



Council Attachments

Thursday, 17 September 2026

ATTACHMENTS

Minutes/Notes

Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes (Unconfirmed) - 20th August 2026

Special Meeting of Council Minutes (Unconfirmed) - 27th July 2026

Great Eastern Country Zone Minutes - 13th August 2026

Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Management Committee Meeting - 17th August 2026

Agenda Attachments

- 9.1.1 Council Decision Status Report - August 2026
- 9.1.2 Council Policy - Crossovers (reviewed)
- 9.1.2 Council Policy - Rates and Charges Recovery (reviewed)
- 9.1.2 Council Policy - Resourcing Employee Entitlements (repeal)
- 9.1.2 Council Policy - Surplus Funds Investment (reviewed)
- 9.1.3 Shire of Yilgarn - 2024-2034 Strategic Community Plan minor review (2026)
- 9.1.4 Country Net Rail Alliance email
- 9.1.5 Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 12 Grant opportunity guidelines
- 9.1.5 Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 12 Sample Board or CEO approval letter
- 9.1.7 Cygnet Gold Pty Ltd - NVCP, CPS 11708-1 (application form)
- 9.1.7 Cygnet Gold Pty Ltd - NVCP, CPS 11708-1 (supporting documentation)
- 9.1.7 Cygnet Gold Pty Ltd - NVCP, CPS 11708-1 (photomap)
- 9.1.7 Cygnet Gold Pty Ltd - NVCP, CPS 11708-1 (natmap)
- 9.1.7 Cygnet Gold Pty Ltd - Dewatering pipeline plan
- 9.1.8 Forrestania Resources Ltd – NVCP, CPS 11703-1 (application form)
- 9.1.8 Forrestania Resources Ltd – NVCP, CPS 11703-1 (supporting documentation)

- 9.1.8 Forrestania Resources Ltd - NVCP, CPS 11703-1 (photomap)
- 9.1.8 Forrestania Resources Ltd - NVCP, CPS 11703-1 (natmap)
- 10.2.1 August 2026 Financial Statement
- 10.2.2 Accounts for Payment August 2026



Council Minutes

Thursday, 20 August 2026

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5.00pm.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

Nil.

3. ATTENDANCE

Members:	Cr B Close	Shire President
	Cr G Guerini	Deputy Shire President (via zoom)
	Cr B Bradford	Councillor
	Cr L Rose	Councillor
	Cr D Stephen	Councillor
Council Officers:	B Forbes	Chief Executive Officer
	C Watson	Executive Manager Corporate Services
	G Brigg	Executive Manager Infrastructure
	K Chrisp	Asset and Projects Manager
	T Prue	Finance Manager
	T Beaton	Executive Assistant
Apologies:		
Leave of Absence:	Cr L Granich	Councillor
	Cr D Newbury	Councillor
Observers:	J Kent, P McBain and A Peters	

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

At the July 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council, the following questions were posed by Mrs Kaye Crafter.

The Executive Manager of Infrastructure emailed Mrs Crafter with the following response on 17th July 2026.

1. **When is the Shire Council going to do an audit in the town hall of;**
 - **The cooking facilities, namely the stove.**
 - **The hot water system.**
 - **The wheels on the trolleys.**

The Shire undertakes regular inspections of its buildings as part of its asset management and maintenance responsibilities. These inspections focus on the overall condition of buildings, identifying safety risks, maintenance requirements and asset renewal needs. Given the size and diversity of the Shire's building portfolio, it is not practical for staff to routinely test every individual appliance, fitting or piece of equipment during inspections. Instead, the Shire relies on users of its facilities and members of the community to report specific faults or maintenance issues as they arise. If concerns are raised regarding individual items such as the stove, hot water system or trolley wheels at the Town Hall, these will be inspected and repaired or replaced as required.

2. **When are the tree roots crossing Scorpio Street going to be rectified?**

The tree root repairs in Scorpio Street were originally programmed to be completed as part of the 2025/26 town street reseal program. The reseal works were postponed when uncertainty arose around bitumen supply and pricing during the period of elevated oil prices associated with the Iran conflict. As a result, the Shire cancelled the scheduled reseal works until supply conditions stabilised. Tree roots cannot be removed beneath a sealed road without immediately restoring and resealing the pavement. Once the bitumen is cut and the roots are removed, the road surface must be sprayed and sealed to protect the pavement from water ingress and premature deterioration. The Shire does not have the specialised equipment required to undertake bitumen spraying and sealing, so these repairs need to be coordinated with contracted reseal works. The Scorpio Street tree root repairs remain on the Shire's works program and will be undertaken in conjunction with the future town street reseal program. This approach ensures the repairs are completed correctly and avoids unnecessary deterioration of the road surface.

3. When a registration is given to the Shire for trucks running over the roundabouts, is there any follow-up?

Damage caused by heavy vehicles mounting the roundabout is an ongoing issue. The Shire has CCTV cameras at the Southern Cross Swimming Pool that provide coverage of the nearby roundabout. However, the footage is generally not of sufficient quality to clearly identify vehicle registration numbers at night. In the most recent incident, the damage occurred during daylight hours and a registration number was obtained and provided to Shire staff for identification. The Shire does not have the authority to access vehicle ownership information from registration records. As the damage is generally considered a minor property damage matter, any investigation involving the identification of a registered owner would fall within the powers of the Western Australia Police Force. Where sufficient information is available, the Shire records the incident and considers appropriate follow up. The Shire will continue to monitor the location and investigate opportunities to reduce the occurrence of heavy vehicles mounting the roundabout.

5.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes, Thursday, 16th July 2026 - (Minutes Attached)

101/2026

Moved Cr Bradford/Seconded Cr Rose

That the minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 16th July 2026 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

CARRIED (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

6.2 WEROC Inc. Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, 29th July 2026 - (Minutes Attached)

102/2026

Moved Cr Bradford/Seconded Cr Guerini

That the minutes from the WEROC Inc. Board Meeting held on the 29th July 2026 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

CARRIED (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

6.3 Shire of Yilgarn Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, 4th August 2026 - (Minutes Attached)

103/2026

Moved Cr Stephen/Seconded Cr Rose

That the minutes from the Shire of Yilgarn Tourism Committee Meeting held on the 4th August 2026 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

CARRIED (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

7. PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS

Mr Peter McBain (Yilgarn Iron) and Mr Andrew Peters (P&E Total Solutions) attended Council and gave an update on Yilgarn Iron's project as at August 2026.

Cr Close asked if there was a limitation on how much distance needs to be between each truck? As Cr Close has witnessed three trucks in a row bumper to bumper.

Response provided: the distance needs to be 300 metres, but they are unable to get an accurate read with the GEO tracking system.

C Watson left the chambers at 5:12pm.

C Watson returned to the chambers at 5:13pm

8. DELEGATES' REPORT

Cr Close

- Koolyanobbing Mine Site Tour with CEO and Peter McBain - 20th July
- CEO KPI Meeting with Darren Mollenoyux - 27th July
- Special Council Meeting for the Budget Adoption - 27th July 2026
- GECZ Meeting (Bruce Rock) - 13th August 2026
- SRRG Teams Meeting - 14th August 2026

Cr Guerini

- CEO KPI Meeting with Darren Mollenoyux - 27th July 2026
- Special Council Meeting for the Budget Adoption - 27th July 2026

Cr Bradford

- CEO KPI Meeting with Darren Mollenoyux - 27th July 2026
- Special Council Meeting for the Budget Adoption - 27th July 2026
- Economic Development Meeting - 27th July 2026
- Regional Road Group Meeting - 14th August 2026
- CEACA Meeting - 17th August 2026

Cr Newbury

- CEO KPI Meeting with Darren Mollenoyux - 27th July 2026
- Special Council Meeting for the Budget Adoption - 27th July 2026

Cr Granich

- Meet & Greet CEO Moorine Rock Hotel - 17th July 2026
- Economic Development Meeting - 27th July 2026
- CEO KPI Meeting with Darren Mollenoyux - 27th July
- Special Council Meeting for the Budget Adoption - 27th July 2026
- Tourism Meeting - 4th August 2026
- Economic Development Meeting with Cr Bradford - 5th August 2026

Cr Rose

- CEO KPI Meeting with Darren Mollenoyux - 27th July 2026
- Special Council Meeting for the Budget Adoption - 27th July 2026
- Skeleton Weed Meeting with all Chair's and Coordinators (Merredin) - 30th July 2026
- Bullfinch Shooting Club AGM - 1st August 2026
- Tourism Meeting - 4th August 2026

Cr Stephen

- CEO KPI Meeting with Darren Mollenoyux - 27th July 2026
- Special Council Meeting for the Budget Adoption - 27th July 2026

Unconfirmed

9.1 Officers Report - Chief Executive Officer

9.1.1 Council Decision Status Report 2026

File Reference	2.1.2
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Author	Ben Forbes - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	9.1.1 Council Decision Status Report 2026

Purpose of Report

For Council to receive the Council Decision Status Report (status report) update for August 2026.

Background

The status report details the past decisions of Council and advises whether the necessary actions to implement those decisions have been completed or if they are still pending. Where there are delays, an update as to the progress to date is provided.

Comment

The status report does not include decisions that do not require further action, such as:

- Confirmation of minutes
- Financial Reports
- Accounts for Payment
- Applications for Leave of Absence
- Decisions to close meetings to the public and to reopen meetings to the public

Confidential decisions or certain details may also be excluded to maintain said confidentiality, depending on the directive of Council on a case-by-case basis.

Statutory Environment

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood)	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Nil	Nil	Nil
Financial Impact	Nil	Nil	Nil
Service Interruption	Nil	Nil	Nil
Compliance	Nil	Nil	Nil
Reputational	Nil	Nil	Nil
Property	Nil	Nil	Nil
Environment	Nil	Nil	Nil

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

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

104/2026

Moved Cr Rose/Seconded Cr Stephen

That Council receive and note the Council Decision Status Report for August 2026.

CARRIED (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

9.1.2 Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034 - Report for July 2025 to June 2026

File Reference	1.1.2
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Author	Ben Forbes - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034 - Report July 2025 to June 2026

Purpose of Report

For Council to receive and endorse the strategic community plan report for the 12 months ended 30 June 2026.

Background

The Strategy Community Plan, which underwent a major review in 2024 and which is currently undergoing a minor review, is the highest-level planning document in the Integrated Planning and Reporting suite. This Plan is designed to be a “living” document that guides the development of the Shire of Yilgarn community for the next ten (10) years.

One of the key features of the Strategic Community Planning process is the significant community engagement undertaken to shape the Shire’s strategic direction as it seeks to align and achieve the operations of the Shire with the community’s long-term vision and aspirations.

Strategic planning is a continual process, requiring constant refinement and review. Part of that review is regular (quarterly) reporting on the achievement of the specified goals included in the plan. Although quarterly planning is the norm, it should be noted that no update has been presented to Council since June 2025.

The format has been reviewed and all goals have been assessed using the best information available at hand.

Comment

The ‘action taken’ indicator up to the end of “26FY” (the year ended 30 June 2026) categorises the actual stage of completion of each particular goal, which in sequential order are:

1. no action
2. development
3. implementation
4. maintain and review.

The ‘projected action’ is the assumed achievement of the goal for future financial years.

The progress indicator represents a broad assessment of the goal as it stands at the end of the reporting period. The progress indicators in sequential order are:

1. goal failed
2. not started
3. work in progress
4. monitor/completed.

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Regulation 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.

(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. *

(7) A corporate business plan is to be, and is to remain, consistent with any relevant strategic community plan

Strategic Implications

The quarterly update represents the achievement to date of Council's strategic objectives.

Receiving the update does not, in of itself, have an impact to these objectives.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood)	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Nil	Nil	Nil
Financial Impact	Nil	Nil	Nil
Service Interruption	Nil	Nil	Nil
Compliance	Nil	Nil	Nil
Reputational	Nil	Nil	Nil
Property	Nil	Nil	Nil
Environment	Nil	Nil	Nil

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Unlikely	2	Low (2)	Low (4)	Moderate (6)	Moderate (8)	High (10)
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Moderate (5)

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

105/2026

Moved Cr Bradford/Seconded Cr Rose

That Council note the Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034 - Report for July 2025 to June 2026.

CARRIED (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

9.1.3 Delegation Register Review

File Reference	8.2.1.2
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority
Author	Ben Forbes - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	Delegations Register, August 2026

Purpose of Report

For Council to review and endorse the revised August 2026 Delegations Register.

Background

Delegations improve the efficiency of administrative processes by passing the responsibility for various functions and decision making from Council to the administration or Committees.

Delegations made by Council under the *Local Government Act 1995* can only be made to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Committees. Where appropriate, the Chief Executive Officer exercise their discretion to sub-delegate to other Shire officers. Delegations under other legislation are made directly to the officer concerned.

Council is required to review its delegations on an annual basis, however with the commencement of the new CEO, there is an undertaking to review the full delegation and policy register to ensure that it is fit for purpose and aligned with the objectives of the organisation.

Comment

The attached delegation register has had the following changes made to the last version endorsed by Council:

- LGA09 – Tenders for Goods and Services
 - Amended to include all regulatory provisions to make the tender process more efficient, and allow sufficient flexibility such that Council only need be involved when making a decision. Further clarified the CEO's ability to make 'minor variations' to tender contract terms, after the tender and the contract have been endorsed by Council, making existing delegation LGA32 redundant.
- LGA13 - Defer Charges, Grant Discounts, Waive Fees and Charges or Write Off Debts
 - Amended to clarify the CEO's ability to write off debts that have become uneconomical to recovery following reasonable steps being taken. Incorporated authority for the CEO to grant a waiver of Council's endorsed fees and charges (subject to conditions) making existing delegation LGA14 redundant.
- LGA11 – Disposal of Property

- Expanded the CEO's ability to dispose of property that is "surplus to requirements" and for the CEO to dispose of residential land via lease, making existing delegation LGA12 redundant.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

5.42. Delegation of some powers and duties to CEO

- (1) A local government may delegate* to the CEO the exercise of any of its powers or the discharge of any of its duties under —
- (a) this Act other than those referred to in section 5.43; or
 - (b) the Planning and Development Act 2005 section 214(2), (3) or (5).

* Absolute majority required.

5.43. Limits on delegations to CEO

- (1) A local government cannot delegate to a CEO any of the following powers or duties —
- (a) any power or duty that requires a decision of an absolute majority of the council;
 - (b) accepting a tender which exceeds an amount determined by the local government for the purpose of this paragraph;
 - (c) appointing an auditor;
 - (d) acquiring or disposing of any property valued at an amount exceeding an amount determined by the local government for the purpose of this paragraph;
 - (e) any of the local government's powers under section 5.98, 5.98A, 5.99, 5.99A or 5.100;
 - (f) borrowing money on behalf of the local government;
 - (g) hearing or determining an objection of a kind referred to in section 9.5;
 - (ha) the power under section 9.49A(4) to authorise a person to sign documents on behalf of the local government;
 - (h) any power or duty that requires the approval of the Minister or the Governor;
 - (i) such other powers or duties as may be prescribed.

5.44. CEO may delegate powers and duties to other employees

- (1) A CEO may delegate to any employee of the local government the exercise of any of the CEO's powers or the discharge of any of the CEO's duties under this Act other than this power of delegation.

5.46. Register of, and records relevant to, delegations to CEO and employees

- (1) The CEO is to keep a register of the delegations made under this Division to the CEO and to employees.
- (2) At least once every financial year, delegations made under this Division are to be reviewed by the delegator.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Officers are bound to follow Council and Shire policies in exercising their delegated authority.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood)	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Nil	Nil	Nil
Financial Impact	Nil	Nil	Nil
Service Interruption	Nil	Nil	Nil
Compliance	Failure to properly exercise of record use of delegated authority	Low (4)	Oversight of use of authority and enforcement of stringent policy.
Reputational	Nil	Nil	Nil
Property	Nil	Nil	Nil
Environment	Nil	Nil	Nil

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

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

106/2026

Moved Cr Stephen/Seconded Cr Bradford

That Council, by absolute majority, endorse the attached Delegations Register.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

Unconfirmed

9.1.4 Deed of Termination and Release

Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority
Author	Ben Forbes - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	Yilgarn Iron - Deed of Termination of Road Use (Restricted Access Vehicle Haulage) Agreement

Purpose of Report

For Council to review and endorse the attached Deed of Termination (Deed) for Yilgarn Iron's Road Use Agreement.

Background

Mineral Resources Limited, (ACN 118 549 910) (MRL) previously owned and operated the Parker Range and Koolyanobbing iron ore mine sites. As part of these operations, to haul their product on public roads managed by the Shire of Yilgarn the following was agreed:

1. That MRL would be permitted to construct and seal ~32km on Emu Fence Road.
2. That MRL would enter into the Road Use (Restricted Access Vehicle Haulage) Agreement (RUA) with the Shire of Yilgarn, which:
 - a. Made MRL legally liable for the condition and safety road users for the road which they made improvements to
 - b. included four (4) instalments to be paid over the life of the operations to compensate Council for the cost of resealing the constructed road, among other conditions.

Subsequently, MRL's operations, including all assets and liabilities, were bought out by Yilgarn Iron Investments Pty Ltd (ACN 686 388 063) (YI). Included in the acquired liabilities was the RUA. It is YI's preference to have a conventional heavy haulage agreement with Council, whereby they will pay a rate (\$/tonne/km) based on the amount and manner of their haulage operations. YI have been invoiced based on a temporary handshake arrangement, pending the resolution of the RUA situation.

Council endorsed a tripartite deed of assignment and release between itself, MRL and YI in April 2026, assigning the existing RUA to YI from MRL, with the condition of a further payment be made by MRL as part of the deal. To date the Shire and MRL have executed this document, but YI have not, as they do not want to do so without immediately signing another deed to release themselves from the RUA and therefore not be legally liable for the road. Releasing YI from the RUA is in alignment with both the Shire and YI's intent, but the liability for the final instalment under the RUA had to be resolved. Per the attached, YI have accepted responsibility for the final instalment of the RUA, and terms to preserve this entitlement are incorporated into the attached Deed.

Legal advice has been sought regarding the arrangement as it stands, with the only concerns raised by Council's solicitors being that the haulage agreement with YI should be executed simultaneously with the Deed.

Comment

YI have continuously demonstrated a willingness to work with Council, so there are limited reservations about the officer's recommendation, which should be sufficient for all parties.

At this stage it would be counter-productive to negotiate further regarding the contents of the Deed, so the preference is to instead build in the appropriate safeguards for Council regarding the execution of the documents into Council's resolution.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Section 9.49A. Execution of documents

- (1) A document is duly executed by a local government if —
 - (a) the common seal of the local government is affixed to it in accordance with subsections (2) and (3); or
 - (b) it is signed on behalf of the local government by a person or persons authorised under subsection (4) to do so.
- (2) The common seal of a local government is not to be affixed to any document except as authorised by the local government.
- (3) The common seal of the local government is to be affixed to a document in the presence of —
 - (a) the mayor or president; and
 - (b) the CEO, each of whom is to sign the document to attest that the common seal was so affixed.
- (4) A local government may, by resolution, authorise the CEO, another employee or an agent of the local government to sign documents on behalf of the local government, either generally or subject to conditions or restrictions specified in the authorisation.
- (5) A document executed by a person under an authority under subsection (4) is not to be regarded as a deed unless the person executes it as a deed and is permitted to do so by the authorisation.
- (6) A document purporting to be executed in accordance with this section is to be presumed to be duly executed unless the contrary is shown.
- (7) When a document is produced bearing a seal purporting to be the common seal of the local government, it is to be presumed that the seal is the common seal of the local government unless the contrary is shown.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Should Council resolve in-line with the officer's recommendation then Council:

- will be due \$1,000,000 from MRL following the Deed of Assignment and Release being executed
- will still be due the final \$500,000 that its owed per the existing RUA
- will receive the final \$500,000 later than originally intended, so the amount will be appropriately indexed
- and YI will finalise a conventional heavy haulage agreement.

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood)	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Nil	Nil	Nil
Financial Impact	Failure to secure appropriate contributions from heavy haulage operators would result in Council's long-term financial plans under-estimating the necessary cost to maintain the road network, leading to a funding gap.	Nil	Nil
Service Interruption	Nil	Nil	Nil
Compliance	Nil	Nil	Nil
Reputational	Failure to secure adequate contributions from heavy haulage operators could damage ratepayer confidence in the Shire's and weaken the negotiating position with other operators.	Moderate (8)	Sufficient due diligence and legal advice obtained.
Property	Failure to properly estimate the marginal cost of heavy haulage	High (12)	Rigorous and continual review of industry benchmarks

	operations and secure this from operators could cause a significant funding gap in the maintenance of Council's Road network, leading to deterioration over time.		and their application to the cost of Council's network.
Environment	Nil	Nil	Nil

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

Officers Recommendation and Council Decision

107/2026

Moved Cr Stephen/Seconded Cr Rose

That Council, pursuant to section 9.49A(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1995, authorise the Chief Executive Officer and the Shire President to dually execute and affix the Shire of Yilgarn Common seal to the attached 'Termination of Road Use (Restricted Access Vehicle Haulage) Agreement', effecting the execution of the document as a Deed, subject to the Deed being executed simultaneously with Yilgarn Iron Investment Pty Ltd's new Road Use Agreement.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

Cr Guerini joined the meeting via mobile after having technical issues with zoom at 5:47pm.

