.*

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

** Absolute majority required.*

(3) A local government may include in the adopted code of conduct requirements in addition to the requirements referred to in section 5.103(2) but any additional requirements -
(a) can only be expressed to apply to council members or committee members; and
(b) are of no effect to the extent that they are inconsistent with the model code.

(4) A local government cannot include in the adopted code of conduct provisions in addition to the principles referred to in section 5.103(2)(a) or the rules of conduct.

(5) The model code is taken to be a local government's adopted code of conduct until the local government adopts a code of conduct.

(6) An alleged breach of a local government's adopted code of conduct by a candidate cannot be dealt with under this Division or the adopted code of conduct unless the candidate has been elected as a council member.

(7) The CEO must publish an up to date version of a local government's adopted code of conduct on the local government's official website.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Cue Strategic Community Plan 2023-2038:
Leadership Objective
Outcome 2.1 A strategically focused and unified Council functioning efficiently
2.1.3 Maintain accountability and financial responsibility

Consultation:

Lisa Keen, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Council Members

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Absolute Majority

That Council:

By absolute majority adopt the Shire of Cue Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates as presented.

and

- re-affirm the Chief Executive Officer as the person to receive complaints of breaches of the Code of Conduct, and
- approve the form as presented for complaints to be lodged.

Council Decision:	**Voting Requirement:** Absolute Majority
MOVED:	**SECONDED:**
CARRIED:	

Shire of Cue

Code of Conduct for Elected Members

Adopted by Council (insert date)

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1. Citation

This is the Shire of Cue Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates.

2. Terms used

(1) In this code —

Act means the Local Government Act 1995;

candidate means a candidate for election as a council member;

complaint means a complaint made under clause 11(1);

publish includes to publish on a social media platform.

(2) Other terms used in this code that are also used in the Act have the same meaning as they have in the Act, unless the contrary intention appears.

Division 2 — General principles

3. Overview of Division

This Division sets out general principles to guide the behaviour of council members, committee members and candidates.

4. Personal integrity

(1) A council member, committee member or candidate should —

- (a) act with reasonable care and diligence; and
- (b) act with honesty and integrity; and
- (c) act lawfully; and
- (d) identify and appropriately manage any conflict of interest; and
- (e) avoid damage to the reputation of the local government.

(2) A council member or committee member should —

- (a) act in accordance with the trust placed in council members and committee members; and
- (b) participate in decision-making in an honest, fair, impartial and timely manner; and
- (c) actively seek out and engage in training and development opportunities to improve the performance of their role; and
- (d) attend and participate in briefings, workshops and training sessions provided or arranged by the local government in relation to the performance of their role.

5. Relationship with others

(1) A council member, committee member or candidate should —

- (a) treat others with respect, courtesy and fairness; and

(b) respect and value diversity in the community.

(2) A council member or committee member should maintain and contribute to a harmonious, safe and productive work environment.

6. Accountability

A council member or committee member should —

(a) base decisions on relevant and factually correct information; and

(b) make decisions on merit, in the public interest and in accordance with statutory obligations and principles of good governance and procedural fairness; and

(c) read all agenda papers given to them in relation to council or committee meetings; and

(d) be open and accountable to, and represent, the community in the district.

Division 3 — Behaviour

7. Overview of Division

This Division sets out —

(a) requirements relating to the behaviour of council members, committee members and candidates; and

(b) the mechanism for dealing with alleged breaches of those requirements.

8. Personal integrity

(1) A council member, committee member or candidate —

(a) must ensure that their use of social media and other forms of communication complies with this code; and

(b) must only publish material that is factually correct.

(2) A council member or committee member —

(a) must not be impaired by alcohol or drugs in the performance of their official duties; and

(b) must comply with all policies, procedures and resolutions of the local government.