9.1 Officers Report - Regulatory Services Officer

9.1.5 Request for Comment - Application for a New Clearing Permit CPS 11519/1 - Barto Gold Mining Pty Ltd

Disclosure of Interest	None
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Author	Kelly Watts - Regulatory Services Officer
Attachments	1. Southern Star NVCP Supporting Document 2. Barto Gold Mining Pty Ltd Application for Purpose Permit 3. Barto Gold Mining Pty Ltd Application for Purpose Permit V2 4. Barto Gold (Southern Star) - NATmap 5. Barto Gold (Southern Star) - Photomap

Purpose of Report

For the Council to provide comments on an application from Barto Gold Mining Pty Ltd to clear native vegetation under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 at the Southern Star Project.

The application concerns the proposed clearing of 230 Ha of native vegetation on mining tenements 77/198, 77/660, and 77/702, and on Miscellaneous Licence 77/105 for mineral production and associated activities.

Background

Barto Gold Mining Pty Ltd (Barto) proposes to develop the Southern Star deposit (the Proposal), part of its Southern Cross Operations (SXO), located approximately 50 km southeast of Southern Cross in the eastern wheatbelt of Western Australia.

Clearing native vegetation within the Proposed Clearing Permit Area requires submission of a Native Vegetation Clearing Permit (NVCP) application and subsequent approval by the Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration (DMPE), in accordance with s 51E of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act). This report supports the NVCP application, which seeks approval to clear up to 200 ha of native vegetation within the Proposed Clearing Permit Area.

Barto will complete a cutback of the previously mined Southern Star open pit and will require clearing for the following additional mine activities, including:

- Open pit void;
- Waste rock landforms (WRL);
- Run-of-mine (ROM) pad;
- Mine water pond;
- Dewatering pipelines;
- Access tracks and haul roads;
- Topsoil stockpiles;
- Surface water diversion channels or drains; and
- Other ancillary infrastructure, as required.



Figure 1: Clearing area and Tenements



Figure 2: Indicative Site Layout

Comment

Nil.

Statutory Environment

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51E. How applications for clearing permits are made and dealt with

- (4) If, under subsection (3), the CEO declines to deal with the application, the CEO does not have to perform any function under any of subsections (4A) to (12) in relation to the application.

51O. Principles and instruments to be considered when making decisions as to clearing permits

- (1) In this section —

clearing matter means —

- (a) an application for a clearing permit; or
- (b) an amendment of a clearing permit;

decision means a decision about a clearing matter.

- (2) In considering a clearing matter the CEO shall have regard to the clearing principles so far as they are relevant to the matter under consideration.
- (3) The CEO may make a decision that is seriously at variance with the clearing principles if, and only if, in the CEO's opinion there is a good reason for doing so. That reason must be recorded under section 51Q.
- (4) In considering a clearing matter the CEO shall have regard to any development approval, planning instrument, or other matter, that the CEO considers relevant.

[Section 51O inserted: No. 54 of 2003 s. 110(1); amended: No. 38 of 2005 s. 15; No. 40 of 2020 s. 55.]

51P. Relationship between clearing permits and approved policies

- (1) In considering —

- (a) an application for a clearing permit; or
- (b) an amendment of a clearing permit,

the CEO shall ensure that the clearing permit, or its amendment, is consistent with any approved policy.

- (2) The CEO shall not amend or shall refuse to grant a clearing permit if the CEO considers that the associated effect on the environment would be inconsistent with any approved policy.
- (3) Despite anything in this section —
 - (a) if the CEO is satisfied that, as a result of environmental circumstances having changed, the environment or an environmental value of the area concerned requires a higher level of protection than would be provided by the standards required by or under any approved policy, the CEO may grant or amend a clearing permit so as to make the permit subject to conditions which specify standards that are more stringent than those required by or under the approved policy;
 - (b) if the CEO is satisfied that, as a result of the approval under section 31(d) of a new approved policy or as a result of an approved policy as amended being confirmed under section 37, any condition to which an existing clearing permit is subject is inconsistent with that approved policy, the CEO may amend that permit to make it consistent with that approved policy.
- (4) Without limiting section 51F(5) or 51KB(3), subsection (3) does not authorise the imposition of a condition that is contrary to, or not in accordance with, a Ministerial statement.

[Section 51P inserted: No. 54 of 2003 s. 110(1); amended: No. 40 of 2020 s. 56.]

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Policy Implication

There is no Shire policy applicable to this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the officer's recommendation.

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood)	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Increased vehicle and machinery movements may present minor safety risks.	Low (2)	Compliance with WHS and traffic management requirements.
Financial Impact	Potential costs from damage to Shire roads or infrastructure.	Low (3)	Proponent responsible for impacts associated with mining activities.
Service Interruption	Minor potential disruption to local roads or access	Low (1)	Coordinate with the Shire where activities affect Shire infrastructure.
Compliance	Clearing requires relevant State environmental and mining approvals.	Moderate (6)	Shire support subject to all required statutory approvals
Reputational	Large-scale vegetation clearing may generate community concern.	Moderate ((6)	Ensure appropriate environmental assessment and conditions are applied.
Property	Heavy vehicles may impact Shire roads or assets.	Low (4)	Monitor impacts and require rectification where necessary
Environment	Clearing up to 230 ha may impact native vegetation, habitat and biodiversity.	High (12)	Minimise clearing and require appropriate environmental management and rehabilitation

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

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

108/2026

Moved Cr Bradford/Seconded Cr Stephen

Council endorse the application from Barto Gold Mining to clear 230 Ha of native vegetation on mining tenements 77/198, 77/660, and 77/702; Miscellaneous Licence 77/105 at Southern Star Project for mineral production and associated activities.

CARRIED (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

9.1.6 Request for Comment - Application for a New Clearing Permit CPS 116921/1 - Myamba Minerals Pty Ltd

Disclosure of Interest	None
Voting Requirements.	Simple Majority
Author	Kelly Watts - Regulatory Services Officer
Attachments	1. Lounge Lizard NVCP Supporting Document 2. Myamba Minerals Pty Ltd Application for Purpose Permit 3. Myamba Minerals Pty Ltd - NATmap 4. Myamba Minerals Pty Ltd - Photomap 5. Vegetation Groups

Purpose of Report

For the Council to provide comments on an application from Myamba Mineral Pty Ltd to clear native vegetation under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 at the Lounge Lizard Mine.

The application relates to the proposed clearing of up to 30 Ha of native vegetation on mining tenements M77/582, M77/545, M77/585, M77/912 and M77/911 for mineral exploration and mining infrastructure.

Background

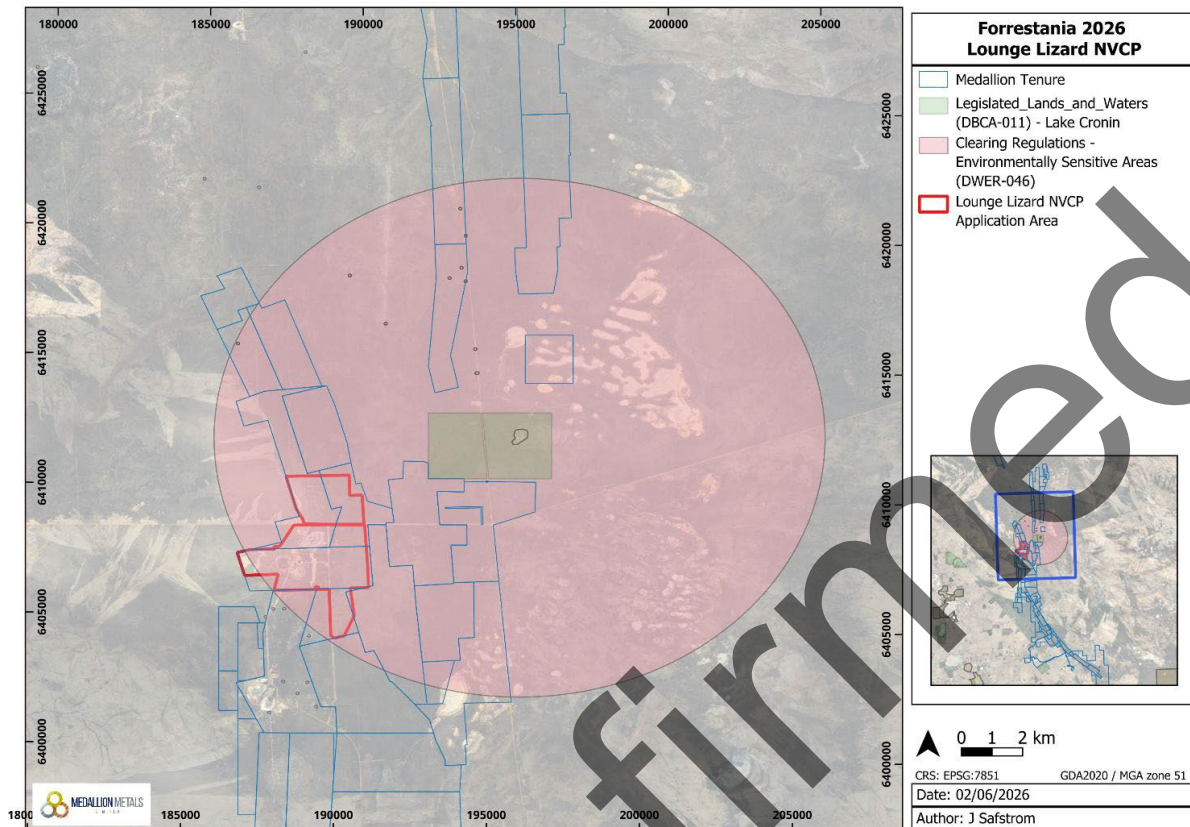
The Forrestania Gold Project (FGP) is located within the Shire of Kondinin, Western Australia. The Flying Fox mine is approximately 450 km east of Perth, 80 km east of Hyden, and 160 km south of Southern Cross.

The Cosmic Boy village is 15 km south of the Flying Fox mine. The proposed clearing area overlays mining tenements M77/582, M77/545, M77/585, M77/912 and M77/911, also known as Lounge Lizard.

These mining tenements lie within the Red Book Area 11.10 and are listed on the Register of the National Estate (Lake Cronin Area). Hence, this area is an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) as defined by Part V of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA).

Appendix 1 displays plans of the clearing area envelope, both in a regional context and in relation to significant features, such as tenement boundaries, currently active clearing permit areas, contours, ESAs, PECs, Threatened and priority flora, vegetation groups, priority fauna habitat, etc.

Figure 1 outlines the location of the Forrestania Gold Project within Western Australia.

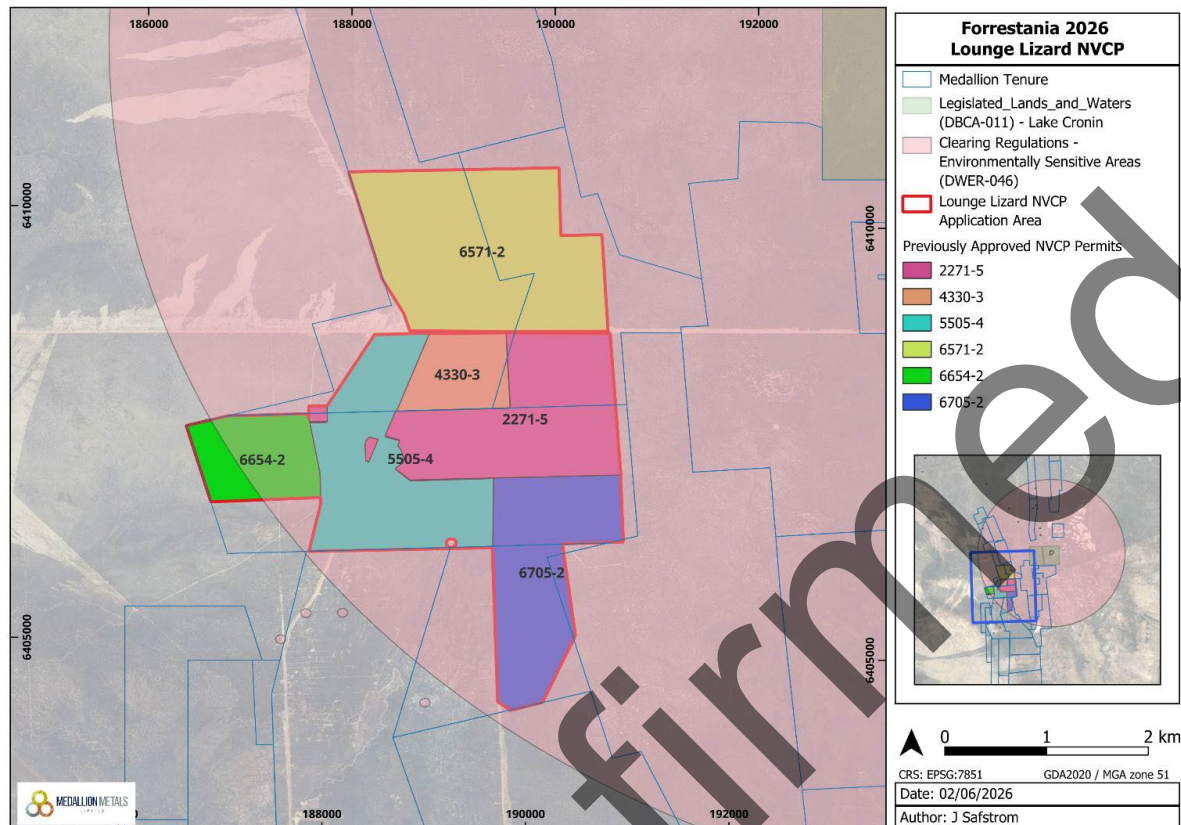


The proposed clearing area has historically been used primarily for nickel and gold exploration. This application replaces a number of previously approved NVCPs that were extinguished only recently due to a change of ownership of the tenements. To streamline the process, the old NVCP areas have been amalgamated into this single replacement NVCP (Table 1, Figure 2). Approval documentation is located in Appendix 5. CPS5505/4 has been truncated to the south to avoid the flora species *Eucalyptus steedmanii*, which is listed as Vulnerable, in accordance with the Medallion disturbance policy and Clearing Principal C: Native vegetation should not be cleared if it includes, or is necessary for the continued existence of, rare flora.

Table 1. Previously approved NVCP Permits over the application Area Permit Duration

	Permit Duration	Land Description (Tenements)	Authorized Purpose	Max (ha)	Disturbed (ha)	Rehabbed (ha)
CPS 2271/5	17 May 2008 to 30 June 2028.	M 77/545, M 77/582, M 77/911	Mineral exploration and mine infrastructure.	21.02	8.7	10.8
CPS 4330/3	9 July 2011 to 30 April 2026.	M 77/582, M 77/911	Mineral production and mineral exploration.	9.01	1.321	0.227
CPS 5505/4	8 June 2013 to 7 June 2027.	M 77/545, M 77/582, M 77/583, M 77/584, M 77/912	Mineral exploration and mineral production.	30	1.77	12.49
CPS 6571/2	4 July 2015 to 31 July 2026.	M 77/582, M 77/911	Mineral exploration.	9.3	0.44	1.36
CPS 6654/4*	12 September 2015 to 31 October 2030.	M 77/545	Mineral production and associated activities.	32	4.64	14.46
CPS 6705/2	31 October 2015 to 31 October 2025.	M 77/545, M 77/585, M 77/912	Mineral exploration.	10	0	0

* CPS5505/4 has been truncated to the south to avoid flora species, *Eucalyptus steedmanii*, which is listed as Vulnerable.



Comment

Nil.

Statutory Environment

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51E. How applications for clearing permits are made and dealt with

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[Section 51P inserted: No. 54 of 2003 s. 110(1); amended: No. 40 of 2020 s. 56.]

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Policy Implication

There is no Shire policy applicable to this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the officer's recommendation.

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood)	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Increased vehicle and machinery movements may present minor safety risks.	Low (2)	Compliance with WHS and traffic management requirements.
Financial Impact	Potential costs from damage to Shire roads or infrastructure.	Low (3)	Proponent responsible for impacts associated with mining activities.
Service Interruption	Minor potential disruption to local roads or access	Low (1)	Coordinate with the Shire where activities affect Shire infrastructure.
Compliance	Clearing requires relevant State environmental and mining approvals.	Moderate (6)	Shire support subject to all required statutory approvals
Reputational	Community concern may arise regarding native vegetation clearing	Moderate ((6)	Ensure appropriate environmental assessment and conditions are applied.
Property	Heavy vehicles may impact Shire roads or assets.	Low (4)	Monitor impacts and require rectification where necessary
Environment	Clearing up to 30 ha may impact native vegetation, habitat and biodiversity	Moderate (9)	Minimise clearing and require appropriate environmental management and rehabilitation

Risk Matrix						
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Officer Recommendation

109/2026

Moved Cr Bradford/Seconded Cr Stephen

Council endorse the application from Myamba Minerals Pty Ltd to clear up to 30 Ha of Native Vegetation on mining tenements M77/582, M77/545, M77/585, M77/912 and M77/911 for mineral exploration and mining infrastructure.

CARRIED (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

9.1.7 Request for Consent to Mine Within Southern Cross Townsite

Disclosure of Interest	None
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Author	Kelly Watts - Regulatory Services Officer
Attachments	1. M77-535 Letter of Referral to Shire 2. M77-535 Shire Referral Map 3. M77-552 Letter of Referral to Shire 4. M77-552 Shire Referral Map

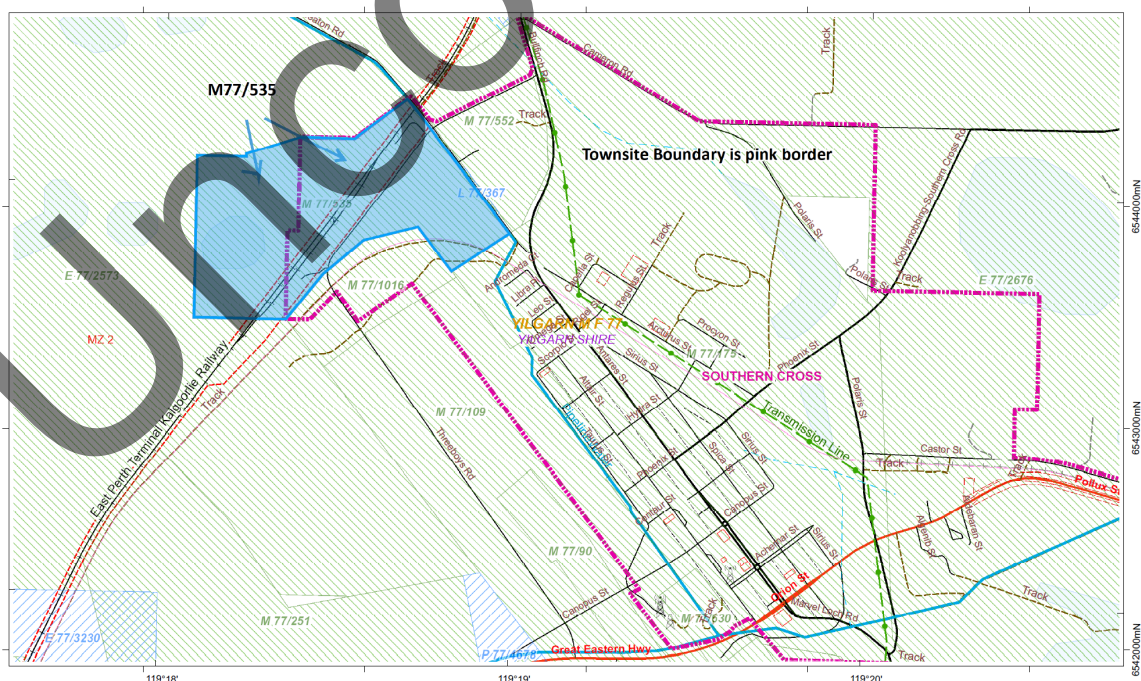
Purpose of Report

The Department of Mines, Petroleum and exploration (DMPE) is seeking the Shire of Yilgarn's comments and approval for Cygnet Gold Pty Ltd (ACN 660 841 252) (Cygnet) to access and undertake mining activities within the Southern Cross Townsite, as required per the conditions of Mining Leases M77/535 and M77/552.

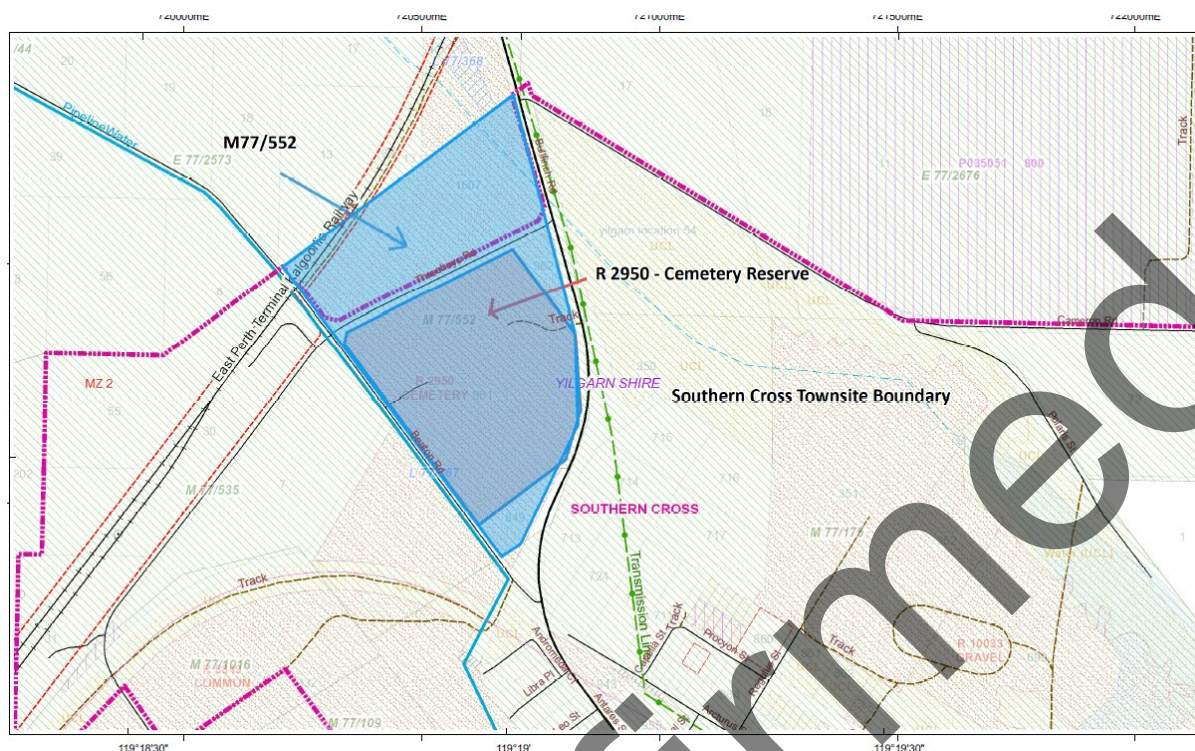
Background

Cygnet, as the current holder of mining leases M77/552 and M77/535, has submitted a letter to DMPE requesting 'consent to mine' on the aforementioned two leases, the maps of which are included below. The proposed mining activities will require access to Railway Reserve 12095 and Cemetery Reserve 2950 located within the Southern Cross Townsite. Cygnet has previously advised Council of this project, whereby the proposed 'mining activities' are strictly in relation to the installation of a dewatering pipeline from the Golden Pig mine to lake Koorkoordine.

Lease M77/535



Lease M77/552



Comment

DMPE have confirmed that the use of ‘consent to mine’ in the letters to Council is generic terminology that the Department uses to broadly refer to *any* mining activity or infrastructure. Both DMPE and Cygnet have confirmed without reservation that the two applications refer solely to the dewatering pipeline.

Statutory Environment

Mining Act 1978

26A. Mining tenements within townsites

- (1) Where any land that is a townsite within the meaning of the *Land Administration Act 1997* is the subject of a mining tenement and the Minister considers that the land or a part of the land is required for community purposes, the Minister may, by notice in writing given to the holder of the mining tenement, require the holder to surrender the land specified in the notice to a depth of 15 m from the lowest part of the natural surface of that land, within a period of 30 days after the giving of the notice.
- (2) Where the holder of a mining tenement fails to surrender land when required to do so under subsection (1), the land specified in the notice shall, on the expiry of the period referred to in that subsection, be deemed to have been surrendered and a memorial to that effect shall be entered in the register.

- (3) Where land is surrendered or deemed to have been surrendered under this section, the holder of the mining tenement in respect of that land may, while the mining tenement remains in force —
 - (a) with the approval of the Minister and subject to such terms and conditions as the Minister thinks fit, explore for minerals on that land;
 - (b) if that land ceases to be a townsite within the meaning of the *Land Administration Act 1997*, or otherwise with the approval of the Minister, apply to have that land or a part of that land reincorporated in the mining tenement.
- (4) The Minister shall consider an application under subsection (3)(b) and may —
 - (a) grant the application, and the mining tenement shall be endorsed to reincorporate the land to which the application relates; or
 - (b) refuse the application.
- (5) Subject to subsections (3)(a) and (4), land surrendered or deemed to have been surrendered under this section is not open for mining while the mining tenement in respect of that land remains in force.
- (6) Where part of land the subject of a mining tenement is surrendered pursuant to subsection (1), section 95(4) and (5) apply, with such modifications as the circumstances require, for the purpose of that surrender.
- (7) Where part of land the subject of a mining tenement is deemed to have been surrendered pursuant to subsection (2), section 95(5) applies, with such modifications as the circumstances require, for the purpose of that surrender.
- (8) Where land the subject of a mining tenement is surrendered or deemed to have been surrendered under this section the holder of the mining tenement is entitled to claim and receive compensation under Part 10 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* as if the land had been taken by the Crown under that Act.
- (9) Section 205 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* applies to a claim for compensation referred to in subsection (8) except that the compensation payable is limited to compensation for actual loss sustained through damage to buildings or other structures on the surface of the land.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood)	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Mining and dewatering activities near the townsite may create public safety risks, including vehicle movements, access to work areas, noise and dust.	High (12)	Mining and dewatering activities near the townsite may create public safety risks, including vehicle movements, access to work areas, noise and dust.
Financial Impact	The Shire may incur costs if its roads, reserves or infrastructure are damaged or if additional resources are required to manage the works.	Moderate (9)	Require Cygnet to meet costs associated with damage caused by its activities and complete pre/post-work inspections.
Service Interruption	Mining access or dewatering may affect roads, drainage or access to the cemetery and other public areas.	Moderate (9)	Agree access routes and work arrangements with Cygnet and maintain public and cemetery access.
Compliance	Activities may occur on or affect Shire-controlled land without appropriate consent or outside the agreed scope of works.	High (12)	Clearly define the Shire's consent and require Cygnet to obtain all other required approvals.
Reputational	Community complaints about mining impacts may result in the Shire being perceived as responsible for impacts outside its control.	Moderate (9)	Establish clear communication and complaint-management arrangements with Cygnet and the community.
Property	Mining activities or vehicle access could damage Shire roads, reserves, fencing or	High (12)	Undertake condition inspections, control access and require Cygnet to repair

	cemetery infrastructure.		damage caused by its activities.
Environment	Dewatering may affect groundwater, drainage, vegetation or nearby Shire land through water discharge or other environmental impacts.	High (12)	Obtain details of the dewatering arrangements, require monitoring and ensure incidents affecting Shire land are reported promptly.

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

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

110/2026

Moved Cr Bradford/Seconded Cr Rose

That Council provide its consent to mine to Cygnet Gold Pty Ltd within the Southern Cross townsite boundary for mining leases M77/552 and M77/535, to the sole extent that the mining activities undertaken relate to the installation, maintenance and removal of the dewatering pipeline from Golden Pig mine site.

CARRIED (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

10.2 Reporting Officer - Executive Manager Corporate Services

10.2.1 Accounts for Payment - July 2026

File Reference	8.2.1.2
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Author	Steven Chilcott - Finance Officer
Attachments	Accounts for Payment July

Purpose of Report

To consider the Accounts Paid under delegated authority.

Background

- Municipal Fund - Cheque 41377 to 41388 totalling \$4,500.00
- Municipal Fund - EFT 18327 to 18445 totalling \$954,254.42
- Municipal Fund - Cheques 2872 to 2889 totalling \$320,311.35
- Municipal Fund - Direct Debit Numbers:
 - 20613.1 to 20613.15 totalling \$36,268.11
 - 20613.1 to 20623.15 totalling \$36,288.21
- Trust Fund - Cheque 41389 totalling \$500.00

The above are presented for endorsement as per the submitted list.

Comment

Nil.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

5.42. Delegation of some powers and duties to CEO

- (1) A local government may delegate* to the CEO the exercise of any of its powers or the discharge of any of its duties under —
 - (a) this Act other than those referred to in section 5.43; or
 - (b) the *Planning and Development Act 2005* section 214(2), (3) or (5).

* Absolute majority required.

- (2) A delegation under this section is to be in writing and may be general or as otherwise provided in the instrument of delegation.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

12. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund, restrictions on making

- (1) A payment may only be made from the municipal fund or the trust fund —
 - (a) if the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from those funds — by the CEO; or
 - (b) otherwise, if the payment is authorised in advance by a resolution of the council.
- (2) The council must not authorise a payment from those funds until a list prepared under regulation 13(2) containing details of the accounts to be paid has been presented to the council.

13. Payments from municipal fund or trust fund by CEO, CEO's duties as to etc.

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

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Council Policy 3.11 - Timely Payment of Suppliers

Financial Implications

Drawdown of Bank funds.

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood)	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Transactions require two senior managers to approve.	Moderate (8)	Transactions require two senior managers to sign cheques or approve bank transfers.
Financial Impact	Reduction in available cash.	Moderate (5)	Nil
Service Interruption	Nil	Nil	Nil
Compliance	Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996	Moderate (6)	Adherence to statutory requirements
Reputational	Non or late payment of outstanding invoices and/or commitments	Moderate (9)	Adherence to Timely Payment of Suppliers Policy
Property	Nil	Nil	Nil
Environment	Nil	Nil	Nil

Risk Matrix						
Consequence Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
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Almost Certain	5	Moderate (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Extreme (20)	Extreme (25)
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Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

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Moved Cr Bradford/Seconded Cr Stephen

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 - **20613.1 to 20623.15 totalling \$36,288.21**
- **Trust Fund - Cheque 41389 totalling \$500.00**

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CARRIED (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

10.2.2 Financial Reports - July 2026

File Reference	8.2.3.2
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Author	Travis Prue - Finance Manager
Attachments	Financial Reports

Purpose of Report

For Council to receive and endorse the financial statements for the month ended 31 July 2026.

Background

Enclosed for Council's information are the monthly financial statements and associated reports that detail Council's financial position as at 31 July 2026.

Comment

Council's closing funding surplus for the month ended 31 July 2026 was \$6,118,426 with cash on hand of \$20,693,223 including \$14,999,448 of restricted reserves.

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

34. Financial activity statement required each month (Act s. 6.4)

(1A) In this regulation —

committed assets means revenue unspent but set aside under the annual budget for a specific purpose.

(1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d), for that month in the following detail —

- (a) annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c); and
- (b) budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
- (c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
- (d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and

- (e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.
- (2) Each statement of financial activity is to be accompanied by documents containing —
 - (a) an explanation of the composition of the net current assets of the month to which the statement relates, less committed assets and restricted assets; and
 - (b) an explanation of each of the material variances referred to in sub regulation (1)(d); and
 - (c) such other supporting information as is considered relevant by the local government.
- (3) The information in a statement of financial activity may be shown —
 - (a) according to nature and type classification; or
 - (b) by program; or
 - (c) by business unit.
- (4) A statement of financial activity, and the accompanying documents referred to in sub regulation (2), are to be —
 - (a) presented at an ordinary meeting of the council within 2 months after the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
 - (b) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.
- (5) Each financial year, a local government is to adopt a percentage or value, calculated in accordance with the AAS, to be used in statements of financial activity for reporting material variances.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating (Consequence x Likelihood)	Mitigation Action
Health/People	Nil	Nil	Nil
Financial Impact	Risk of misstatement of Council's financial position	Moderate (4)	Multiple redundant oversight mechanisms for financial statements and associated operations
Service Interruption	Nil	Nil	Nil
Compliance	LG (Financial Management) Regulations 1996	Moderate (6)	Adherence to statutory requirements
Reputational	Nil	Nil	Nil
Property	Nil	Nil	Nil
Environment	Nil	Nil	Nil

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

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

112/2026

Moved Cr Bradford/Seconded Cr Rose

That Council endorse the financial statements for the month ended 31 July 2026.

CARRIED (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

Unconfirmed

11.3 Reporting Officer - Executive Manager Infrastructure

11.3.1 Route Determination - Cramphorne Road PBSTD3B.3

Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Author	Glen Brigg - Executive Manager Infrastructure
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of Report

To seek Council's consideration of a request from Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS) to add Cramphorne Road, SLK 0.00 to SLK 24.27, to the PBSTD3B.3 Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network.

Background

Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services has received an application from MASON Enterprises (WA) Pty Ltd seeking a Route Determination to add Cramphorne Road, SLK 0.00 to SLK 24.27, to the PBSTD3B.3 Restricted Access Vehicle Network.

Level 3B		≤42.0 m	141.0t	Level 1	PBS TD3B.1
			147.0t	Level 2	PBS TD3B.2
			153.0t	Level 3	PBS TD3B.3

Cramphorne Road is currently approved for high productivity heavy vehicle access, including RAV Network 7.3 combinations, and is approved at AMMS Level 3.

Tandem Drive Category 7 RAVs				
Category	Vehicle Description	Length	Max. Mass	Approved Network
7A	AB-Triple (Prime Mover, Semi-trailer & B-Double) 	>27.5 m ≤36.5 m	115 t	Tandem Drive Network 7
7B	BA-Triple (B-Double & Dog Trailer) 	>27.5 m ≤36.5 m	115 t	Tandem Drive Network 7

The proposed PBSTD3B.3 Route Determination would permit access by Performance Based Standards (PBS) combinations up to approximately 42 metres in length.

Following a request from the Shire for further information regarding the proposed freight task, the applicant advised that the intended operation is primarily the transport of grain to CBH Merredin during the annual harvest period.

The applicant advised that the estimated grain freight task is approximately 5,000 tonnes per annum, with approximately three loaded movements per day, generally operating from approximately 25 October to 5 January.

As part of its assessment, HVS has also considered the Cramphorne Road/Merredin, Narembeen Road intersection and advised that the existing 36.5 metre prescriptive combinations and Level 3 PBS combinations are able to negotiate the intersection lane correct.

HVS has subsequently advised of changes to the Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS), including the introduction of a Network Sustainability Condition (NS1). Where NS1 is applied to a road approved for AMMS Level 2 or 3, the process provides for the Road Manager to determine whether a Road Maintenance Agreement is required for a particular transport task.

Comment

Cramphorne Road is already approved for high productivity heavy vehicle access, including RAV Network 7.3 combinations. The proposed PBSTD3B.3 combination does not represent a significant change in vehicle configuration when compared with heavy vehicle combinations already permitted to operate on the road.

On this basis, there is considered to be limited justification for restricting PBSTD3B.3 access on Cramphorne Road solely to the annual grain harvest period. Full, time PBSTD3B.3 access on Cramphorne Road is therefore considered supportable, subject to the road continuing to meet the applicable HVS requirements.

HVS has recently revised the Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS) to introduce a Network Sustainability Condition (NS1) for roads approved for AMMS Level 2 and 3 concessional mass limits. The condition may be applied at the request of the Road Manager and provides a mechanism for the Shire to determine whether a Road Maintenance Agreement is required for a particular transport task.

HVS has confirmed that where a Road Maintenance Agreement is considered necessary and the relevant party fails to enter into a reasonable agreement with the Road Manager, AMMS Level 2 and 3 mass limits may be suspended or cancelled for that particular transport task.

While the current application has arisen primarily from the applicant's grain haulage requirements, the Shire is aware that the operator also undertakes lime haulage outside the grain harvest period. This may involve different transport routes and surrounding Shire roads that are not part of the current application.

The potential use of surrounding Shire gravel roads for lime haulage is of greater concern from an asset management perspective. The condition, construction standard and capacity of gravel roads within the surrounding network vary considerably. Regular heavy vehicle movements associated with lime haulage may result in pavement deterioration and increased grading, re-sheeting and maintenance requirements.

These surrounding roads have not been assessed as part of the current Route Determination and Council should not be taken to have formed a position on their suitability for PBSTD3B.3 or associated AMMS operations through its consideration of Cramphorne Road.

It is therefore important that Council's support is expressly confined to Cramphorne Road, SLK 0.00 to SLK 24.27.

Any future Route Determination seeking PBSTD3B.3 access to adjoining or surrounding Shire, controlled roads should be referred to the Shire and assessed separately on its individual merits. Such assessment should consider the proposed vehicle combination, freight task, annual tonnage, frequency of movements, road geometry, pavement construction and condition, seasonal conditions and potential maintenance and asset impacts.

AMMS Level 2 and 3 access should be considered separately through the applicable HVS Network Sustainability process, having regard to the particular transport task, freight generator, route, product, duration and likely impact on the Shire's road assets. Where appropriate, the Shire may request that HVS apply the NS1 condition. Where NS1 applies, the Shire may determine whether a Road Maintenance Agreement is required for the particular transport task.

This approach allows Council to support improved heavy vehicle productivity on Cramphorne Road where the road is considered suitable, without creating an implied approval for broader PBSTD3B.3 or AMMS access across the surrounding Shire Road network.

Statutory Environment

Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012

Road Traffic (Vehicles) Regulations 2014

Main Roads Western Australia administers the Restricted Access Vehicle Network and associated Route Determination and AMMS approval processes.

The Shire, as the relevant local road manager, is consulted by Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services in relation to proposed changes to heavy vehicle access on Shire controlled roads.

Strategic Implications

The proposal is consistent with the Shire's objective of providing a safe, efficient and sustainable local road network that supports agricultural and commercial activity.

Supporting suitable higher productivity vehicle combinations can improve freight efficiency and reduce the number of individual vehicle movements required to transport a given freight task.

The proposed approach also recognises Council's responsibility to protect the condition and long, term sustainability of its road assets by ensuring that future access to surrounding roads is assessed having regard to the particular freight task and likely asset impacts.

Policy Implications

The Shire's Assessing Applications to Operate Restricted Access Vehicles Policy applies to this application. The Policy provides guidance for the assessment of applications to add or amend roads on the Restricted Access Vehicle Network, including consideration of road suitability, network connectivity, public safety and asset protection.

The Policy provides that support for an application to amend a RAV route is a decision of Council.

Cramphorne Road is already approved for AMMS Level 3. The current application relates only to the addition of PBSTD3B.3 access and does not seek to alter the existing AMMS level.

Financial Implications

There are no immediate direct financial implications arising from supporting the Route Determination for Cramphorne Road.

Heavy vehicle access to surrounding gravel roads may, however, have significant future maintenance and asset renewal implications depending on the vehicle configuration, mass, freight task, annual tonnage and frequency of movements.

Requiring future access proposals for surrounding roads to be assessed separately provides the Shire with the opportunity to consider these financial and asset management implications before supporting additional heavy vehicle access.

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating	Mitigation Action
Health / People	Increased interaction between heavy vehicles and other road users.	Low (2)	HVS route assessment and existing road controls.
Financial Impact	Heavy vehicle use may increase road maintenance costs.	Moderate (6)	Approval limited to Cramphorne Road; other roads assessed separately.
Service Interruption	Heavy vehicle use may contribute to road deterioration.	Low (2)	Monitor road condition and undertake maintenance as required.
Compliance	Approval may be interpreted as applying to surrounding roads.	Low (2)	Clearly limit support to Cramphorne Road SLK 0.00 to 24.27.
Reputational	Community concern regarding heavy vehicle impacts on local roads.	Low (2)	Clearly define approved access and separately assess future requests.

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

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

That Council:

- Supports the application to add Cramphorne Road, SLK 0.00 to SLK 24.27, to the PBSTD3B.3 Restricted Access Vehicle Network.*
- Advises Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services that Council's support applies only to Cramphorne Road, SLK 0.00 to SLK 24.27, and does not constitute support or approval for PBSTD3B.3 access on any adjoining or surrounding Shire controlled roads.*
- Requests that any future Route Determination seeking PBSTD3B.3 access on adjoining or surrounding Shire controlled roads be referred to the Shire for separate assessment and consideration.*
- Notes that AMMS Level 2 and 3 access remains subject to the applicable Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services AMMS requirements and that the Shire, as Road Manager, may request that HVS apply the Network Sustainability Condition (NS1) where appropriate to manage the additional road wear associated with a particular transport task.*

AMENDED MOTION

Proposed by Cr Close

113/2026

Moved Cr Bradford/Seconded Cr Rose

That Council:

- 1. Supports the application to add Cramphorne Road, SLK 0.00 to SLK 24.27, to the PBSTD3B.3 Restricted Access Vehicle Network.***
- 2. Advises Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services that Council's support applies only to Cramphorne Road, SLK 0.00 to SLK 24.27, and does not constitute support or approval for PBSTD3B.3 access on any adjoining or surrounding Shire controlled roads.***
- 3. Requests that any future Route Determination seeking PBSTD3B.3 access on adjoining or surrounding Shire controlled roads be referred to the Shire for separate assessment and consideration.***
- 4. Notes that AMMS Level 2 and 3 access remains subject to the applicable Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services AMMS requirements and that the Shire, as Road Manager, may request that HVS apply the Network Sustainability Condition (NS1) where appropriate to manage the additional road wear associated with a particular transport task.***
- 5. Requests HVS to add the following conditions:***
 - a. Not to be used as a through route; only for local delivery pick-up and garaging within an area only accessible via this road. Drivers must carry documentation as proof of local delivery, pickup or garaging address.***
 - b. Access approved for the transport agricultural products and inputs only (including grain, hay, livestock and fuel).***

**THE AMENDMENT BECAME THE MOTION
THE MOTION WAS DULY PUT AND CARRIED (5/0)**

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

Reason for Amended Motion

Per the EMI's recommendation, additional conditions were added as part of Council's consent.