9. Relationship with others

A council member, committee member or candidate —

(a) must not bully or harass another person in any way; and

(b) must deal with the media in a positive and appropriate manner and in accordance with any relevant policy of the local government; and

(c) must not use offensive or derogatory language when referring to another person; and

(d) must not disparage the character of another council member, committee member or candidate or a local government employee in connection with the performance of their official duties; and

(e) must not impute dishonest or unethical motives to another council member, committee member or candidate or a local government employee in connection with the performance of their official duties.

10. Council or committee meetings

When attending a council or committee meeting, a council member, committee member or candidate —

(a) must not act in an abusive or threatening manner towards another person; and

(b) must not make a statement that the member or candidate knows, or could reasonably be expected to know, is false or misleading; and

(c) must not repeatedly disrupt the meeting; and

(d) must comply with any requirements of a local law of the local government relating to the procedures and conduct of council or committee meetings; and

(e) must comply with any direction given by the person presiding at the meeting; and

(f) must immediately cease to engage in any conduct that has been ruled out of order by the person presiding at the meeting.

11. Complaint about alleged breach

(1) A person may make a complaint, in accordance with subclause (2), alleging a breach of a requirement set out in this Division.

(2) A complaint must be made —

(a) in writing in the form approved by the local government; and

(b) to a person authorised under subclause (3); and

(c) within 1 month after the occurrence of the alleged breach.

(3) The local government must, in writing, authorise 1 or more persons to receive complaints and withdrawals of complaints.

(4) A complaint must be dealt with under clauses 12 to 15 unless —

(a) the complaint is referred to the Inspector in accordance with subclause (5); and

(b) the Inspector refers the complaint to be dealt with under Part 8A Division 5 of the Act.

(5) If the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 regulation 3A applies to a complaint, a person authorised under subclause (3) must refer the complaint to the Inspector under section 5.105(3) of the Act.

(6) A complaint must also be dealt with under clauses 12 to 15 if the Inspector refers the complaint to the local government under the Local Government (Local Government Inspector) Regulations 2025 regulation 6.

12. Dealing with complaint

(1) After considering a complaint, the local government must, unless it dismisses the complaint under clause 13 or the complaint is withdrawn under clause 14(1), make a finding as to whether the alleged breach the subject of the complaint has occurred.

(2) Before making a finding in relation to the complaint, the local government must give the person to whom the complaint relates a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

(3) A finding that the alleged breach has occurred must be based on evidence from which it may be concluded that it is more likely that the breach occurred than that it did not occur.

(4) If the local government makes a finding that the alleged breach has occurred, the local government may —

- (a) take no further action; or
- (b) prepare and implement a plan to address the behaviour of the person to whom the complaint relates.

(5) When preparing a plan under subclause (4)(b), the local government must consult with the person to whom the complaint relates.

(6) A plan under subclause (4)(b) may include a requirement for the person to whom the complaint relates to do 1 or more of the following —

- (a) engage in mediation;
- (b) undertake counselling;
- (c) undertake training;
- (d) take other action the local government considers appropriate.

(7) If the local government makes a finding in relation to the complaint, the local government must give the complainant, and the person to whom the complaint relates, written notice of —

- (a) its finding and the reasons for its finding; and
- (b) if its finding is that the alleged breach has occurred — its decision under subclause (4).

13. Dismissal of complaint

(1) The local government must dismiss a complaint if it is satisfied that —

(a) the behaviour to which the complaint relates occurred at a council or committee meeting; and

(b) either —

(i) the behaviour was dealt with by the person presiding at the meeting; or

(ii) the person responsible for the behaviour has taken remedial action in accordance with a local law of the local government that deals with meeting procedures.

(2) If the local government dismisses a complaint, the local government must give the complainant, and the person to whom the complaint relates, written notice of its decision and the reasons for its decision.

14. Withdrawal of complaint

(1) A complainant may withdraw their complaint at any time before the local government makes a finding in relation to the complaint.

(2) The withdrawal of a complaint must be —

(a) in writing; and

(b) given to a person authorised under clause 11(3).

14A. Appointment of monitor

(1) The Inspector may appoint a monitor for the local government to assist the local government to deal with matters raised by a complaint.

(2) If the Inspector appoints a monitor —

(a) the Inspector may direct the local government to defer further dealing with the complaint until the monitor reports to the Inspector on the outcome of the monitoring assignment; and

(b) the local government must comply with the direction.

14B. Performance of local government's functions under cl. 12 and 13

(1) The local government's functions under clauses 12 and 13 must be performed by the council.

(2) Despite subclause (1), the council may, by resolution carried with an absolute majority of the council, authorise a committee of the council comprising council members only to perform a function for and on behalf of the local government.

(3) Despite subclause (1), the council may, by resolution carried with an absolute majority of the council, authorise a person who is none of the following to perform a function for and on behalf of the local government —

(a) a member of the council of any local government;

(b) a member of the governing body of any regional subsidiary;

(c) an employee of any local government or regional subsidiary;

(d) an employee of WALGA or the Local Government Professionals Australia (WA);

(e) a member of the governing body of, or an employee of, a body corporate the activities of which are, wholly or partly, advocating or otherwise acting for, or on behalf of, 1 or more of the following —

(i) local governments;

(ii) members of councils;

(iii) employees of local governments.

(4) A resolution made under subclause (3) must include the following —

(a) a statement to the effect that the council is satisfied that the person being authorised is suitably qualified and experienced to perform the function;

(b) an explanation as to why the council is satisfied as referred to in paragraph (a);

(c) a statement to the effect that the council is satisfied that the person being authorised is impartial and has no close association with any member of the council or any employee of the local government.

(5) Nothing in this clause prevents an employee of the local government from providing, in relation to the performance of a function, any advice or other assistance to the council, a committee authorised under subclause (2) or a person authorised under subclause (3).

15. Other provisions about complaints

(1) A complaint about an alleged breach by a candidate cannot be dealt with by the local government unless the candidate has been elected as a council member.

(2) The procedure for dealing with complaints may be determined by the local government to the extent that it is not provided for in this Division.

(3) Clauses 14A and 14B do not apply in relation to a complaint made before 1 January 2026.

Division 4 — Rules of conduct

16. Overview of Division

(1) This Division sets out rules of conduct for council members and candidates.

(2) A reference in this Division to a council member includes a council member when acting as a committee member.

17. Misuse of local government resources

(1) In this clause —

electoral purpose means the purpose of persuading electors to vote in a particular way at an election, referendum or other poll held under the Act, the Electoral Act 1907 or the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918;

resources of a local government includes —

(a) local government property; and

(b) services provided, or paid for, by a local government.

(2) A council member must not, directly or indirectly, use the resources of a local government for an electoral purpose or other purpose unless authorised under the Act, or by the local government or the CEO, to use the resources for that purpose.

18. Securing personal advantage or disadvantaging others

(1) A council member must not make improper use of their office —

(a) to gain, directly or indirectly, an advantage for the council member or any other person; or

(b) to cause detriment to the local government or any other person.

(2) Subclause (1) does not apply to conduct that contravenes section 5.93 of the Act or The Criminal Code section 83.

19. Prohibition against involvement in administration

(1) A council member must not undertake a task that contributes to the administration of the local government unless authorised by the local government or the CEO to undertake that task.

(2) Subclause (1) does not apply to anything that a council member does as part of the deliberations at a council or committee meeting.

20. Relationship with local government employees

(1) In this clause —

local government employee means a person —

(a) employed by a local government under section 5.36(1) of the Act; or

(b) engaged by a local government under a contract for services.

(2) A council member or candidate must not —

(a) direct or attempt to direct a local government employee to do or not to do anything in their capacity as a local government employee; or

(b) attempt to influence, by means of a threat or the promise of a reward, the conduct of a local government employee in their capacity as a local government employee; or

(c) act in an abusive or threatening manner towards a local government employee.

(3) Subclause (2)(a) does not apply to anything that a council member does as part of the deliberations at a council or committee meeting.