11.3.2 Proposed PBSTD5.3 and N10.3 Heavy Vehicle Route - Emu Fence, Threeboys, Cameron and Koolyanobbing, Southern Cross Roads

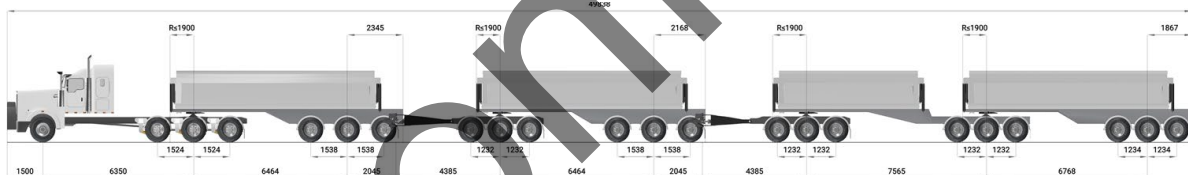
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Author	Glen Brigg - Executive Manager Infrastructure
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of Report

To inform Council of a proposed application by P&E Total Solutions Pty Ltd for Restricted Access Vehicle Network 10.3 (N10.3) and Tri Drive Network 5.3 (TD5.3) access over sections of Parker Range Road, Emu Fence Road, Great Eastern Highway, Threeboys Road, South Cross CBH Wheat Bin Road, Bullfinch Road, Cameron Road, Koolyanobbing Southern Cross Road and Dowd Road, and to seek Council's position on the proposed route.

Background

Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS) acknowledged an application from P&E Total Solutions Pty Ltd on 8 July 2026 seeking a Route Determination for Restricted Access Vehicle Network 10.3 (N10.3) and Tri Drive Network 5.3 (TD5.3) access over the roads identified above.



Road	Section
Parker Range Road	SLK 50.02 to 51.20
Emu Fence Road	SLK 39.21 to 75.93
Great Eastern Highway	SLK 365.08 to 385.06
Threeboys Road	SLK 0.00 to 2.91
South Cross CBH Wheat Bin Road	SLK 0.00 to 0.53
Bullfinch Road	SLK 2.79 to 3.06
Cameron Road	SLK 0.00 to 2.16
Koolyanobbing–Southern Cross Road	SLK 1.13 to 52.28
Dowd Road	SLK 0.00 to 1.40

In its acknowledgement to P&E Total Solutions Pty Ltd, HVS advised that the request would be forwarded to the Shire of Yilgarn for input and that the Shire would be requested to respond within a four, week timeframe.

At the time of preparing this report, the Shire has not received the Route Determination referral from HVS.

The Shire became aware of the application through correspondence provided by P&E Total Solutions Pty Ltd. Given the scale of the proposed access and the interaction between Shire controlled roads and the Main Roads network, Administration has undertaken a preliminary assessment of the proposed route rather than waiting for the formal HVS referral.

Administration has also commenced discussions with Main Roads regarding those sections of the proposed route that interface with or utilise the State Road network and has requested further information from P&E Total Solutions Pty Ltd regarding the proposed vehicle movements and intersection requirements.

Comment

The proposed route extends across both Shire controlled and Main Roads controlled infrastructure and should therefore be considered as a complete transport route rather than individual road sections in isolation.

For the route to operate as proposed, N10.3 and TD5.3 vehicle combinations must be capable of safely and lawfully negotiating all roads and intersections forming part of the route. This requires consideration of road geometry, intersection configuration, pavement condition, drainage, roadside constraints and connectivity between the local and State Road networks.

Administration has discussed the proposal with Main Roads because the route includes sections of Great Eastern Highway and Bullfinch Road and requires movements between the State and local road networks. Based on discussions to date, Main Roads has not indicated support for accommodating N10.3 and TD5.3 movements over the proposed route and associated intersections.

This represents a significant unresolved issue with the viability of the route in its current configuration. There is limited benefit in supporting individual Shire, road sections where the complete transport route cannot currently be demonstrated as capable of accommodating the proposed vehicle combinations.

Emu Fence Road

Emu Fence Road has previously carried significant heavy vehicle operations and there are existing road condition and maintenance issues associated with historical haulage activities. The suitability of Emu Fence Road for the proposed N10.3 and TD5.3 transport task needs to consider the existing condition of the road, outstanding maintenance and rehabilitation requirements, and the additional impact of the proposed freight task.

Previous heavy vehicle access does not, in itself, demonstrate that the road is suitable for the level of access now being sought.

Threeboys Road

Threeboys Road provides a connection between Great Eastern Highway and the local road network and needs to be considered as part of the complete proposed transport route.

Its suitability is dependent not only on the road itself but also on the ability of the proposed vehicle combinations to safely negotiate the Great Eastern Highway interface and the connecting local road network.

Cameron Road

Cameron Road and its intersection with Bullfinch Road have been identified by Administration as a significant constraint on the proposed route.

The existing intersection is at an acute angle rather than a conventional intersection arrangement. Existing heavy vehicle tracking indicates trailers track toward the power pole on the outside of the turn, raising concerns regarding the suitability of the existing geometry for the proposed N10.3 and TD5.3 vehicle combinations.

The intersection is also located within a Salt Lake environment with known poor subgrade and drainage constraints. Existing drainage and roadside infrastructure further limit opportunities for straightforward realignment.

Administration has requested turning templates from P&E Total Solutions Pty Ltd to demonstrate the swept paths of the proposed vehicle combinations through the intersection. Until appropriate swept path analysis and engineering assessment are provided,

Administration does not consider that the suitability of this intersection for the proposed access has been demonstrated.

Koolyanobbing Southern Cross Road

Koolyanobbing Southern Cross Road currently accommodates significant heavy vehicle, traffic, however the standard of the road varies considerably along its length.

Sections closer to Southern Cross have been upgraded, while substantial sections of the older road remain narrow and include single lane sealed pavement. Previous pavement investigations undertaken by the Shire have also identified areas of weak subgrade and insufficient pavement depth for sustained high volume heavy vehicle operations.

The Shire is progressively undertaking pavement strengthening, shoulder, drainage and other improvement, works along the road. Any additional significant freight task needs to be considered in the context of the existing condition, planned improvements and long, term management of the asset.

Complete Route Assessment

The current proposal cannot be resolved solely through consideration or improvement of individual Shire roads.

The route relies on connectivity between the Shire and Main Roads networks, including Great Eastern Highway and Bullfinch Road. Unless the complete route and these interfaces can

accommodate N10.3 and TD5.3 vehicle combinations, approval of individual Shire Road sections would not establish a viable transport route.

Any proposed road or intersection modifications should be supported by appropriate engineering assessment using the actual vehicle configurations for which access is being sought. This should include swept path assessment, intersection geometry, pavement suitability, drainage, roadside constraints and any infrastructure upgrades required.

Alternative Route

Administration does not consider that the issues identified with the current proposal prevent an appropriate heavy vehicle route ultimately being established for the Yilgarn Iron transport task.

Alternative routing may provide a more practical and sustainable solution and should be investigated in consultation with P&E Total Solutions Pty Ltd, Main Roads, HVS and the Shire.

Any alternative route should be considered as a complete transport route and demonstrate that all roads, intersections and State and local road network interfaces can safely and sustainably accommodate the proposed N10.3 and TD5.3 vehicle combinations and associated freight task.

Given the unresolved Main Roads interfaces and the road geometry, pavement and asset management concerns identified on the proposed route, Administration does not recommend that Council provide in principle support for the route in its current configuration.

This position does not represent opposition to the Yilgarn Iron transport task. Rather, it provides an opportunity for an alternative route and/or appropriate infrastructure improvements to be investigated before Council considers supporting the proposed level of heavy vehicle access.

Statutory Environment

Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012

Road Traffic (Vehicles) Regulations 2014

Main Roads Western Australia administers the Restricted Access Vehicle Network and associated Route Determination process.

The Shire, as the relevant Road Manager for Shire controlled roads, is consulted by Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services when changes to Restricted Access Vehicle access are proposed.

At the time of preparing this report, the proposed N10.3 and TD5.3 Route Determination has not been formally referred to the Shire by HVS for assessment.

Strategic Implications

The proposal relates to the provision of safe, efficient and sustainable transport infrastructure supporting mining and economic activity within the Shire.

Higher productivity heavy vehicle combinations can provide freight efficiencies; however, the complete transport route must be capable of safely and sustainably accommodating the proposed vehicle combinations and freight task.

Consideration of alternative routes and appropriate infrastructure improvements provides an opportunity to establish a long, term transport solution while protecting the Shire's road assets and maintaining connectivity with the State Road network.

Policy Implications

The Shire's Assessing Applications to Operate Restricted Access Vehicles Policy is relevant to the proposed Route Determination. The Policy provides guidance for assessing proposed changes to the RAV Network, including road suitability, network connectivity, alternative routes, public safety, physical constraints and potential impacts on Shire Road assets. The Policy provides that support for an application to amend a RAV route is a decision of Council.

The Road Construction Policy is also relevant to heavy haulage associated with mining and extractive industries and provides for consideration of the most appropriate route to a State controlled road and the fitness for purpose of the affected roads.

The recommendation is consistent with these policies by requiring the proposed transport route, including alternative routing where appropriate, to be demonstrated as suitable before Council provides support.

Financial Implications

The proposed transport task has the potential to increase road maintenance, rehabilitation and renewal requirements.

The extent of these costs will depend on the final transport route, vehicle configurations, operating masses, freight volumes and condition of the affected roads.

Any alternative route or infrastructure upgrade proposal should identify the works required to accommodate the proposed transport task and responsibility for funding those works.

Where AMMS Level 2 or 3 access is proposed, the applicable HVS Network Sustainability process provides a separate mechanism for consideration of additional pavement wear and whether a Road Maintenance Agreement is required.

Risk Implications

Risk Category	Description	Rating	Mitigation Action
Health / People	Current route and intersections may not safely accommodate the proposed vehicles.	Moderate (6)	Do not support current route, require engineering assessment.
Financial Impact	Heavy haulage may increase road maintenance and renewal costs.	Moderate (6)	Assess route impacts and upgrade requirements before support.
Service Interruption	Heavy haulage may accelerate road deterioration.	Moderate (6)	Identify a suitable route and required improvements.
Compliance	Proposed route may not satisfy RAV access requirements.	Low (4)	Require complete route and swept path assessment.
Reputational	Supporting an unsuitable route may create community or industry concern.	Low (4)	Establish a clear Council position and consider alternatives.
Property	Roadside infrastructure may require modification.	Low (2)	Identify requirements through engineering design.

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

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

114/2026

Moved Cr Stephen/Seconded Cr Bradford

That Council:

- 1. Notes that Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services has acknowledged an application from P&E Total Solutions Pty Ltd for Restricted Access Vehicle Network 10.3 (N10.3) and Tri Drive Network 5.3 (TD5.3) access over the proposed transport route identified in this report; however, the application has not been formally referred to the Shire for assessment.**
- 2. Does not provide in principle support for the proposed N10.3/TD5.3 transport route in its current configuration, having regard to identified road geometry, intersection, pavement and asset management concerns and the unresolved interfaces with the Main Roads Western Australia road network.**
- 3. Advises P&E Total Solutions Pty Ltd that Council is prepared to consider an alternative transport route and or appropriate road and intersection upgrades capable of safely and sustainably accommodating the proposed N10.3/TD5.3 vehicle combinations and freight task.**
- 4. Requests that any revised route be developed in consultation with Main Roads Western Australia, Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services and the Shire of Yilgarn and include appropriate engineering assessment demonstrating that the complete transport route, including all intersections and State and local road network interfaces, can accommodate the proposed N10.3/TD5.3 vehicle combinations.**

CARRIED (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

12. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Close sought a leave of absence for the September Ordinary Council Meeting

115/2026

Moved Cr Guerini/Seconded Cr Rose

That Council granted Cr Close a leave of absence for the September Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

13. MOTIONS FOR WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

14. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

Nil.

Unconfirmed

15. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 5.23

- (2) Despite subsection (1), if any of the following matters is to be dealt with at a meeting, the council or committee must close the meeting to members of the public to the extent necessary to ensure that the matter is dealt with at the meeting on a confidential basis —
 - (b) a matter relating to the recruitment or employment of the CEO or a senior employee, including the following —
 - (i) the termination of employment;
 - (ii) a review of performance under section 5.38;
- (4) Despite subsection (1), if any of the following information is to be dealt with at a meeting, the council or committee may close the meeting to members of the public to the extent necessary to ensure that the information is dealt with at the meeting on a confidential basis —
 - (a) legal advice, or other information, over which the local government holds legal professional privilege;

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

116/2026

Moved Cr Guerini/Seconded Cr Rose

That Council close the meeting to public, under Sections 5.23(2)(b) and 5.23(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995, so that is can discuss the terms of the CEO's employment.

CARRIED (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

C Watson, T Prue, P McBain, A Peters and J Kent left the chambers at 5:58pm.

15.1 Chief Executive Officer 2026-2027 KPIs

File Reference	8.2.1.2
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Author	Ben Forbes - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	CEO Key Performance Indicators, August 2026

Purpose of Report

For Council to consider and endorse the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) proposed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

117/2026

Moved Cr Rose/Seconded Cr Stephen

That Council endorse the attached list of Key Performance Indicators for the Chief Executive Officer for the 12 months ending August 2027.

CARRIED (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

16. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 - Section 5.23

- (8) If a decision is made to close a meeting to members of the public under subsection (2), (3) or (4), the following must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting —
- (a) the decision
 - (b) the subsection under which the decision is made and, if that subsection is subsection (2) or (4), the paragraph of that subsection under which the decision is made;
 - (c) if the provision recorded under paragraph (b) is subsection (2)(c) or (4)(g) — the applicable regulation (including any applicable sub regulation or paragraph)
 - (d) if the provision recorded under paragraph (b) is subsection (2)(d) or (4)(h) — a statement that a direction was given under section 5.23AA (1) or (2) (as the case requires)
 - (e) an explanation of how the matter or information to which the decision relates falls within the scope of the provision recorded under paragraph (b);
 - (f) a summary of the steps taken to ensure that the closure to members of the public is for no longer than required or authorised under the provision recorded under paragraph (b);
 - (g) any prescribed information.

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

118/2026

Moved Cr Bradford/Seconded Cr Rose

That the Ordinary Meeting of Council be re-opened to the public.

CARRIED (5/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

C Watson, T Prue, P McBain, A Peters and J Kent returned to the chambers at 6:02pm.

Following the meeting being re-opened to the public, the Presiding Member read aloud the resolution of Council for the confidential items considered.

17. CLOSURE

As there was no further business to discuss, the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 6:04pm.

I, Bryan Close, confirm the above Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 20 August 2026, are confirmed on Thursday 17 September 2026 as true and correct record of the August 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Cr Bryan Close
SHIRE PRESIDENT

Unconfirmed



AGENDA

**Special Meeting of
Council**

27 July 2026

Shire of Yilgarn NOTICE OF MEETING



Dear Elected Members and member of the public, per Section 5.5(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* please be advised that a special meeting of Council will be held as follows:

Special Meeting of Council

Location

Council Chambers

23 Antares Street, Southern Cross

Monday, 27th July 2026, commencing at 5:00pm

Purpose

Adoption of the annual budget for the year ended 30 June 2027.


Ben Forbes
Chief Executive Officer

23/07/2026

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RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Guidelines for Elected Members

Introduction

Elected members have a unique and pivotal role within the local government and the community. They represent the interests of electors, residents and ratepayers, participate in local government decision making at council and committee meetings, and facilitate communication between the community and the Council.

The State Records Commission policy regarding the records of local government elected members requires the creation and retention of records of the:

"...communications and transactions of elected members which constitute evidence affecting the accountability of the Council and the discharge of its business."

This policy applies regardless of a record's format or where it was received.

Under the *Local Government Act 1995*, the CEO of a local government is responsible for ensuring that all records of that local government are kept in accordance with relevant legislation. Accurately created and managed records provide reliable, legally verifiable evidence of decisions and actions.

Records created or received by elected members that relate to local government business must be captured as part of the local government's corporate memory in accordance with the local government's Recordkeeping Plan.

1 What is a record?

A **record** can be defined as any record of information, in any medium, including letters, files, emails, word processed documents, databases, photographs, text messages, and social media posts relevant to the business of the organization.

Government records are those records created or received by a government organization, or by an employee or contractor in the course of their work for that organization.

2 Why do I need to keep records?

Records provide evidence of what an organization has done, and why. Keeping records of business activity enables an organization to account for its actions, meet legislative requirements, and make informed and consistent decisions.

Government records include:

- Correspondence and communications
- File notes made after verbal communications, meetings, phone calls etc.

- Video and audio recordings
- Photographs
- Email
- Social Media posts (e.g. Facebook, Twitter)
- Databases
- Websites
- Messages from Apps (e.g. WhatsApp, Messenger)
- TXT messages

When to create and capture a record:

- Information is related to council business
- An action is required
- A decision or commitment is made
- Business need: for future reference by yourself or others
- Historical: identifies Council activity over time.

3 Which records should be captured?

YES – forward to your local government administration
Communications , such as: • complaints and compliments • correspondence concerning corporate matters • submissions, petitions and lobbying • information for Council's interest relating to local government business activity and functions
Lobbying – correspondence or petitions, relating to lobbying matters
Telephone, meetings and other verbal conversations – regarding local government projects or business activities
Social Media – where the posts: • create interest from the public or media • communicate decisions or commit the local government to an action • seek feedback • address issues of safety, and/or • relate to sensitive or contentious issues
Work diaries / Appointment books – containing information that may be significant to the conduct of the elected member on behalf of the local government
Allowances, benefits and gifts records
Addresses / Speeches / Presentations – delivered as part of an elected member's official duties

NO – do not need to be forwarded to your local government
Duplicate copies – of Council meeting agenda, minutes and papers
Draft documents or working papers – which are already captured at the local government
Publications – such as newsletters, circulars and journals
Invitations – to community events where an elected member is <i>not</i> representing Council or the local government
Telephone, meetings and other verbal conversations which: - convey routine information only; or - do not relate to local government business or functions
Electioneering – or party-political information
Personal records – not related to an elected member's official duties

4 Confidential Documents / Records

Records held within an information management system (IMS) or on hard copy files can be restricted so that only the appropriate officers can access them. If the elected member believes that some of the documentation required for capture into the IMS is of a highly sensitive or confidential nature, the Elected Member should advise the CEO to treat the information as confidential and restrict access to those records.

5 What do I do with records once they are created?

Records of business activity should be entered into Councils official recordkeeping system by forwarding them to Councils Administrative Services Officer (ASO) for processing, confidential records should be forwarded to the CEO.

By doing this, records relating to particular work matters are kept together and are available for all relevant staff to refer to

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5:00pm.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

Nil.

3. ATTENDANCE

Members	Cr B Close	Shire President
	Cr G Guerini	Deputy Shire President
	Cr B Bradford	Councillor
	Cr L Granich	Councillor
	Cr D Newbury	Councillor
	Cr L Rose	Councillor
	Cr D Steven	Councillor
Council Officers	B Forbes	Chief Executive Officer
	C Watson	Executive Manager Corporate Services
	G Brigg	Executive Manager Infrastructure
	T Prue	Finance Manager

Apologies:

Observers:

Leave of Absence:

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

6.1 Reporting Officer - Executive Manager Corporate Services

6.1.1 Adoption of the Budget for the Year Ended 30 June 2027

File Reference	8.2.5.3
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority
Author	Cameron Watson - Executive Manager Corporate Services
Attachments	Annual budget for the year ended 30 June 2027 2027 Schedule of Fees and Charges

Purpose of Report

For Council to review and endorse the reports and schedules comprising the annual budget for the year ended 30 June 2027, including the:

- schedule of fees and charges
- rate in the dollar and minimum rates for different rating categories
- interest and administration charges on rates paid via instalments
- interest on overdue rates
- instalment option due dates
- early payment discount terms
- Council's materiality threshold for financial reporting
- Councillor sitting fees.

Background

The budget has been prepared based on the principles contained in Council's Strategic Community Plan following extensive internal reviews and consultations with Council, culminating in a final budget workshop between Council and management held on the 3rd of July 2026.

The 2027 budget includes a 2.5% increase in budgeted rate revenue from the previous financial year. Due to continually rising land and property values, the Rate in the Dollar for various categories has been set at a lower amount to achieve the desired revenue outcomes, though individual owners may see different results based on the valuation movements of their landholdings.

For context, unimproved land valuations, which are the basis for rating rural and mining land, have seen the following increases from the 2026 financial year:

- UV Rural - 13.33%
- UV Mining - 1.49%.

As Council rates the 'UV - Mining' category more than 50% higher than the next UV rating category, Council was obliged to consult with ratepayers as part of obtaining the necessary Ministerial Approval. Council's proposed differential rating strategy advertising closed on the 25th of May 2026 with no submissions being received.

Comment

The budget has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and *Australian Accounting Standards*.

Noting the aforementioned movements in land values, the below table demonstrates the achievement of the desired 2.5% increase in rate revenue overall, noting the movements in the rate in the dollar from the 2026 to 2027 financial years.