(4) If a council member or candidate, in their capacity as a council member or candidate, is attending a council or committee meeting or other organised event (for example, a briefing or workshop), the council member or candidate must not orally, in writing or by any other means —

(a) make a statement that a local government employee is incompetent or dishonest; or

(b) use an offensive or objectionable expression when referring to a local government employee.

(5) Subclause (4)(a) does not apply to conduct that is unlawful under The Criminal Code Chapter XXXV.

21. Disclosure of information

(1) In this clause —

closed meeting —

(a) means a part of a council or committee meeting that is closed to members of the public under section 5.23(2), (3) or (4) of the Act; and

(b) includes a council or committee meeting held before 1 January 2026, or a part of a council or committee meeting held before 1 January 2026, that was closed to members of the public under section 5.23(2) of the Act as in force before 1 January 2026;

confidential document means a document marked by the CEO, or by a person authorised by the CEO, to clearly show that the information in the document is not to be disclosed;

document includes a part of a document;

non-confidential document means a document that is not a confidential document.

(2) A council member must not disclose information that the council member —

(a) derived from a confidential document; or

(b) acquired at a closed meeting other than information derived from a non-confidential document.

(3) Subclause (2) does not prevent a council member from disclosing information —

(a) at a closed meeting; or

(b) to the extent specified by the council and subject to such other conditions as the council determines; or

(c) that is already in the public domain; or

(d) to an officer of the Department; or

(e) to the Minister; or

(f) to a legal practitioner for the purpose of obtaining legal advice; or

(g) if the disclosure is required or permitted by law.

22. Disclosure of interests

(1) In this clause —

interest —

(a) means an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest; and

(b) includes an interest arising from kinship, friendship or membership of an association.

(2) A council member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a council or committee meeting attended by the council member must disclose the nature of the interest —

(a) in a written notice given to the CEO before the meeting; or

(b) at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed.

(3) Subclause (2) does not apply to an interest referred to in section 5.60 of the Act.

(4) Subclause (2) does not apply if a council member fails to disclose an interest because the council member did not know —

(a) that they had an interest in the matter; or

(b) that the matter in which they had an interest would be discussed at the meeting and the council member disclosed the interest as soon as possible after the discussion began.

(5) If, under subclause (2)(a), a council member discloses an interest in a written notice given to the CEO before a meeting, then —

(a) before the meeting the CEO must cause the notice to be given to the person who is to preside at the meeting; and

(b) at the meeting the person presiding must bring the notice and its contents to the attention of the persons present immediately before any matter to which the disclosure relates is discussed.

(6) Subclause (7) applies in relation to an interest if —

(a) under subclause (2)(b) or (4)(b) the interest is disclosed at a meeting; or

(b) under subclause (5)(b) notice of the interest is brought to the attention of the persons present at a meeting.

(7) The nature of the interest must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

23. Compliance with plan requirement

If a plan under clause 12(4)(b) in relation to a council member includes a requirement referred to in clause 12(6), the council member must comply with the requirement.

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Complaint About Alleged Breach Form - Code of conduct for council members, committee members and candidates

Schedule 1, Division 3 of the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021*

NOTE: A complaint about an alleged breach must be made —
(a) in writing in the form approved by the local government
(b) to an authorised person
(c) within one month after the occurrence of the alleged breach.

Name of person who is making the complaint:
Name: ______________________________ Given Name(s) Family Name

Contact details of person making the complaint:
Address: ______________________________ Email: ______________________________ Contact number: ______________________________

Name of the local government (city, town, shire) concerned:
Shire of Cue

Name of council member, committee member, candidate alleged to have committed the breach:

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State the full details of the alleged breach. Attach any supporting evidence to your complaint form.
Date of alleged breach:
________________ / _______________ / 20_________

SIGNED:

Complainant's signature: ……………………………………………………………..

Date of signing: __________ / __________ / 20_________

Received by Authorised Officer

Authorised Officer's Name: ……………………………………….…………….

Authorised Officer's Signature: ………………………………………………..
Date received: __________ / __________ / 20_________

<u>NOTE TO PERSON MAKING THE COMPLAINT:</u>

This form should be completed, dated and signed by the person making a complaint of an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct. The complaint is to be specific about the alleged breach and include the relevant section/subsection of the alleged breach.

The complaint must be made to the authorised officer within one month after the occurrence of the alleged breach.

Signed complaint form is to be forwarded to:

Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Cue
PO Box 84
CUE WA 6640
or
ceo@cue.wa.gov.au

10.8 EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION 2026

APPLICANT:	Shire of Cue
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
AUTHOR:	Richard Towell - Chief Executive Officer
DATE:	13 May 2026

Matters for Consideration:

To engage the Western Australian Electoral Commission to facilitate an extraordinary election and determine the method of election.

Background:

With the passing of Councillor Ross Pigdon on 9 April 2026, an extraordinary election will need to be conducted. The vacancy requires an extraordinary election to be held in accordance with section 2.32(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The Chief Executive Officer has advised the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) of the requirement to hold an extraordinary election. The WAEC has provided a proposed date to host the extraordinary election, being Thursday 24 September 2026 and a cost estimate of $13,500 based on full accrual cost recovery. This means that the Shire will be invoiced for the actual cost of conducting the election which may be greater or lesser than the cost estimate.

The two letters received from the WAEC for the 'Date for Local Government Extraordinary Election' and 'Written Agreement: 2026 Local Government Extraordinary Election' are provided as attachments.

Comments:

The term of office for Councillor Pigdon was four (4) years from the ordinary election of 24 October 2023 which would/will expire on the 16 October 2027.

In accordance with section 2.31 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, should the office of a Councillor or of an elector mayor or president become vacant under section 2.32, an extraordinary election to fill the office is to be held.

While Local Government/extraordinary elections may be conducted in-house, it has been the practice of the Shire of Cue in recent times for elections to be conducted by the Western Australian Electoral Commissioner. This ensures that there can be no question of the independence of the process.

An in-person election conducted in Cue would tend to limit the number of electors able to vote, it is therefore recommended that the extraordinary election be conducted as a postal election.

Furthermore, in accordance with section 4.37 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a new Electoral Roll is required given the election day for which it is scheduled for is more than 100 days after the election day for another election. That is, since the ordinary election conducted in October 2025.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 - Sect 2.31
2.31 Resignation
(1) An elector mayor or president may resign from the office of mayor or president.

(2) A councillor may -
(a) resign from the office of councillor;
(b) resign from the office of councillor mayor or president, deputy mayor or deputy president

(3) Written notice of resignation is to be signed and dated by the person who is resigning and delivered to the CEO

(4) The resignation takes effect from the date of delivery of the notice or from a later day specified in the notice.

Local Government Act 1995 - Sect 2.32
2.32 How extraordinary vacancies occur in offices elected by electors
(1) The office of a member of a council as an elector mayor or president or as a councillor becomes vacant if the member —
(a) dies; or
(b) resigns from the office; or
(c) does not make the declaration required by section 2.29(1) within 2 months after being declared elected to the office; or
(d) advises or accepts under section 2.27 that the member is disqualified, or is declared to be disqualified by the State Administrative Tribunal acting on an application under section 2.27; or
(da) is disqualified by an order under section 8A.14(5), 8A.21(2)(b), 8A.25(1)(b)(viii) or 8A.27(2)(b) from holding office as a member of a council; or
(db) is dismissed under section 8.11(2), 8.15L or 8.25(2); or
(e) becomes the holder of any office or position in the employment of the local government; or
(f) while holding an office of councillor, is elected to the office of elector mayor or

president on the council.

(2) The CEO must notify the Departmental CEO if an office becomes vacant under this section.