Land Category	Rate in the Dollar		Rates Raised 2026/27	Rates Raised 2025/26	\$ Increase/ (Decrease)	% Increase/ (Decrease)
	2026/27	2025/26	\$	\$		
<u>General Rate</u>						
GRV - Residential / Industrial	9.1117	8.9291	404,468	394,593	9,875	2.50%
GRV - Commercial	8.3132	7.9996	85,781	83,687	2,094	2.50%
GRV - Minesites	16.3880	15.9882	83,530	81,492	2,038	2.50%
GRV - Single Persons Quarters	16.3880	15.9882	131,703	128,490	3,213	2.50%
UV - Rural	1.0468	1.1567	2,295,617	2,239,627	55,990	2.50%
UV - Mining Tenements	15.1180	15.2183	1,968,315	1,919,560	48,755	2.54%
<u>Minimum General Rate</u>						
GRV - Residential / Industrial	\$600	\$600	78,600	81,000	(2,400)	
GRV - Commercial	\$450	\$450	7,200	6,300	900	
GRV - Minesites	\$450	\$450	450	450	-	
GRV - Single Persons Quarters	\$450	\$450	900	900	-	
UV - Rural	\$450	\$450	21,150	20,250	900	
UV - Mining Tenements	\$450	\$450	106,200	103,050	3,150	

Service charges for sewerage and fees and charges for household rubbish collection charges remain unchanged, and can be located in the attached schedule of fees and charges.

The 2027 budget includes capital expenditure totalling \$13.545m, being made up of:

Land and Buildings	\$2,214,561
Furniture and Equipment	\$112,900
Plant and Equipment	\$1,533,000
Infrastructure - Roads and Footpaths	\$8,164,589
- Parks and Ovals	\$156,134
- Sewerage	\$28,000
- Aerodromes	\$1,100,000
- Other	\$236,250

Budgeted non-operating grant income (grant funding for capital expenditure) includes:

Roads to Recovery	\$1,722,703
Regional Road Group	\$1,419,182
Commodity Route	\$200,000
Main Roads WA Direct Grant	\$588,167
Road User Rehabilitation Contribution	\$1,000,000

Budgeted operating grant income (grant funding not for capital expenditure) includes:

Federal General Grant Funding	\$480,582
Federal Untied Road Grant Funding	\$380,248

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

6.2. *Local government to prepare annual budget*

(1) *During the period from 1 June in a financial year to 31 August in the next financial year, or such extended time as the Minister allows, each local government is to prepare and adopt*, in the form and manner prescribed, a budget for its municipal fund for the financial year ending on the 30 June next following that 31 August.*

** Absolute majority required.*

(2) *In the preparation of the annual budget the local government is to have regard to the contents of the plan for the future of the district made in accordance with section 5.56 and to prepare a detailed estimate for the current year of —*

- (a) the expenditure by the local government; and*
- (b) the revenue and income, independent of general rates, of the local government; and*
- (c) the amount required to make up the deficiency, if any, shown by comparing the estimated expenditure with the estimated revenue and income.*

(3) *For the purposes of subsections (2)(a) and (b) all expenditure, revenue and income of the local government is to be taken into account unless otherwise prescribed.*

(4) *The annual budget is to incorporate —*

- (a) particulars of the estimated expenditure proposed to be incurred by the local government; and*
- (b) detailed information relating to the rates and service charges which will apply to land within the district including —*
 - (i) the amount it is estimated will be yielded by the general rate; and*
 - (ii) the rate of interest (if any) to be charged by the local government on unpaid rates and service charges; and*
- (c) the fees and charges proposed to be imposed by the local government; and*
- (d) the particulars of borrowings and other financial accommodation proposed to be entered into by the local government; and*
- (e) details of the amounts to be set aside in, or used from, reserve accounts and of the purpose for which they are to be set aside or used; and*
- (f) particulars of proposed land transactions and trading undertakings (as those terms are defined in and for the purpose of section 3.59) of the local government; and*
- (g) such other matters as are prescribed.*

(5) *Regulations may provide for —*

- (a) the form of the annual budget; and*

- (b) the contents of the annual budget; and
(c) the information to be contained in or to accompany the annual budget.

Strategic Implications

Council's budget has been developed based on the current Community Strategic Plan and informing strategies, and is the foundational document for the completion of the projects and initiatives each financial year.

Policy Implications

There are no Council Policies directly associated with the adoption of the budget, though the resulting expenditure may relate to one or more Council Policies.

Financial Implications

Council's budget governs all expenditure incurred throughout the financial year, pending any subsequent amendments by Council. As detailed in the Statement of Financial Activity in the attached budget report, the proposed budget is balanced (achieves a \$0.00 surplus by 30 June 2027) meaning all funds not specifically set aside in a reserve for future purposes are budgeted to be used in the current year.

Risk Implications

<i>Risk Category</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Rating (Consequence x Likelihood)</i>	<i>Mitigation Action</i>
<i>Health/People</i>	<i>Service delivery benefits the residents of the district.</i>	<i>Moderate (6)</i>	<i>Community Strategic Planning process.</i>
<i>Financial Impact</i>	<i>Funding deficit leads to cuts in service level provision.</i>	<i>Moderate (9)</i>	<i>Maintain adequate reserve funds for high-risk services such as sewers and waste disposal sites.</i>
<i>Service Interruption</i>	<i>Variable from minor inconvenience to significant health issue.</i>	<i>High (12)</i>	<i>For high-risk services such as sewerage and transport infrastructure, continue to maintain to a suitable standard.</i>
<i>Compliance</i>	<i>Local Government Act 1995 and applicable Regulations</i>	<i>Low (1)</i>	<i>Nil</i>
<i>Reputational</i>	<i>Service delivery not meeting community expectations.</i>	<i>Moderate (9)</i>	<i>Ensure services are adequately resourced.</i>
<i>Property</i>	<i>Various significant community buildings identified.</i>	<i>Moderate (6)</i>	<i>Ensure buildings are adequately maintained and resourced.</i>
<i>Environment</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil.</i>

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

Officer Recommendation 1

GENERAL AND MINIMUM RATES, INSTALMENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

1. For the purpose of yielding the deficiency disclosed by the Municipal Fund Budget adopted at Resolution 9 below, that Council pursuant to sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995, impose the following differential general rates in the dollar and minimum payments on Gross Rental Value (GRV) and Unimproved Values (UV):

General Rate

<u>Category</u>	<u>Rate in the Dollar</u>
GRV - Residential / Industrial	9.1117
GRV - Commercial	8.3132
GRV - Minesites	16.3880
GRV - Single Persons Quarters	16.3880
UV - Rural	1.0468
UV - Mining Tenements	15.1180

Minimum Payments

<u>Category</u>	<u>Minimum Rate</u>
GRV - Residential / Industrial	\$600
GRV - Commercial	\$450
GRV - Minesites	\$450
GRV - Single Persons Quarters	\$450
UV - Rural	\$450
UV - Mining Tenements	\$450

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

Single Full Payment:

- ***Full payment due date - Friday, 18th September 2026***

Payment by Two Instalments:

- ***First instalment due date - Friday, 18th September 2026***
- ***Second instalment due date - Wednesday, 20th January 2027***

Payment by Four Instalments:

- ***First instalment due date - Friday, 18th September 2026***
- ***Second instalment due date - Thursday, 19th November 2026***
- ***Third instalment due date - Wednesday, 20th January 2027***
- ***Fourth instalment due date - Tuesday, 23rd March 2027***

3. Pursuant to Section 6.46 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council offers a discount of 5% to ratepayers who have paid their rates in full, including arrears, waste and service charges, within 35 days of the issue date of the rate notice.

4. Pursuant to Section 6.45(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 67 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council adopts an instalment administration charge where the owner has elected to pay rates and service charges via instalments at a rate of \$10 for each instalment.

5. Pursuant to Section 6.45(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 68 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council adopts an interest rate of 4.50% per annum where the owner has elected to pay rates and service charges through an instalment option.

6. Pursuant to Section 6.51(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 70 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council adopts an interest rate of 11% for all overdue rates and service charges, including the costs of proceedings to recover such charges.

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority Required

Officer Recommendation 2

SEWERAGE RATES AND CHARGES

That Council impose the following Sewerage Rates and Charges under Section 41 of the Health Act 1911, on a per annum basis to cover the cost of the service in Southern Cross and Marvel Loch:

1. Southern Cross Sewerage Scheme Charge (Residential/Industrial):

7.3 cents in the dollar on GRV (Residential and Industrial) properties within the Southern Cross Town-site.

- *Minimum Charge per vacant land - \$210.00*
- *Minimum Charge per residential property - \$276.00*
- *Non-Rated Class 1st Fixture - \$176.00*
- *Non-Rated Class Additional Fixtures - \$89.00*
- *Non-Rated Class 2 and 3 Fixture - \$937.00*

2. Southern Cross Sewerage Scheme Charge (Commercial):

5.0 cents in the dollar on GRV (Commercial) properties within the Southern Cross Town-site.

- *Minimum Charge per commercial property - \$583.00*

3. Marvel Loch Sewerage Scheme Charge (Commercial/SPQ):

12.0 cents in the dollar on GRV (Commercial/SPQ) properties within the Marvel Loch Town-site.

- *Minimum Charge per property - \$300.00*
- *Non-Rated Class 1st Fixture - \$138.00*
- *Non-Rated Class Additional Fixtures - \$62.00*

4. Marvel Loch Sewerage Scheme Charge (Residential):

6.4 cents in the dollar on GRV (Residential) properties within the Marvel Loch Town-site.

- *Minimum Charge per property - \$300.00*

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority Required

Officer Recommendation 3

SANITATION HOUSEHOLD REFUSE - RATES AND CHARGES

That Council impose the following Sanitation Rates and Charges per for the 2027 financial year:

- *Domestic Collection per bin, per service \$340.00*
- *Commercial Collection per bin, per service \$364.00*
- *Non-Rateable Collection per bin, per service \$561.00*

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority Required

Officer Recommendation 4

ELECTED MEMBERS' FEES AND ALLOWANCES FOR 2026 / 2027

1. Pursuant to Section 5.98 of the Local Government Act 1995, Council adopts the following sitting fees for individual meeting attendance:

- ***Shire President - \$660 per Council or Committee meeting attended***
- ***Councillors - \$440 per Council or Committee meeting attended***
- ***Elected Members appointed by Council to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and CEO selection committee - \$220 per Committee Meeting attended***
- ***Independent Committee Members appointed by Council to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and CEO selection committee - \$450 per Committee Meeting attended.***

2. Pursuant to Section 5.99A of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation and 34ACA of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, Council adopts the following annual allowances for elected members:

- ***Travel Allowance***

Engine Displacement (in cubic centimetres)			
Area & Details	Over 2600cc	Over 1600cc to 2600cc	1600cc and under
Cents per Kilometre			
Travel within WA	99.01	70.87	58.37

- ***ICT Allowance***

Annual allowance for hardware upgrades and data usage - \$1,180 per Councillor per annum.

3. Pursuant to Section 5.98(5) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council adopts an annual allowance of \$13,000 to be paid to the Shire President in addition to the meeting fees.

4. Pursuant to Section 5.98A of the Local Government Act 1995, Council adopts an annual allowance of \$3,250 to be paid to the Deputy Shire President in addition to the meeting fees.

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority Required

Officer Recommendation 5

INTEREST ON MONEY OWING OTHER THAN RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

1. Pursuant to Sections 6.13(1) and 6.13(6) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 19A and 19B of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Council adopts an interest rate of 11% for any amounts (other than rates and service charges) that are more than 60 days overdue.

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority Required

Officer Recommendation 6

IMPOSITION OF FEES AND CHARGES

Pursuant to section 6.16(3) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges as presented.

Voting Requirements
Absolute Majority Required

Officer Recommendation 7

MATERIAL VARIANCE REPORTING FOR 2026 / 2027

Pursuant to Regulation 34(5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, and AASB 1031 Materiality, Council resolves that its accepted materiality to be used in financial statement reporting for the year ended 30 June 2027 shall be +/- 10% or \$30,000, whichever is the greater.

Voting Requirements
Simple Majority Required

Officer Recommendation 8

BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2027

Pursuant to Section 6.2(1) of the Local Government Act 1995, Council adopt the Shire of Yilgarn Annual Budget for the year ended 30 June 2027.

Voting Requirements
Absolute Majority Required

Council Decision

SM1/2026

Moved Cr Granich/Seconded Cr Rose

That Officer Recommendations 1 to 8 of item 6.1.1 be moved en-bloc.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (7/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Granich, Newbury, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

Council Decision

SM2/2026

Moved Cr Bradford/Seconded Cr Stephen

That Officer Recommendations 1 to 8 of item 6.1.1 be carried en-bloc by absolute majority.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (7/0)

Cr's For: Close, Guerini, Bradford, Granich, Newbury, Rose, Stephen

Cr's Against: Nil

7. CLOSURE

As there was no further business to discuss, the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 5:03pm.

I, Bryan Close, confirm the above minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 27th July 2026, are confirmed on Thursday 17 September 2026 as true and correct record of the July 2026 Special Meeting of Council.

Cr Bryan Close
SHIRE PRESIDENT

Unconfirmed

Great Eastern Country Zone Minutes

13 August 2026

Hosted by the Shire of Bruce Rock
Shire Hall, 54 Johnson St
Commenced at 9:30am

ZONE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The following items are the Zone's priority issues, as resolved at the April 2026 Zone meeting:

- Regional Health Services to include:
 - Hospitals
 - Aged Care
 - Future of Nurse Practitioner Service
- Energy, Transport and Road Network
- Regional Housing and GROH
- Telecommunications
- Agricultural Land Use
- St John Ambulance Service
- Education
- Waste Management
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1. OPENING, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1. OPENING

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:35am.

1.2. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

Shire of Bruce Rock	President Cr Ramesh Rajagopalan Cr Stephen Strange Mr Mark Furr, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Cunderdin	President Cr Alison Harris Mr Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Dowerin	President Cr Darrel Hudson Cr Robert Trepp
Shire of Kellerberrin	Cr Emily Ryan Mr Raymond Griffiths, Chief Executive Officer, voting delegate
Shire of Kondinin	Deputy President, Cr Beverley Gangell Mr Bruce Wright, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Merredin	President Cr Donna Crook Cr Paul Boehme Mr Craig Watts, Chief Executive Officer, deputy delegate
Shire of Mount Marshall	President Cr Tony Sachse
Shire of Mukinbudin	President Cr Gary Shadbolt Ms Tanika McLennan, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Narembeen	President Cr Holly Cusack Deputy President, Cr Hannah Bald Raj Sunner, Executive Manager Corporate Services
Shire of Nungarin	President Cr Pippa de Lacy
Shire of Tammin	Deputy President, Cr Tanya Nicholls Mr Andrew Malone, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Trayning	President Cr Melanie Brown Mr Peter Naylor, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Yilgarn	President Cr Bryan Close Mr Ben Forbes, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Wyalkatchem Cr Rob Lawson Kerr
Mr Tom Kettle, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

GUESTS

WALGA President Mayor Mark Irwin
Main Roads WA Mr Mohammad Siddiqui, Regional Manager Wheatbelt
Ms Vicky Eckersley, Customer Services Manager
Wheatbelt Development Commission Ms Renee Manning, A/Chief Executive Officer
CBH Group Ms Emma Haak, Planning and Approvals Lead
Mr Timothy Roberts, Specialist - Regulatory Approvals
Lumen Wheatbelt Study Hubs Ms Hannah Crute, Projects and Communications Officer
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Ms Renae Thorpe, A/Manager Water Planning, Approvals - Statewide Delivery

WALGA

Mr Sam McLeod, Manager Commercial Services
Ms Habiba Farrag, State Council Governance Officer

1.3. APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

Shire of Dowerin Cr Ashley Jones
Mrs Manisha Barthakur, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Kondinin Cr Toni Smeed

Shire of Koorda President Cr Jannah Stratford
Deputy President, Cr Gary Greaves
Mr Zac Donovan, Chief Executive Officer, deputy voting delegate

Shire of Mt Marshall Deputy President, Cr Nicholas Gillett
Mr Ben McKay, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Narembeen Ms Rebecca McCall, Chief Executive Officer, deputy voting delegate

Shire of Nungarin Cr Gary Coumbe
Mr David Nayda, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Tammin President Cr Charmaine Thomson

Shire of Westonia President Cr Mark Crees
Deputy President, Cr Ross Della Bosca
Mr Bill Price, Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Wyalkatchem President Cr Christy Petchell
Deputy President, Cr Mischa Stratford

Shire of Yilgarn Cr Donna Newbury

GUESTS

Regional Development Mr Josh Pomykala, Director Regional Development

Australia WA

Water Corporation Ms Rebecca Bowler, Manager Customer &
Stakeholder – Goldfields & Agricultural Region

Wheatbelt District Emergency Ms Shelby Robinson
Management Committee

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Hon Melissa Price MP, Member for Durack

Mr Rick Wilson MP, Member for O'Connor

Hon Steve Martin MLC

Mr Lachlan Hunter MLA, Member for Central Wheatbelt

Mr Peter Rundle MLA, Member for Roe

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We, the Great Eastern Country Zone of WALGA acknowledge the continuing connection of Aboriginal people to Country, culture and community, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Elected Members must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors and deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Zone and State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Nil.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT 'VIRTUAL HOST'

A Zone member Local Government is invited to make a short (10 minutes) presentation on what is occurring in their Local Government.

The Shire of Bruce Rock made a presentation at this meeting.

The **Shire of Dowerin** is invited to make a presentation to next Zone meeting, in November.

6. GUEST SPEAKERS

Guest Speaker Protocols

- *The main speaker or keynote address to the Zone will be generally 30 minutes with 15 minutes for questions*
- *Other guest speakers will have a time limit of 20 minutes with 10 minutes for questions.*

6.1. WALGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WALGA President, Mayor Mark Irwin AM, provided the President's Report.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Cunderdin

Seconded: Shire of Bruce Rock

That the WALGA President's Report be received.

CARRIED

6.2. SPEAKERS FOR THE AUGUST ZONE MEETING

6.2.1. LUMEN WHEATBELT STUDY HUBS

Ms Hannah Crute, Projects and Communications Officer

Lumen Wheatbelt Study Hubs provided an overview of the program and the services provided.

Noted

6.2.2. DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

Ms Renae Thorpe, A/Manager Water Planning, Approvals - Statewide Delivery

Noted

7. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Nil.

8. AGENCY REPORTS

Agency Reports Protocols

The Zone appreciates and prefers written updates (circulated with the Agenda) wherever possible. Agency representatives are invited to make brief (5 minute) remarks if the speaker wishes to provide context or a further update on a specific matter.

The Zone appreciates if time can be left for questions, typically for around 10 minutes. Briefings on a significant policy proposal or contentious topic are to be dealt with by the agency representative attending as a Guest or Keynote Speaker (item 6).

8.1. DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY REGULATION AND SAFETY

The Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety report was submitted for the Zone. (Attachment 2)

Noted

8.2. WHEATBELT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Ms Renee Manning, A/Chief Executive Officer

A verbal update was provided to the Zone.

Noted

8.3. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA WHEATBELT

Mr Josh Pomykala, Director Regional Development is an apology to the meeting.

The Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt report was distributed with the Agenda.

Noted

8.4. WATER CORPORATION

Please see the media release [here](#) relating to the announcement of the **winning bid for the GAWSS upgrade**:

WA-based Georgiou Group and SRG Global McConnell Dowell Joint Venture have secured contracts for the pipeline replacement works to deliver the \$543 million upgrade of the Goldfields and Agricultural Water Supply Scheme (GAWSS).

The upgrades will enable an additional 7.2ML of additional daily capacity across the scheme.

Works will include:

- Replacements and upgrades of 44.5 kilometres of ageing pipeline, mostly the original pipe, in the Shires of Merredin, Westonia, and Yilgarn, with new sections installed primarily below ground alongside the existing route
- Valve upgrades to improve network reliability
- Upgrades to the Binduli Reservoir in Kalgoorlie, doubling the water storage capacity

Burracoppin tank update:

- The Burracoppin tank is located in the Shire of Merredin. A minor leak was first reported a few years ago and was reported to have worsened significantly in May.
- To take the tank offline to try and fix it immediately, with no interim solution, would have impacted the 50 services receiving water from this part of the scheme.
- Water Corporation has now isolated the old tank and bypassed it with two 50-kilolitre temporary tanks installed on site to avoid water continuing to be lost.
- Permanent replacement options are currently being assessed.

Noted

8.5. CBH

Ms Emma Haak, Planning and Approvals Lead

A verbal update was provided to the Zone.

Noted

8.6. MAIN ROADS

Ms Vicky Eckersley, Customer Services Manager

Questions were provided to Ms Eckersley to Main Roads.

Noted

9. MINUTES

9.1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2026

The revised Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held on 11 June 2026 were provided with the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Cunderdin

Seconded: Shire of Trayning

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone held on 11 June 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

9.2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2026

Nil.

9.3. MINUTES OF THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 JULY 2026

The Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee meeting held on 21 July 2026 were provided as an attachment.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Nungarin

Seconded: Shire of Narembeen

That the Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee meeting held on 21 July 2026 be received.