Local Government Act 1995 - Sect 4.20
4.20 CEO to be returning officer unless other arrangements made
(1) Subject to this section the CEO is the returning officer of a local government

(2) A local government may, having first obtained the written agreement of the person concerned and the written approval of the Electoral Commissioner, appoint person other than the CEO to be the returning officer of the local government for -*
(a) an election; or
(b) all elections held while the appointment of the person subsists.

** Absolute majority required.*

(3) An appointment under subsection (2) -
(a) is to specify the term of the person's appointment; and
(b) has no effect if it is made after the 80th day before an election day.

(4) A local government may, having first obtained the written agreement of the Electoral Commissioner, declare the Electoral Commissioner to be responsible for the conduct of an election, or all elections conducted within a particular period of time, and, if such a declaration is made, the Electoral Commissioner is to appoint a person to be the returning officer of the local government for the election or elections.*
** Absolute majority required.*

Local Government Act 1995 - Sect 4.37
4.37 New roll for each election
(1) An electoral roll is to be prepared for the election.

(2) *If the district is not divided into wards the same electoral roll can be used for the election of an elector mayor or president and the election of a councillor or councillors.*

(3) A new electoral roll need not be prepared for the election if -
(a) it is an extraordinary election the election day for which is less than 100 days after the election day for another election; and
(b) the CEO, with the approval of the Electoral Commissioner, decides that the roll that was used for the earlier election is suitable for use at the extraordinary election.

Local Government Act 1995 - Sect 4.61
4.61 Choice of methods of conducting election
(1) The election can be conducted as a -
postal election which is an election at which the method of casting votes is by posting or delivering them to an electoral officer on or before election day; or

voting in person election which is an election at which the principal method of casting votes is by voting in person on election day but at which votes can also be cast in person before election day, or posted or delivered, in accordance with regulations.

(2) The local government may decide to conduct the election as a postal election.*
** Absolute majority required.*

(3) A decision under subsection (2) has no effect if it is made after the 80th day before election day unless a declaration has already been made in respect of an election for the local government and the declaration is in respect of an additional election for the same local government.

(4) A decision under subsection (2) has no effect unless it is made after a declaration is made under section 4.20(4) that the Electoral Commissioner is to be responsible for the conduct of the election or in conjunction with such a declaration.

(5) A decision made under subsection (2) on or before the 80th day before election day cannot be rescinded after that 80th day.

(6) For the purposes of this Act, the poll for an election is to be regarded as having been held on election day even though the election is conducted as a postal election.

(7) Unless a resolution under subsection (2) has effect, the election is to be conducted as a voting in person election

Local Government Act 1995 - Sect 4.8
4.8 Extraordinary elections
(1) If the office of a councillor or of an elector mayor or president becomes vacant under section 2.32, an election to fill the office is to be held, except if the vacancy is filled under Schedule 4.1A or 4.1B

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

A cost estimate of $13,500 has been provided for the conduct of a postal election by the Western Australian Electoral Commission. An allocation will be provided in the 2026-2027 Annual Budget for election expenses to allow for this extraordinary election.

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

Cr Les Price, Shire President

Western Australian Electoral Commission

Officers Recommendation: **Voting Requirement:** Absolute Majority

That Council, by absolute majority;

1. declare, in accordance with section 4.20(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995,* the Electoral Commissioner to be responsible for the conduct of the 2026 extraordinary election, together with any other elections or polls which may be required;
2. decide, in accordance with section 4.61(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* that the method of conducting the election will be as a postal election.

Council Decision:	**Voting Requirement:** Absolute Majority
MOVED:	**SECONDED:**
CARRIED:	

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
Electoral Commission

Mr Richard Towell
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Cue
PO Box 84
CUE WA 6640

Dear Mr Towell

Date for Local Government Extraordinary Election 2026

Thank you for your recent email on 15 April 2026 which advised of the passing of Councilor Ross Pigdon on 9 April 2026, and that as a result an extraordinary election will need to be conducted in the Shire of Cue.