CARRIED

9.4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 JULY 2026

9.4.1. ZONE FORUM

The next Zone Forum is scheduled for 11 March 2027, to be hosted by the Shire of Cunderdin. The Zone has expressed a strong desire for the program to be directly relevant to member Local Governments. The working theme of “***Growing the Wheatbelt in a Changing World***” provides for sessions to consider global/national trends and issues and examine how they may impact on the Wheatbelt.

The Zone’s Executive has been considering how to design the Forum to maximise impact and relevance for Zone Members, while managing costs. At its July meeting, the Executive Committee resolved to recommend a Zone-led model, with Zone members being invited to design sessions relevant to specific issues. A proposed framework of the Forum is presented below:

Session	Topic	Potential WALGA SME Assistance	Responsible Members "Session Group"	Potential Speakers/Ideas
Welcome breakfast (from 7 am)				
Session 1 (~70 mins)	Growing returns (Supporting industry and employment in the Wheatbelt - perhaps Ag, Energy, Manufacturing)	Economics	Bruce Rock, Dowerin, Kellerberrin	Relevant Ministers/Decision-makers; DPIRD (biomass etc.); Wheatbelt Development Commission; Agronomist; Interstate keynote; Energy policy specialists; success stories from local businesses
Morning Tea (10am)				
Session 2a (~60 mins)	Growing and caring (Health, Housing, and/or Wellbeing)	Community	Merredin, Kondinin, Cunderdin	DoHW; Minister for Housing; DevelopmentWA; WACHS; Rural Health West; Minister for Health; Mental Health Orgs; Minister for Education
Session 2b (~60 mins)	Growth and movement (The future of agricultural and mining supply chains)	Infrastructure	Yilgarn, Westonia, Trayning	Arc Infrastructure; CBH; Main Roads; WAPOL; Road Safety Commission; trucking companies; transport researchers
Lunch (1 pm)				
Session 3 (~70 mins)	Growing Resilience (Emergency Management and essential infrastructure - e.g. telecoms, fuel, water)	EM Community	Mount Marshall, Tammin, Wyalkatchem, Koorda	DFES; Fuel Coordinator; Community organisations; Disaster management experts; Telstra; Water Corp; Western Power
Afternoon Tea (3:30 pm)				

Session	Topic	Potential WALGA SME Assistance	Responsible Members "Session Group"	Potential Speakers/Ideas
Session 4 (~60 mins)	Growing the future (Advocacy and development for the leaders of tomorrow; community development; equity/inclusion)	Advocacy; Community	Narembeen, Nungarin, Mukinbudin	Current and former leaders (MPs, community leaders, Noongar elders, council members, member CEOs, sector legends, journalists etc.); advocacy specialists, etc.
Sundowner (5 pm)				

The Group of Zone members (including delegates and any support staff from their Local Governments) assigned to each session (the "Session Group") is therefore asked to determine and agree:

1. The format of each session - including whether it involves:
 - a. A single keynote address (with or without audience Q+A),
 - b. Consecutive presentations (with or without Q+A),
 - c. Panel discussions (with or without Q+A),
 - d. Audience workshop-style table discussions
 - e. Other content
2. The list of desired speakers for the session, with:
 - a. The intended role of each speaker:
 - i. within the proposed format (are they delivering a keynote, participating in a panel, taking audience questions, etc.); and
 - ii. particular topics or things the speaker is requested to address with enough detail for WALGA to convert into personalised email requests.
 - b. Additional/substitute speakers, with a clear order of preference, to enable WALGA to recruit enough speakers for the intended session format.

A template for this purpose has been prepared overleaf:

Template: Zone Forum Session Summary (to be fully completed by each Session Group)

Session number and topic:	[E.g. Session 1 - Growing returns – Future of grain growing and new tourism opportunities in the central Wheatbelt)]			
Format:	[Please describe – whether it involves: 1. A single keynote address (with or without audience Q+A), 2. Consecutive presentations (with or without Q+A), 3. Panel discussions (with or without Q+A), 4. Audience workshop-style table discussions 5. Other content Please describe how you would like time within the session to be allocated with as much detail as possible.]			
What key focus areas or issues do you want to explore in this session?	[Please describe the main focus of what is to be presented, and what you want the audience to come away with at the end of the session. What will the audience most like? What would be most valuable for the audience? How does the proposed format ensure the audience get the most value from this topic?]			
Proposed number of speakers and roles within session	[Describe how many speakers you would like within the session, and what you would like them to do. For example, you might specify: 1. One main keynote speaker, with one secondary speaker, followed by both participating in audience Q+A 2. Three very brief presentation followed by a panel discussion 3. Three consecutive short presentations and then a panel discussion with audience Q+A at the end 4. A facilitated workshop – including a briefing and then input from each table 5. Etc			
Requested Speakers	Who is this speaker?	What is their intended role within the proposed format (what would you like this speaker to do)?	What topics, issues, or ideas would you like this speaker to address?	Who would be the best substitute if this person is not available?
Most preferred speaker:	[Insert the name of a person]	[Are they delivering a keynote, participating in a panel, taking audience questions, etc.?)	[What do you want them to focus on? Topics to address and any subjects to avoid?]	[Insert the name of a person]
Second preferred speaker:	[Insert the name of a person]	[Are they delivering a keynote, participating in a panel, taking audience questions, etc.?)	[What do you want them to focus on? Topics to address and any subjects to avoid?]	[Insert the name of a person]
Third preferred speaker:	[As above]	[As above]	[As above]	[As above]
Fourth preferred speaker:	[As above]	[As above]	[As above]	[As above]
Fifth preferred speaker:	[As above]	[As above]	[As above]	[As above]
Sixth preferred speaker:	[As above]	[As above]	[As above]	[As above]
Seventh preferred speaker:	[As above]	[As above]	[As above]	[As above]

[To complete the template, please replace all text in square brackets]

It is proposed that each Session Group will:

1. Meet or discuss separately to develop their session no later than **the end of September** (each Session Group is to organise their own meeting, WALGA officers may be able to attend if requested);
2. Once agreed, complete and return the template to WALGA no later than **16 October 2026**;
3. Provide a brief (2 minute) summary of the proposed format at the **November Zone meeting** (which will provide an opportunity for discussion and any final refinement of the program across the sessions);
4. Liaise with WALGA and meet with the MC to finalise their session and brief speakers, etc. between **November and March**.

The session groups have been suggested based on Local Governments likely to have an interest in the topics. Delegates would be welcome to swap between sessions groups or be involved in multiple session groups, in the interest of developing the best possible program.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Trayning

Seconded: Shire of Merredin

That the Great Eastern Country Zone:

1. **Endorse the proposed Forum program design approach;**
2. **Appoint the member delegates to the Session Groups (allowing any swapping between groups by agreement between delegates);**
3. **Request Session Groups provide their completed template to the Executive Officer by 16 October 2026; and**
4. **Request Session Groups provide a summary of their proposed session at the November Zone meeting.**

CARRIED

10. WALGA STATE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

10.1. STATE COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cr Stephen Strange

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Wyalkatchem

Seconded: Shire of Mukinbudin

That the State Councillor Report be received.

CARRIED

10.2. STATUS REPORT

Noted

Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update Last Provided	WALGA Contact
13 November 2025 Zone Agenda Item 16.2 Review of the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF)	That the Great Eastern Country Zone: 1. Express its concern at the ongoing review of the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) without a timeline for completion or confirmation of the program's future structure or funding levels. 2. Request WALGA to advocate to the Minister for Sport and Recreation and the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS) for: a. Public release of the CSRFF review's scope, commencement date and expected completion timeline; b. Confirmation of the program's continuation and funding levels beyond the review period, with increases to reflect inflation, demand, and regional construction costs; c. Commitment that CSRFF will remain a merit-based, transparent, and equitable program accessible to regional and metropolitan communities alike; and d. Urgent communication of future funding round dates to enable regional local governments and community clubs to plan projects effectively. 3. Request WALGA to highlight to the Minister that the lack of certainty around CSRFF is jeopardising the fruition of regional projects vital to community wellbeing, participation, and sustainability.	In July the CITS website was updated to advise that the review of the CSRFF and CNLP is being conducted between July and November 2026 ahead of funding rounds opening in February 2027. WALGA advocated strongly for meaningful sector consultation in the review as well as further information on the impact on current and future rounds. WALGA has agreed to lead Local Government consultation on behalf of CITS in July – August, including a short CITS survey and targeted workshops. An WALGA Members survey will gather additional insights to create a robust evidence base of Local Government feedback and inform the sector-wide response to the review and broader WALGA advocacy. WALGA will continue to engage with CITS on the review, including recommending ongoing engagement with Local Governments on the anticipated updated program guidelines and reopening of funding rounds in February 2027. The sector consultation and data analysis undertaken by WALGA will inform ongoing advocacy relating to CSRFF, CNLP and community infrastructure investment. CSRFF funding has been maintained at \$12 million per annum across the forward estimates in the 2026-27 State Budget.	August 2026	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039
13 February 2025 Zone Agenda Item 14.1 WA Telstra Automatic Transfer	That the Great Eastern Country Zone requests WALGA organise a roundtable with WALGA, Telstra, Department of Fire and Emergency Services and Department of Primary Industries and Regional	Negotiations with Telstra / InfraCo and the State Government through DPIRD are continuing with the objective of implementing clear backup generator deployment	June 2026	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au

Unit Pilot Deployment Program	Development to discuss the drafting of Community Support Agents Agreement for the implementation of the WA Telstra Automatic Transfer Unit Pilot Deployment Program.	arrangements in place for the 2026/27 high threat season. Progress has been made in relation to required qualifications and training for people to connect the generators to an ATU. Significant challenges remain regarding the indemnities sought by Telstra from Local Governments and / or the State Government.		9213 2031
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11. ZONE REPORTS

11.1. CHAIR REPORT

President Cr Tony Sachse

Welcome to our fourth meeting for 2026.

The Zone Executive met on 21st July 2026. The Minutes of the meeting are attached.

The Shire of Bruce Rock are hosting and providing the 10-minute presentation today.

Special Welcome to WALGA President Cr Mark Irwin. We look forward to your address and update on WALGA business.

We also have the Wheatbelt LUMEN Study Hubs presenting today.

Thank you also to all the Agency representatives for sending in their respective reports and to those who are attending today.

Many thanks to our Executive Officer Sam McCeod and Executive Assistant Habiba Farrag from WALGA for their great support to our Zone. Thanks again to the Shire of Bruce Rock for hosting us today.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Yilgarn

Seconded: Shire of Merredin

That the Zone Chair's report be received.

CARRIED

11.2. WHEATBELT DISTRICT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (DEMC)

President Cr Tony Sachse

Natalie Bell is now the District Emergency Management Advisor for the Wheatbelt District. She is filling the role for Shelby Robinson until February next year while she is on extended leave.

The last meeting of the Wheatbelt DEMC was an Annual Exercise, on **Wednesday 6 May 2026** from **10am-1pm**. The meeting and exercise related to the consequences of a prolonged water disruption across our region, and its impacts on communities and essential services. At the time of writing the minutes for this have not yet been distributed. There is a EM Webinar scheduled for Wednesday 26th August. This presentation is by Telstra who will provide insight on their Accessible Satellite Apps.

The Wheatbelt Operational Area Support Group (OASG)/ISG is now meeting on an as needed basis.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Narembeen

Seconded: Shire of Tammin

That the Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee Report be received.

CARRIED

12. ZONE BUSINESS

12.1. MAJOR LAND TRANSACTION PROVISIONS – REGIONAL WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECTS

By Shire of Narembeen

PURPOSE

To seek WALGA Great Eastern Country Zone support for advocacy to the State Government regarding amendment of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* to provide greater flexibility for local government-led workforce housing projects undertaken for a public purpose.

BACKGROUND

Rural and regional local governments across Western Australia are increasingly being required to take a direct role in facilitating housing delivery due to ongoing housing shortages, workforce attraction challenges and limited private sector development in smaller communities.

Many local governments are now investing significant capital into workforce housing projects to support the attraction and retention of essential personnel including teachers, police officers, health professionals, emergency service personnel and local government employees.

Under the current legislative framework, workforce housing projects may become subject to the Major Land Transaction provisions contained within section 3.59 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Whilst the policy intent of the Major Land Transaction provisions is understood and supported, the provisions can unintentionally capture relatively modest workforce housing projects in regional communities.

The Major Land Transaction threshold is currently the lesser of \$2,000,000 or 10% of a local government's annual operating expenditure. For many rural and regional local governments, the applicable threshold is therefore significantly less than \$2,000,000.

For example, a local government with annual operating expenditure of approximately \$9 million would be captured at a threshold of approximately \$900,000. In today's construction market, this may equate to as few as two workforce dwellings.

As a consequence, local governments seeking to deliver housing for teachers, police officers, health professionals, local government employees and other essential workers can quickly become subject to Major Land Transaction requirements despite the project being undertaken for a clear public purpose and without any commercial profit motive.

A practical challenge is that workforce housing projects are often captured because a long-term lease is considered a form of land transaction or disposal under the legislation, notwithstanding the local government retains ownership of both the land and dwellings.

In many cases, the local government is not selling land, divesting assets or undertaking a commercial venture. Rather, it is investing significant capital and assuming financial risk to deliver housing outcomes that support essential government services and broader community wellbeing.

DISCUSSION

The current housing shortage across regional Western Australia has resulted in local governments increasingly partnering with State Government agencies and other stakeholders to deliver workforce housing solutions.

Recent examples include Government Regional Officers Housing (GROH), key worker housing initiatives and regional workforce accommodation projects being pursued by individual local governments and regional groupings such as NEWROC, ROEROC, WEROC and 4WDL.

There may be merit in reviewing the exemption provisions contained within the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* to determine whether local government workforce housing projects delivered for a public purpose should be afforded separate consideration (be exempt) from Major Land Transaction Provisions).

Any such amendment could be limited to projects where:

- The primary purpose is workforce attraction and retention;
- The housing supports essential government services or identified workforce shortages;
- The local government retains ownership of the land and housing assets;
- The project is not being undertaken for commercial profit; and
- The project demonstrably addresses housing market failure within regional communities.

Such an approach would continue to preserve transparency and accountability whilst reducing unnecessary administrative burden and supporting the delivery of regional housing outcomes.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

WALGA recognises that lack of available housing is a significant constraint for regional Local Governments. As a result, a growing number of Local Governments are increasingly compelled to provide housing to attract and retain key workers.

Further investigation may identify opportunities to reduce red tape for local governments. This may be suitable in circumstances where key projects meet pre-determined public purpose criteria.

In addition, it would be reasonable to review the value thresholds prescribed for Major Land Transactions to consider whether they reflect current property and construction values, and future market growth. While the tender threshold prescribed in the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* was increased in 2020, values prescribed for Major Land Transactions and Major Trading Undertakings have not been adjusted since 2011. Some values prescribed for exempt disposals of property have not been increased since the regulations were introduced in 1996.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Narembeen
Seconded: Shire of Wyalkatchem

That the WALGA Great Eastern Country Zone:

- 1. Supports advocacy to the Minister for Local Government and to the Minister for Planning and Lands; Housing and Works seeking a review of the Major Land Transaction exemption provisions contained within the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* as they relate to local government-led workforce housing projects undertaken for a public purpose.**
- 2. Requests WALGA State Council investigate and advocate for regulatory amendments which recognise workforce housing projects delivered by local governments to support essential services, workforce attraction and workforce retention in regional Western Australia.**
- 3. Requests WALGA engage with the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety and relevant State Government agencies to identify opportunities to reduce unnecessary regulatory barriers impacting delivery of local government workforce housing projects.**

CARRIED

12.2. RURAL HEALTH ADVOCACY UPDATE

By Hannah Godsave, Manager Community Policy

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This work aligns to [WALGA Advocacy Position 3.2.2 Rural and Remote Healthcare Services](#):

The Western Australian and Australian Governments are responsible for ensuring that all West Australians have equitable access to primary healthcare services, regardless of their location. Local Governments should not have to step in to support the provision of these services for their communities.

- 1. WALGA calls on the Western Australian and Australian Governments to address the systemic failures in the provision of rural and remote primary healthcare services, including through:*
 - a. the development and implementation of adequate, appropriate and sustainable funding models*

- b. incentivising rural and remote healthcare workforce recruitment and retention.*
- 2. Local Governments should be reimbursed for costs incurred to support the provision of primary healthcare services until sustainable funding and workforce models are in place.*

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COMMENT

WALGA continues to advocate for measures to address the cost impost borne by Local Governments supporting GP services. The [WALGA 2025 General Practice Support Survey Report](#) (the Report) identified that in 2024-25, West Australian Local Governments incurred over \$9.5 million in costs associated with supporting GP services.

WALGA is progressing advocacy efforts to advance the priorities and strategic objectives of the revised [Rural and Remote Healthcare Services Advocacy Position](#) endorsed by State Council in September 2025 across three related streams:

- raising awareness of the scale of support Local Governments are providing and that this is not a Local Government responsibility, including in:
 - meetings with State and Federal Ministers, Members of Parliament and the National Rural Health Commissioner
 - discussions with key health stakeholders including key State Government agencies
 - a submission and evidence provided to the [Commonwealth Inquiry into rural, regional and remote Medicare access and funding](#)
 - presenting at the Local Government Rural Health Funding Alliance Canberra Session in June 2026
 - sharing insights and progress with ALGA and Local Government Associations, including sharing the WALGA survey methodology to support the collection of nationally comparable data.
- calling for sector reimbursement, including the \$9.5 million per annum reimbursement fund ask within the WALGA 2026-27 [Federal](#) and [State](#) Budget Submissions
- facilitating cross-sector collaboration with health organisations to develop and advocate for sustainable service and funding model reforms that would reduce or remove the need for Local Government support and identifying opportunities to engage with the Commonwealth and State Governments' strategic reform direction.

Building on the existing partnership with Rural Health West, WALGA has brought together key health organisations to investigate practical, WA focussed alternative service and funding models. This approach also provides joint advocacy opportunities to increase the reach and impact of WALGA advocacy. The group provides a strong foundation for the development of sustainable, system-wide policy solutions responsive to the needs of communities, service providers and government stakeholders. The group includes: the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners WA, Australian Medical Association WA Rural Doctors Group, Health Consumers' Council WA, and Curtin University Medical School. The work has also been informed by input from WA Country Health Service, the WA Primary Health Alliance and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer. The work has also been informed by WALGA's discussions with the National Rural Health Commissioner in late July.

The group's findings and recommendations will be shared and tested with Members ahead of finalisation. WALGA is also considering mechanisms to support ongoing Member

engagement and collaboration on this issue, including opportunities for participation in advocacy activities.

WALGA welcomes ongoing Member engagement and collaboration on this important issue. Local Governments are uniquely placed to demonstrate the real community and human impacts of this issue, which is critical to ensuring advocacy is credible, meaningful and effective.

Noted

12.3. H5 BIRD FLU UPDATE

WALGA has prepared an item for noting, available in the [State Council Agenda](#) (item 10.6) which provides an update on WALGA's activities to support Local Government Members since the outbreak.

Noted

12.4. ZONE MUTUAL AID MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

By Catherine Feeney, LEMA Implementation Project Officer, and Sam McLeod, Zone Executive Officer

At the February meeting, the Zone agreed to a simplified process to renew and note the long standing in-principle agreement intended to encourage the voluntary provision of mutual aid between Local Government members in times of emergency and post-incident recovery. Several Zones have established similar mutual aid arrangements.

The Zone previously adopted a standing Mutual Aid Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as a non-binding framework to support cooperation between member Local Governments during emergencies and post incident recovery.

The MOU does not create legal or financial obligations and preserves CEO discretion regarding the provision of any assistance, subject to local capacity and operational priorities.

Instead of formal signing and ratification, the Zone is requested to reaffirm a general commitment to the principles in the MOU. This reaffirmation is proposed to occur prior to the high-threat season to maintain awareness and readiness.

Following the Zone's resolution, each member Local Government is each invited to endorse the principles outlined in the MOU.

The purpose of Council endorsement is to acknowledge support for the principles of cooperation and ensure broad awareness of the MOU. WALGA has also prepared a pro-forma draft Council item template for inclusion in upcoming Council meeting papers for this purpose.

Importantly, decisions regarding the provision of personnel, plant, equipment or services remain the operational decisions of the Chief Executive Officer.

ATTACHMENTS

- GECZ MOU for Mutual Aid 2026
- MOU for Mutual Aid - Draft Agenda Item Template

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Yilgarn
Seconded: Shire of Narembeen

That the WALGA Great Eastern Country Zone:

- 1. Notes and reaffirms commitment to the principles expressed in the Memorandum of Understanding for Mutual Aid in Emergencies and Post-Incident Recovery; and**
- 2. Encourages Zone members to:**
 - a. Present the MOU for the consideration of its Council; and**
 - b. Consider integrating the MOU into its Local Emergency Management Arrangements.**

CARRIED

12.5. REQUEST TO PRESENT – DEPARTMENT OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, TOURISM AND SPORT (CITS)

The Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS) is responsible for supporting and growing Western Australia's creative industries, tourism, sport and active recreation sectors. The Department works in partnership with government, industry and community stakeholders to deliver social, cultural and economic benefits across the State. CITS is interested in engaging further with Local Governments through the Zones.

For those Zones that are interested, the presentation will provide an overview of CITS, including its responsibilities, strategic priorities and key areas of focus. The session will explore the Department's role in supporting communities across Western Australia and highlight opportunities for engagement and collaboration between CITS and Local Governments. The presentation will conclude with a question-and-answer session, providing Zone members with the opportunity to discuss matters of interest relevant to their communities and regions.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Trayning
Seconded: Shire of Merredin

That the Great Eastern Country Zone supports a presentation from the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS) at a future Zone meeting and that questions be provided to the WALGA Secretariat prior to the CITS representative attending the Zone meeting.

CARRIED

12.6. CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITIES

Nil.

13. WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA

Zone Delegates are invited to read and consider the WALGA State Council Agenda, which has been provided as an attachment with this Agenda and can be found via the link [here](#).

The Zone can provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation on any of the items, including the items for noting. The Zone comment will then be presented to the State Council for consideration at their meeting.

The State Council Agenda items requiring a decision of State Council are extracted for Zone consideration below.

13.1. RETIREMENT OF ADVOCACY POSITIONS ACHIEVED BY REFORM – STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.1

By Felicity Morris, Manager Governance and Procurement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- WALGA has been undertaking a process of reviewing and updating Advocacy Positions.
- Five Advocacy Positions within Section 2 (Governance and Organisational Services) of the [Advocacy Position Manual](#) have been reviewed, with a recommendation to retire these Positions as their intended outcomes have been achieved through legislative changes.
- The Governance Advisory Group considered these positions at their meeting held on 22 July 2026 and recommends the retirement of these positions to State Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report recommends that the below items be retired from the existing WALGA Advocacy Positions Manual.

2.5.17 – Clear Lease Requirements for Candidate and Vote Eligibility

The Local Government sector supports reforms to prevent the use of 'sham leases' in Council elections, including:

1. *Requiring a minimum lease period of 12 months for anyone to register a person to vote or run for Council;*
2. *Making home-based businesses ineligible to register a person to vote or run for Council because any residents are already eligible voter(s) for that address;*
3. *Clarifying the minimum criteria for leases eligible to register a person to vote or run for Council; and*
4. *Publishing the basis of eligibility for each candidate (e.g. type of property and suburb of property), including in the candidate pack for electors.*

2.5.19 Re-Counts

The Local Government sector supports the introduction of standard processes for vote re-counts if there is a very small margin (e.g. 10 or fewer votes) between

candidates, inclusive of Regulations that specify the circumstances in which the Returning Officer must arrange for some or all of the votes to be re-counted.

2.5.27 – Annual Review of Certain Employee's Performance

Section 5.38 of the Local Government Act 1995 should be deleted, or amended so there is only a specific requirement for Council to conduct the Chief Executive Officer's annual performance review.

2.5.33 – Vexatious and Frivolous Complainants

A statutory provision should be developed, permitting a Local Government to:

- 1. Enable discretion to refuse to further respond to a complainant where the CEO of the Local Government is of the opinion that the complaint is trivial, frivolous or vexatious or is not made in good faith, or has been determined to have been previously properly investigated and concluded, similar to the terms of section 18 of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1971.*
- 2. Provide for a complainant, who receives a Local Government discretion to refuse to deal with that complainant, to refer the Local Government's decision for third party review.*
- 3. Enable Local Government discretion to declare a member of the public a vexatious or frivolous complainant for reasons, including abuse of process; harassing or intimidating an individual, Elected Member or employee of the Local Government; or unreasonably interfering with the operations of the Local Government.*

2.6 Group Ticket Voting

The Local Government sector supports the removal of group ticket voting from the Legislative Council electoral system, and supports reforms modelled on the Senate reforms of 2016.

BACKGROUND

The Governance Advisory Group currently oversees approximately 100 Advocacy Positions on a wide range of issues. As part of a comprehensive review program, the WALGA Governance team is assessing these positions to identify opportunities to streamline and strengthen existing Advocacy Positions, while also updating or retiring those that have become outdated or superseded. At the meeting held on 22 July 2026, the Governance Advisory Group agreed to recommend to State Council the retirement of the positions outlined in this report.

COMMENT

Following recent legislative changes, particularly the ongoing reforms to the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act), several positions have been identified for retirement as their objectives have been achieved.

2.5.17 – Clear Lease Requirements for Candidate and Vote Eligibility

This Position was adopted at the February 2022 Special State Council meeting.

Amendments to the Act and *Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997* have achieved the following:

- Requirement of a right of occupation for a period of 12 months prior to an enrolment eligibility claim (Section 4.32(3)).
- Occupation of a residence does not constitute occupation for the basis of enrolment, with the effect that home based businesses are ineligible, while residents are enrolled on the residents' roll (Elections r.10A(2)(a)).

- Detailed minimum requirements for leases to constitute a basis for enrolment (Section 4.23, Elections r.10A, 12B, 12C).
- The basis of enrolment eligibility (resident, owner or occupier) must be identified by the Returning Officer and included in the information that must be published about each candidate for election (Elections r.29A).

Given that all elements of Position Statement 2.5.17 have been addressed through legislative reform, it is recommended that this Advocacy Position be retired.

2.5.19 Re-Counts

This Position was adopted at the December 2023 State Council meeting.

Amendments to the *Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997* in 2025 introduced a new Part 12D, establishing requirements for mandatory recounts if the margin is less than a defined re-count threshold.

Given that the objective of the Position has now been achieved, it is recommended that this policy position be retired.

2.5.27 – Annual Review of Certain Employee's Performance

Section 5.38 of the Act has been amended to specify that the Local Government (Council) is responsible for the Chief Executive Officer's performance review, while the CEO is responsible for ensuring that the performance of each other employee for more than 1 year is reviewed.

When the *Local Government Amendment Act 2023* takes full effect, Section 5.38 will be further amended to expand on the process required for a CEO performance review and remove all references to employees other than the CEO.

As the required change has been achieved it is recommended that Position 2.5.27 be retired.

2.5.33 – Vexatious and Frivolous Complainants

This Position was adopted at the March 2019 State Council meeting.

On 1 January 2026, amendments to the Act took effect inserting a new Part 5, Division 11 – Restricting communication about complaints.

The new provisions:

- Provide CEOs with the authority to restrict communication with complainants in certain circumstances, including where the complaint has been responded to, would divert substantial resources, is vexatious, misconceived, frivolous or without substance.
- Provide a mechanism for review and oversight by the Local Government Inspector.

Considering these legislative changes, it is proposed that that Position 2.5.33 be retired, as the intent of the Advocacy Position has been substantially addressed through the Act.

2.6 Group Ticket Voting

This Position was adopted at the June 2021 State Council meeting.

Amendments to the *Electoral Act 1907* have implemented reforms that abolish group ticket voting and introduce optional preferential voting for the Legislative Council. These changes

were affected through legislative amendments, including the removal of Part IV (ss. 104–133) by the *Electoral Amendment (Finance and Other Matters) Act 2023*.

Given that the objective of Position 2.6 has now been achieved, it is recommended that this Advocacy Position be retired.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council retire the following Advocacy Positions:

1. 2.5.17 – Clear Lease Requirements for Candidate and Vote Eligibility
2. 2.5.19 – Re-Counts
3. 2.5.27 – Annual Review of Certain Employee's Performance
4. 2.5.33 – Vexatious and Frivolous Complainants
5. 2.6 – Group Ticket Voting

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Cunderdin

Seconded: Shire of Tammin

That the Great Eastern Country Zone supports the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.1 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided above.

CARRIED

13.2. CIRCULAR ECONOMY ADVOCACY POSITION – STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 8.2

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager, Environment and Waste

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A new Advocacy Position on circular economy is proposed.
- To focus future advocacy, a draft Advocacy Position was developed for sector feedback, supported by a [Background Paper](#).
- The paper identified the potential that transitioning to a circular economy has to reduce cost of living pressures, maximise use of resources and reduce a range of environmental impacts associated with the manufacture, distribution and post consumption management of products.
- The Advocacy Position was endorsed by the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its final meeting on 18 June 2026 and noted by the Environment, Planning and Waste Advisory Group at its 13 July 2026 meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

This item aligns with WALGA's Strategic Pillars:

- **Influence:** Lead advocacy on issues important to Local Government and lead policy development for the Local Government sector.
- **Support:** Anticipate, understand and respond to Member needs.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

A new policy position on circular economy is proposed:

1. *Local Government supports the principle of a circular economy and recognises its potential to:*
 - a. *maximise the value and use of resources through a products life cycle*
 - b. *minimise environmental and financial impacts associated with the manufacture, distribution and post consumption management of products.*
2. *Local Government calls on the:*
 - a. *State Government to undertake a detailed study to determine how Western Australia can move toward a circular economy.*
 - b. *Australian Government to:*
 - i. *establish and maintain a regulated product stewardship framework for products entering the Australian market*
 - ii. *set standards to ensure products are designed to be durable, reused, repaired and recycled at their highest value*
 - iii. *implement Right to Repair Legislation, including incentives, training and cost-effective insurance options.*
 - c. *Australian and State Governments to take a collaborative approach to:*
 - i. *identify and remove legislative barriers to enable more circular approaches*
 - ii. *streamline Government approvals processes and facilitate innovation*
 - iii. *embed circular procurement practices across Government*
 - iv. *support and provide incentives for recovered materials infrastructure and market development for priority materials across Western Australia.*

BACKGROUND

Circular economy is defined as 'an economic strategy that maintains the value of materials for as long as possible and ensures materials are used efficiently across all phases of their life cycle'. WALGA [submissions](#) on the review of the State Waste Strategy identified that an overall State Government position on a circular economy for Western Australia is needed, recommending that State Government, in consultation with Local Governments, develop a position and plan for a circular economy in Western Australia which includes consideration of costs, benefits and options.

WALGA's [submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Opportunities in the Circular Economy](#) further highlighted priority action areas to promote circularity. This included the important role of procurement, the need for quality assurance and market development for recovered materials, specific programs and incentives to shift consumer behaviours, the Right to Repair and a mandated product stewardship framework.

A defined circular economy position and plan is required to back up the vision and identify the role of each sector in achieving a circular economy, both nationally and in Western Australia. There has been only limited discussion outside of the waste management context on what a circular economy is and its potential.

COMMENT

In April 2026, WALGA released the [Circular Economy Advocacy Position Background Paper](#). The Paper outlines that transitioning to a circular economy has the potential to reduce cost of living pressures, maximise use of resources and reduce a range of environmental impacts associated with the manufacture, distribution and post consumption management of products.

In drafting the draft Circular Economy Advocacy Position, WALGA drew on international, national and local circular economy policies and activities to identify the barriers and opportunities to move toward a circular economy in WA. The Advocacy Position outlines the actions needed from all levels of Government to change legislation and policies where required, put in place relevant incentives and lead by example.

Consultation on the Paper and draft Advocacy Position was carried out from 20 April to 15 May 2026. Responses were received from 10 Local Governments, five Metropolitan and five Regional. Of the submissions received, eight supported the Advocacy Position without amendments and two supported the Advocacy Position with minor suggested changes, which have been incorporated.

WALGA updated the Advocacy Position following feedback from the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 18 June 2026 meeting. The Advocacy Position was noted by the Environment, Planning and Waste Advisory Group at its 13 July 2026 meeting.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse the following new Circular Economy Advocacy Position:

1. *Local Government supports the principle of a circular economy and recognises its potential to:*
 - a. *maximise the value and use of resources through a products life cycle; and*
 - b. *minimise environmental and financial impacts associated with the manufacture, distribution and post consumption management of products.*
2. *Local Government calls on the:*
 - a. *State Government to undertake a detailed study to determine how Western Australia can move toward a circular economy.*
 - b. *Australian Government to:*
 - i. *establish and maintain a regulated product stewardship framework for products entering the Australian market;*
 - ii. *set standards to ensure products are designed to be durable, reused, repaired and recycled at their highest value; and*
 - iii. *implement Right to Repair Legislation, including incentives, training and cost-effective insurance options.*
 - c. *Australian and State Governments to take a collaborative approach to:*
 - i. *identify and remove legislative barriers to enable more circular approaches;*
 - ii. *streamline Government approvals processes and facilitate innovation;*
 - iii. *embed circular procurement practices across Government; and*
 - iv. *support and provide incentives for recovered materials infrastructure and market development for priority materials across Western Australia.*

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Shire of Mukinbudin
Seconded: Shire of Wyalkatchem

That the Great Eastern Country Zone supports the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.2 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided above.

CARRIED

13.3. OTHER STATE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Zone Delegates are invited to raise for discussion, questions or decision any of the items in the State Council Agenda, including the items for noting, Advisory Group Reports or the Key Activity Reports.

14. EMERGING ISSUES

14.1. PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

Shire of Koorda

Moved: Shire of Yilgarn
Seconded: Shire of Bruce Rock

That the Great Eastern Country Zone requests WALGA's advice on the resources available to Local Governments to assist in the preparation of local laws under the new Public Health Act framework.

CARRIED

14.2. COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLIES

Shire of Mt Marshall

Moved: Shire of Mt Marshall
Seconded: Shire of Dowerin

That the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee write a letter on Community Water Supplies Partnership Program and Agricultural Areas/Strategic Community Water Supply Programs on future and recurrent funding.

CARRIED

15. NEXT MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, 27 October 2026 commencing at 8:00am, via MTeams.

The next Great Eastern Country Zone meeting will be held on Thursday, 12 November 2026 commencing at 9:30am. This meeting will be hosted by the **Shire of Dowerin**.

16. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12:43pm.

MINUTES OF CENTRAL EAST ACCOMMODATION & CARE ALLIANCE INC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.00AM ON MONDAY, 17 AUGUST 2026 AT KELLERBERRIN & DISTRICTS CLUB, LOT 260 CONNELLY STREET, KELLERBERRIN

1. MEETING OPENING & DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 10.00am and welcomed all attendees, including Paige McNeil (CEO) and Ben Forbes (Shire of Yilgarn), both of whom are attending for the first time.

The Chairperson thanked the shires, Richard Marshall and Jo Trachy for their valuable input to the expansion project, especially over the last few months to ensure that all funding conditions were met within the required timeframes. The Chairperson advised that the CEACA Expansion Project was announced by Minister John Carey yesterday and released to the media. Messages from previous CEACA Executive Committee Member, Quentin Davies and Claire Comrie (Advisor to Minister Carey) were read out.

2. MATTERS

2.1 Attendance

Terry Waldron - Chairperson, Paige McNeil - Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Richard Marshall - Finance Manager (FM), Jo Trachy - Operations Manager (OM), Stephen Strange - Shire of Bruce Rock, Raymond Griffiths & Monica Gardiner - Shire of Kellerberrin, Craig Watts & Peter Madigan - Shire of Merredin, Gary Shadbolt & Tanika McLennan - Shire of Mukinbudin, Rebecca McCall & Holly Cusack - Shire of Narembene, Nic Warren & Becky Cowcill - Shire of Quairading, Ross Della-Bosca & Jasmine Geier - Shire of Westonia, Tom Kettle - Shire of Wyalkatchem, Ben Forbes & Bianca Bradford - Shire of Yilgarn. Minute Taker: Jo Trachy (OM)

2.1 Apologies

Mark Furr (Shire of Bruce Rock), Bill Price (Shire of Westonia), Robert Trepp & Manisha Barthakur (Shire of Dowerin), Ben McKay (Shire of Mt Marshall), Mischa Stratford (Shire of Wyalkatchem).

2.2 Declaration of Quorum

The Chairperson advised that the quorum for the meeting was met.

2.3 Conflicts of Interest

Richard Marshall disclosed:

- *Whilst previously the Executive Officer of CEACA Inc and currently the Finance Manager of CEACA Inc, I was and still am the Director of CEACA Limited, a public company whose sole member is CEACA Inc. CEACA Inc provides management services to CEACA Limited pursuant to an agreement executed by both CEACA Inc and CEACA Limited. My resignation as Director of CEACA Limited has been accepted, effective from 18 August 2026. My role as a Director of CEACA Limited has been considered and approved in advance by the Management Committee of CEACA Inc.*
- Stephen Strange disclosed a conflict of interest in item 3.2

2.4 Management Committee Meeting Minutes – 4 May 2026 (for approval)

RESOLUTION

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 4 May 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2.5 Action Items

- As per Action List tabled. The CEO thanked all shires for their assistance with respect to the land transfers and Development Applications, meeting the tight approval timeframes.

3. MATTERS FOR DECISION

3.1 Independent Chairperson (CEACA Inc) & Director (CEACA Limited) Advertisement

The Chairperson advised that he would step down at the CEACA AGM in November 2026. As such, an advertisement is presented for an Independent Chairperson of CEACA Inc and Director of CEACA Limited.

The CEO presented the report and draft advertisement.

- The Selection Committee for the CEACA Inc Independent Chairperson and Director of CEACA Limited, includes Stephen Strange, Mischa Stratford and Gary Shadbolt.
- The Management Committee are to decide on the remuneration package to be compensative of the workload, with an increase to 6 meetings per year for both entities.
- The new Independent Chair will be appointed at the November AGM.

Questions/Comments:

1. With respect to succession planning, GS asked the Committee to consider who will fill the role of Chairperson of CEACA Limited as his time on Council is nearing the end and completion of his 9-year term with CEACA. The FM advised the CEACA Inc Succession Plan noting the maximum 9-year term for each Member and Succession Planning is a requirement of the Community Housing Provider registration process. The Constitution states that the maximum term for a Member is 9 years but does not specify names. Names are included in the Succession Planning policy. Members were reminded that there is no requirement for a CEACA Member to be on Council and if an individual wished to join the Committee, they are free to do so if they are nominated by the Shire as the Shire's representative.
2. SS questioned why the Independent Chairperson advertisement mentions overseeing strategic planning including the expansion project. The CEO advised that the advertisement was included in the meeting pack last week prior to confirmation of the announcement. The advertisement will be amended accordingly.
3. RG suggested that allocation of duties needs to be discussed and agreed.
4. NW questioned whether 13 days to respond to the advertisement is giving applicants enough time.

Action: The CEO will amend and add another week to the date.

Action: CEACA Limited Constitution will be amended to state that CEACA Limited does allow staff members to join the Board. The Constitution will be reviewed and presented to the AGM for approval.

General discussion ensued relating to the remuneration for both positions.

RESOLUTION

It was resolved to approve the advertisement for an Independent Chairperson for CEACA Inc and Director of CEACA Limited. It was further resolved that total annual remuneration of \$40,000 per annum with travel expenses reimbursed. The appointment is for a 3-year term.

3.2 Appointment to CEACA Limited Board

Stephen Strange has submitted an Expression of Interest to join the CEACA Limited Board. If approved by the Management Committee, the appointment will be resolved at the CEACA Limited Board meeting on 18 August 2026. Richard Marshall submitted his resignation as Director of the CEACA Limited Board effective 18 August 2026. As Chairperson of the CEACA Limited Board, Gary Shadbolt thanked Richard for the enormous amount of work done during his time on the Board and wished him well.

RESOLUTION

It was resolved to appoint Stephen Strange as a CEACA Limited Board Director.

3.3 Financial Statements & Draft Budget

The FM referred to Item 3.3 - Finance Manager Report and added the following comments:

Income & Expenditure

- The accounts show a surplus of \$597,000 compared to YTD budget of \$120,000. Excluding profit from sale of properties at Greenham Street, Koorda and Second Avenue, Nungarin the surplus is \$171,000.

Balance Sheet

- Net assets are \$11.2m. Current assets include expenses of \$268,000 incurred as part of the expansion project that are recoverable from the grant funding. This includes \$91,000 + GST Early Works Payment to Modular WA that will

be deducted from the first invoice. Cash at bank of \$2.5m has increased by \$914,000 since July 1 2025, largely due to the net proceeds from the sale of Greenham St, Koorda and Second Avenue, Nungarin properties.

Cashflow

- Cash balance increased by \$914,000 during 2025/6. The positive cashflow is a function of the surplus on Income and Expenditure account for 2025/6 (\$171,000). The Expansion Project extra costs of amalgamation, strata survey and Independent Certifier will take recoverable expenditure from \$200,000 to approximately \$280,000.

Draft Budget FY27

- Income includes annual membership levies, a service fee from CEACA Limited (\$132,750) in accordance with the Affiliated Service Agreement and interest income from four Term Deposits with varying rates and terms. Based on term deposits of \$2.1m and current interest rates of approximately 5% interest received would be approximately \$100,000 if all term deposits were in place for the full 12 months. The budget assumes approximately half of the term deposit funds will be used to make CEACA's 5% contribution to the expansion project. Rental income will reduce as we have less houses. We have assumed 95% occupancy and ILU expenditure has been increased by CPI. Overall budget of \$68,000k profit.

The Chairperson advised that the next two years will be tight as we wait for houses to be built and for rental and availability payments to be available. We may have to move money over or scale back \$100,000 refurbishment fund.