I note that as per section 4.9(1) of *the Local Government Act 1995,* Council has one (1) month after the vacancy occurring to decide on and fix the election day for the extraordinary election. The *Local Government Act 1995* allows for either the WAEC to conduct the extraordinary election or for the Local Government to conduct the election in-house, with the CEO as the Returning Officer.

To assist your Council in making this decision, I am writing to advise you that the earliest date that the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) can conduct an extraordinary election is **Thursday 24 September 2026**. This is also our preferred date for the election. As this date is later than 4 months after the vacancy occurring, I give my approval under section 4.9(2) for this date to be fixed for the extraordinary election.

This letter also serves as your cost estimate. The WAEC has estimated the cost to conduct this election at approximately **$13,500** (ex GST). This cost has been based on the following assumptions:

- The method of election will be postal
- 1 Councillor vacancy
- 120 electors
- response rate of approximately 60%
- appointment of a local Returning Officer
- the Shire providing all other electoral officers to assist in the conduct of the election
- count to be conducted at your office using CountWA.

The WA Electoral Commission conducts elections on the basis of full accrual cost recovery, in accordance with *the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997.* This means if the actual costs to conduct the election are less or greater than what we have estimated, the final cost may differ from the estimate we have provided.

We aim to keep additional costs at a minimum, however examples of where cost increases may arise include:

- you select Australia Post Priority Service for the lodgement of your election package
- casual staff are required to be provided for the issuing of Replacement Election Packages
- casual staff are required to be provided to assist the Returning Officer on election day or with the count at night
- unanticipated cost increases from our suppliers

I would also highlight that the ongoing situation in the Middle East may impact on estimates and we will continue to liaise with you as we get closer to the event to confirm your estimate. We will keep you informed of any unanticipated cost increases if they emerge.

The WA Electoral Commission is committed to conducting elections impartially, effectively, efficiently and professionally. Following each election event, we review our performance and identify ways to improve our service delivery. If you have any suggestions for improvements we can make to deliver your election, your feedback is welcome at all times.

Please advise us in writing as soon as practicable that you accept to take this cost estimate to Council, so I can provide you with my written agreement to conduct the election in a sperate letter. Both the cost estimate letter, and the written agreement letter then need to be taken to Council for a decision.

The WA Electoral Commission is available to you to provide any further advice or support. If you have any queries please contact Phil Richards, Manager Election Events, at lgelections@waec.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Dennis O'Reilly
ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

29 April 2026

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
Electoral Commission

Mr Richard Towell
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Cue
PO Box 84
CUE WA 6640

Dear Mr Towell,

Written Agreement: 2026 Local Government Extraordinary Election

Thank you for your email dated 8 May 2026 in which you accept to take the Western Australian Electoral Commission's cost estimate for your 2026 local government extraordinary election to your next Council meeting.

I am pleased to provide this letter as my written agreement to be responsible for the conduct of your local government extraordinary election. In order to finalise this agreement, please submit the following motions to Council for a postal election as required under the *Local Government Act 1995*:

1. declare, in accordance with section 4.20(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Electoral Commissioner to be responsible for the conduct of the 2026 extraordinary election, together with any other elections or polls which may be required;

2. decide, in accordance with section 4.61(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* that the method of conducting the election will be as a postal election.

Please note:

- the above motions must be presented to Council as drafted and cannot be amended in any way
- both the Cost Estimate letter, and this Written Agreement letter should be attached to the item for Council's consideration
- the above motions must be passed by an absolute majority

Once the Council passes the above mentioned motions, please forward confirmation to us via the email address below. We will then proceed with arrangements for your election.

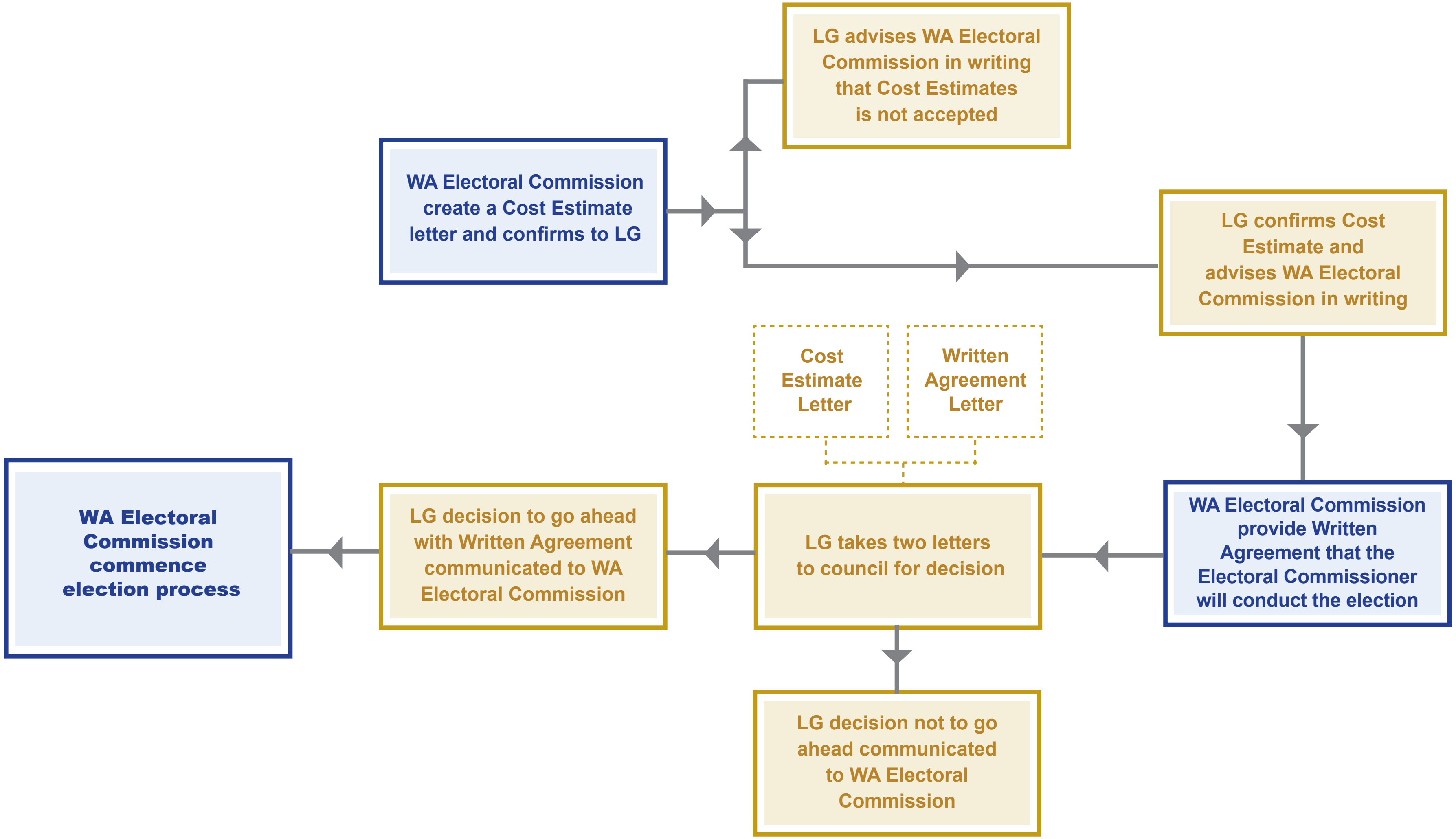
The WA Electoral Commission is available to you to provide any further advice or support. For any queries, please contact please contact Phil Richards, Manager Election Events via email at lgelections@waec.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Dennis O'Reilly
ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

8 May 2026

Local Government Ordinary Election Process



11 MOTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

12 MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

13 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

14 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

Council Decision:	**Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority
MOVED:	**SECONDED:**
CARRIED:	

15 CLOSURE