Questions:

1. Expansion Project Draft Budget: SS asked if there is a line-item relating to unforeseen expenses included. The FM confirmed that there is. In relation to unforeseen costs, GS asked for the CEO to explain the surplus or buffer currently in the expansion project budget resulting from the power connection savings in Beacon. The CEO advised that \$1,155,000 was allocated in the building budget for Western Power connection and actual cost is \$66,334. Landscaping increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per house. Under bench stoves replaced for microwave/oven stacks following a recommendation from OM, inclusion of aluminium flyscreens (\$326,954) and personal access and emergency gates in Kellerberrin are yet to be costed.
2. TK asked why the legal fees for next year are reduced. The FM advised that the legal fees for the CEACA Limited project are \$40,000-\$50,000 and recoverable and CEACA Inc does not expect any legal fees.
3. CEO advised that Building Permits will be applied for by Modular WA and Shires are to invoice Modular directly.

RESOLUTION

It was resolved that the FY26-27 Budget be approved as presented.

3.4 Managing Agent (Elders) Management Authority 2026-7

The CEO spoke to the Management Authority tabled and advised that Elders working relationship remains positive. The conditions of the authority are the same as the previous year with no increase to the fees.

RESOLUTION

It was resolved that the Elders Management Authority for 2026-7 be accepted and executed by the CEO.

3.5 Governance – Policies For Review & Approval

The CEO referred to the draft policies tabled and advised that a review of the Conflict-of-Interest Policy was conducted as a result of the CHP compliance assessment, the Inter-Entity Conflict of Interest was created at the request of the Registrar because CEACA Inc is providing all personnel for CEACA Limited via the *Affiliated Service Agreement*. Leave Entitlement Policy is a new policy to guide employee's leave provision, given limited resources.

RESOLUTION

It was resolved to endorse the: CEACA-PP-011 - Conflict of Interest Policy, CEACA-PP-036 - Inter-Entity Conflict of Interest Policy and CEACA-PP-036 - Employee Leave Entitlements Policy

4. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 Chief Executive Officer Report

The CEO spoke to the report presented as per the agenda. The recording of the funding announcement was played.

Questions:

- CW asked if the focus on seniors will affect availability payments. The CEO advised that a meeting is scheduled with Housing Australia this week to discuss the Availability Payments as they involve a very complex formula.

Action Item: CEO to provide Management Committee Nomination Report and Form at the October meeting.

4.2 Finance Manager Report

The FM spoke to the report and Annexure E and added the following comments:

- Annual Financial Statements are complete. Annual audit planning meeting planned for this week, and we need to be finished by 30 September 2026 to ensure the Auditor can attend the October meeting.
- In relation to Annexure E, the FM advised that the quantum and timing of contributions from CEACA member shires and CEACA inc is being considered. The spreadsheet sets out the modular price plus contingency, less funding provided by Government equalling \$2.6m (\$1.3m CEACA Inc/CEACA Limited). In May CEACA sent a schedule to shires advising amounts to include in their budget. An invoice date has not been decided. Yilgarn as not included in Annexure E but has since received information and has been included. Planning Approval fees are to be covered by Modular. If any shires have paid this, they must invoice Modular directly.

The CEO advised that shire contributions will be needed in March 2027 when State Government funding is expected to finish and we await Federal funding.

4.3 Operations Manager

The OM spoke to their report and added the following comments:

- CEACA Inc's first CHP compliance assessment is nearly complete. Waiting on results of Strategic Planning session to update all risk documents. We can expect to receive a Draft Determination Report which will identify items to be addressed by the next assessment date. Assessments are held every 2 years but can be sooner if the Registrar feels there are items to be addressed.
- Expansion Project: CEO and OM will meet with the Department of Housing & Works to discuss management of the joint waitlist in relation to applications for future units.
- The OM and Elders have completed the first multi-unit lease/swap which meant moving a tenant from Bruce Rock to Mukinbudin to be near family, moving a tenant from Mukinbudin to a unit in Margaret Lane to be close to medical/support services, provide a unit to a homeless couple living with a disability and manage a termination to higher care. Although more work, it contributes to health and wellbeing of all parties involved.

Action Item: OM to keep a register of results and good news stories such as these for future use.

4.4 General Business

- SS asked how Randal Wells (RW) fits into the Expansion Project with respect to reporting and management. The CEO advised that Randal will be reporting directly to the CEO and working with the Project Manager from Modular WA for the duration of the project. RW has worked through pre-development stage, is now in the development stage and has a responsibility under his contract to provide reports for each milestone. RW will cover the technical part of reporting, and the CEO will address other items. A fortnightly project group meeting is held and attended by the CEO, Randal Wells, State Government and Modular. State Government representative is happy with the progress and content of the meetings.
- TK advised that the Wallambin Lodge in Wyalkatchem re-opened (7-8 beds) and there are vacancies.
- The CEO advised that going forward, the CEACA minutes are to be treated as confidential and not published.

Action Item: CEO to produce a quarterly report for Councils to keep them updated.

5.0 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Management Committee meeting adjourned at 12:08pm.

DECLARATION

These Minutes were confirmed by the Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc at the Management Committee Meeting held on _____.

Signed _____ (Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed).

Shire of Yilgarn - Council Decision Status Report 2026 Updated August 2026			
Meeting	Resolution Number	Resolution	Status
December	177/2025	A. Approve the application for a transportable structure (office, storage and ablutions) on Lot 41 (No 22) Spica Street, Southern Cross subject to the following conditions and footnotes: 1. The plans lodged with this application shall form part of this planning approval. All development shall generally be in accordance with the approved plans unless otherwise approved separately in writing by the Chief Executive Officer. 2. All stormwater from roofed and paved areas shall be collected and disposed of on-site and any associated drains and soak wells shall be maintained in a clean and clear condition. All drainage to be fully contained within the property boundaries with no water discharge into road reserve unless otherwise approved in writing by the Chief Executive Officer. 3. If the development the subject of this approval is not substantially commenced within a period of 2 years, the approval shall lapse and be of no further effect. Footnotes: (i) This is a planning consent only and the owner needs to apply for a separate building permit prior to commencing any site works or construction. For commercial development, the application needs to be certified by a private registered building surveyor and lodged with a BA1 Application Form / BA3 Certification of Design Compliance. It is recommended you liaise with a private building surveyor over the nil side setback as fire rated walls are likely to be required, due to proximity to the lot boundary.	Determination sent. Awaiting certified building application.
February	14/2026	That Council pursuant to Sections 3.18 and 3.50 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA): 1. Approves the installation of an unlocked gate on Mt Jackson Road • The intersection of Bullfinch Evanston Road and Mt Jackson Road; and • North of the Radio Gold Mine turnoff. 2. Approves installation of advisory signage stating: HIGH CLEARANCE 4WD ONLY NOT SUITABLE FOR 2WD VEHICLES USE AT OWN RISK ROAD SUBJECT TO CLOSURE IN WET CONDITIONS CHECK ROAD CONDITIONS: www.yilgarn.wa.gov.au SHIRE OF YILGARN HOTLINE (08) 94878777 3. Notes the gate will remain unlocked under normal conditions but may be temporarily secured during declared wet weather closures or emergency events. 4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to notify relevant agencies and stakeholders of Council's decision.	In progress. Signage has arrived but it has continually been too wet to install.
April	42/2026	That Council: 1. Acknowledges the commitment by the Southern Cross Golf Club to install CCTV at the Clubhouse and Buggy Shed, initially at the Club's expense in order that the CCTV is installed prior to the Club's opening day in mid-April; and 1. Council considers contributing to the above costs during its 2026/2027 Budget deliberations, in line with the Shire of Yilgarn contribution made to the Moorine Rock Tennis Club with that Club's CCTV installation.	Listed for 2026/2027 budget.
April	58/2026	That Council accepts the financial offer submitted by Minerals Resources Limited (MRL) on Thursday, 16 April 2026 in relation to MRL's obligations to make good on repairs to the Emu Fence Road once MRL had completed their haulage operations as per the Road User Agreement originally agreed and signed by MRL and the Shire of Yilgarn.	In progress - Received draft deed of assignment, assumption and release from MRL. Still in progress - item regarding these negotiations scheduled for August OCM.

May	72/2026	That Council, by Simple Majority pursuant to the Local Government Act 1995: 1. Support the continued management of freight related maintenance and pavement rehabilitation activities associated with Yilgarn Iron haulage operations on Koolyanobbing Road and Emu Fence Road. 2. Authorise the commencement of priority pavement repairs, asphalt overlays, shoulder maintenance, grading and associated rehabilitation works on Koolyanobbing Road utilising existing road maintenance budgets, with future Heavy Vehicle Road User Fee (HVRUF) revenue to supplement ongoing freight related maintenance and rehabilitation activities once available. 3. Note that no repair works associated with Emu Fence Road are to commence until settlement monies associated with Mineral Resources Limited’s (MRL) make good obligations are received by the Shire.	Partly completed. Koolyanobbing Road maintenance has been included it 2026-2027 budget. Emu fence Road is still pending finalisation of the road user agreement.
June	82/2026	That Council approve the application for the proposed outbuilding at Lot 136 (No. 61) Spica Street, Southern Cross, subject to the following conditions: 1. The development, once commenced, is to be carried out in accordance with the approved plans, unless otherwise authorised. 2. If development has not substantially commenced within 24 months from the date of approval, the approval will lapse. The term “substantially commenced” has the meaning given to it in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 as amended from time to time. 3. Complete details of the proposed external colours, finishes and materials to be used in the construction of the outbuilding are to be provided, to the satisfaction of the Shire, prior to submission of an application for building permit. The development shall be constructed in accordance with the approved details and shall be thereafter maintained. 4. Stormwater must be contained and disposed of on-site at all times, to the satisfaction of the Shire. 5. All building works to be carried out under this development approval are required to be contained within the boundaries of Lot 136 (No. 61) Spica Street, Southern Cross.	Determination sent. Building application in progress.
July	91/2026	That Council approve the application for the proposed ‘Workforce Accommodation’ at Lot 1 (No. 13) Nicholls Street, Bullfinch, subject to the following conditions: 1. The development, once commenced, is to be carried out in accordance with the approved plans at all times, unless otherwise authorised by the Shire. 2. If the development, the subject of this approval, is not substantially commenced within a period of 24 months from the date of the approval, the approval will lapse and be of no further effect. For the purposes of this condition, the term “substantially commenced” has the meaning given to it in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 as amended from time to time. 3. Complete details of the proposed external colours, finishes and materials to be used in the construction of the buildings are to be provided to the satisfaction of the Shire prior to submission of an application for building permit. The development shall be constructed in accordance with the approved details and shall be thereafter maintained. 4. All stormwater must be contained and disposed of on-site at all times, to the satisfaction of the Shire. 5. All building works to be carried out under this development approval are required to be contained within the boundaries of the subject lot. 6. Prior to the occupation of the development, all landscaping is to be completed and thereafter maintained to the satisfaction of the Shire. 7. Prior to the commencement of the ‘Workforce Accommodation’ use, a Facility Management Plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Shire. The approved Facility Management Plan shall thereafter be implemented and maintained for the duration of the use. The Facility Management Plan shall include, but not be limited to: a) the name and contact details of the owner and/or property manager responsible for the operation of the accommodation; b) a 24-hour contact telephone number for a local representative who is authorised to respond to and address complaints or issues arising from the use of the premises; c) procedures for the management of guest behaviour, including measures to minimise noise, antisocial behaviour and impacts on neighbouring properties; d) details regarding parking management, waste disposal and collection, bushfire awareness and emergency evacuation procedures and plan, and compliance with any relevant local laws; e) procedures for recording, responding to and resolving complaints relating to the operation of the Workforce Accommodation; and f) the maximum number of occupants permitted to occupy the premises at any one time. The approved Workforce Accommodation shall operate at all times in accordance with the approved Facility Management Plan to the satisfaction of the Shire.	Determination sent. Awaiting septic and building application.

July	92/2026	That Council approve the request from Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd for the construction of two temporary bulkheads at Lot 102 Bodallin South Rd, Bodallin, in accordance with the letter requesting support and the associated site plan provided, for a period not exceeding 12 months from the date that site works commence. Council's approval is subject to the following conditions: 1. Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd is to adhere to their provided indicative timeframe to the best of their ability and is advise the Chief Executive Officer of any material delays as soon as is reasonably practical. 2. Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd is to advise the Chief Executive Officer of the date that site works commence. 3. Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd is to provide confirmation to the Chief Executive Officer of the proposed date for dismantling the temporary structures, or advise that a Development Application for the two bulkheads will be forthcoming, no later than 10 months from the date that site works commence.	Determination advised. No confirmation received regarding construction being commenced as yet.
July	94/2026	That Council approve the application for the proposed outbuilding at Lot 10 (No. 50) Antares Street, Southern Cross, subject to the following conditions: 1. The development, once commenced, is to be carried out in accordance with the approved plans at all times, unless otherwise authorised by the Shire. 2. If the development, the subject of this approval, is not substantially commenced within a period of 24 months from the date of the approval, the approval will lapse and be of no further effect. For the purposes of this condition, the term “substantially commenced” has the meaning given to it in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 as amended from time to time. 3. All stormwater must be contained and disposed of on-site at all times, to the satisfaction of the Shire. 4. All building works to be carried out under this development approval are required to be contained within the boundaries of the subject lot. 5. The deep soil area for the 1 tree provided on-site is to have minimum dimensions of 3m x 3m.	Determination advised. Awaiting building application.
July	97/2026	That Council: 1. Agrees to dispose of Lot 41, Great Eastern Highway, Bodallin to SRG Global Utilities Pty Ltd (ACN 001 904 258) and McConnell Dowell Constructors (Aust) Pty Ltd (ACN 002 929 017) by way of lease for \$3,000.00 (ex-GST) per month. 2. Endorse the terms of the attached lease agreement and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor amendments to the contract as are necessary to ensure its execution by all parties, provided these amendments are immaterial.	Lease agreement executed.
August	106/2026	That Council, by absolute majority, endorse the attached Delegations Register.	Delegations updated.
August	107/2026	That Council, pursuant to section 9.49A(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1995, authorise the Chief Executive Officer and the Shire President to dually execute and affix the Shire of Yilgarn Common seal to the attached ‘Termination of Road Use (Restricted Access Vehicle Haulage) Agreement’, effecting the execution of the document as a Deed, subject to the Deed being executed simultaneously with Yilgarn Iron Investment Pty Ltd’s new Road Use Agreement.	Agreement not yet signed.
August	108/2026	Council endorse the application from Barto Gold Mining to clear 230 Ha of native vegetation on mining tenements 77/198, 77/660, and 77/702; Miscellaneous Licence 77/105 at Southern Star Project for mineral production and associated activities.	Determination Sent.
August	109/2026	Council endorse the application from Myamba Minerals Pty Ltd to clear up to 30 Ha of Native Vegetation on mining tenements M77/582, M77/545, M77/585, M77/912 and M77/911 for mineral exploration and mining infrastructure.	Determination Sent.
August	110/2026	That Council provide its consent to mine to Cygnet Gold Pty Ltd within the Southern Cross townsite boundary for mining leases M77/552 and M77/535, to the sole extent that the mining activities undertaken relate to the installation, maintenance and removal of the dewatering pipeline from Golden Pig mine site.	Determination Sent.

August	113/2026	That Council: 1. Supports the application to add Cramphorne Road, SLK 0.00 to SLK 24.27, to the PBSTD3B.3 Restricted Access Vehicle Network. 2. Advises Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services that Council's support applies only to Cramphorne Road, SLK 0.00 to SLK 24.27, and does not constitute support or approval for PBSTD3B.3 access on any adjoining or surrounding Shire controlled roads. 3. Requests that any future Route Determination seeking PBSTD3B.3 access on adjoining or surrounding Shire controlled roads be referred to the Shire for separate assessment and consideration. 4. Notes that AMMS Level 2 and 3 access remains subject to the applicable Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services AMMS requirements and that the Shire, as Road Manager, may request that HVS apply the Network Sustainability Condition (NS1) where appropriate to manage the additional road wear associated with a particular transport task. 5. Requests HVS to add the following conditions: a. Not to be used as a through route; only for local delivery pick-up and garaging within an area only accessible via this road. Drivers must carry documentation as proof of local delivery, pickup or garaging address. b. Access approved for the transport agricultural products and inputs only (including grain, hay, livestock and fuel).	Main Roads WA advised of Council resolution.
August	114/2026	That Council: 1. Notes that Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services has acknowledged an application from P&E Total Solutions Pty Ltd for Restricted Access Vehicle Network 10.3 (N10.3) and Tri Drive Network 5.3 (TD5.3) access over the proposed transport route identified in this report; however, the application has not been formally referred to the Shire for assessment. 2. Does not provide in principle support for the proposed N10.3/TD5.3 transport route in its current configuration, having regard to identified road geometry, intersection, pavement and asset management concerns and the unresolved interfaces with the Main Roads Western Australia road network. 3. Advises P&E Total Solutions Pty Ltd that Council is prepared to consider an alternative transport route and or appropriate road and intersection upgrades capable of safely and sustainably accommodating the proposed N10.3/TD5.3 vehicle combinations and freight task. 4. Requests that any revised route be developed in consultation with Main Roads Western Australia, Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services and the Shire of Yilgarn and include appropriate engineering assessment demonstrating that the complete transport route, including all intersections and State and local road network interfaces, can accommodate the proposed N10.3/TD5.3 vehicle combinations.	HVS have been notified.

4.1 Crossovers

Section:	Engineering
Date Adopted:	
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Previous Policy Number:	Engineering Policy 5.1

POLICY OBJECTIVE

To ensure that vehicle crossovers are designed and constructed to an appropriate standard that protects public assets while providing safe, practical and durable access to private property.

This policy establishes a consistent framework for the approval, construction and maintenance of vehicle crossovers within road reserves under the management of Council, including the use of with template designs, in order to:

- protect the structural integrity of roads, drainage systems, verges and other Council infrastructure
- promote consistent, practical and fit for purpose crossover design and construction
- ensure crossovers are designed and constructed in accordance with the Shire's Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings
- define the responsibilities of property owners, contractors and the Shire throughout the approval, construction and maintenance process.

POLICY SCOPE

This policy applies to all vehicle crossovers constructed within road reserves under the care, control and management of the Shire of Yilgarn.

It applies to:

- new vehicle crossovers
- replacement or reconstructed vehicle crossovers
- modifications, widening or relocation of existing crossovers
- residential, commercial, industrial and rural properties, and
- all works undertaken by private property owners, developers, public authorities and contractors.

This policy does not apply to temporary construction access, which must be specifically approved Council.

This policy does not apply retrospectively to existing crossovers authorised, endorsed or otherwise in existence before this policy was endorsed.

POLICY DETAIL

All construction, modification, widening, relocation or replacement of a vehicle crossover within a road reserve will require prior approval from Shire staff before any works commence. Where necessary to protect public safety, infrastructure, environment or utility services, conditions may be imposed upon each approval, as deemed appropriate on a case-by-case basis.

Where site conditions or operational requirements warrant an alternative design to the Templates, Shire staff may approve a variation, provided the proposed solution achieves an equivalent or better engineering outcome and does not adversely affect public safety or Council infrastructure.

Vehicle crossovers shall be designed, approved, constructed and maintained to:

- provide safe access for the intended vehicle type
- minimise impacts on other Council infrastructure
- maintain appropriate sight distances
- be compatible with the function and character of the adjoining road
- comply with the Shire of Yilgarn Engineering Specifications, Standard Drawings and any conditions of approval; and
- minimise ongoing maintenance requirements and whole of life costs.

CROSSOVER APPROVALS

Applications from private landowners are to be submitted in the approved form and include sufficient information to enable the assessment of the proposed works.

Shire staff will assess each completed application form within 30 days of receipt, with the applicant to be notified within 7 days of a decision being made. Each application will be approved or denied based on an assessment of:

- road safety and sight distance
- road hierarchy and traffic function
- the impact on other infrastructure
- existing and proposed utility services
- pedestrian access and verge infrastructure
- environmental and site constraints
- crossover location, width and intended use, and
- compliance with the Shire's Templates.

CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

Crossovers shall be designed in accordance with the Templates, or other such Standard or Industry specification as determined to be appropriate by Shire staff (with justification) in consultation with the applicant.

Each crossover approval must include:

1. The applicable construction standard
2. The condition that "all works shall be carried out in a safe and workmanlike manner and be completed to the satisfaction of Shire staff at their sole and absolute discretion"

Variations to the approved construction standards may be sought by the applicant by lodging a request in the prescribed form. Variations will be processed by Shire staff within the same timeframe as the original application.

Shire staff are to inspect crossover works for compliance and may, at any stage of construction:

1. Instruct the applicant to undertake any rectifications as are necessary to meet the approved construction standards
2. Instruct the applicant to remove unauthorized or non-compliant works or otherwise remove them at the applicant's cost should they fail to make the necessary arrangements to rectify non-compliant works within 14 days of being provided notice.

CROSSOVER SUBSIDIES

Subject to the provisions of the Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 1996, Council may contribute towards the cost of constructing one standard residential vehicle crossover.

The amount of the subsidy shall be determined by Council through the Schedule of Fees and Charges, as is endorsed by Council at the time of the completed application being made.

Any contribution by Council will be subject to:

1. The works being conducted lawfully and receiving prior written approval
2. The works being conducted in accordance with the written approval
3. Inspection of the completed works being to the satisfaction of Shire staff.

MAINTENANCE

The property owner is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of their vehicle crossover, unless otherwise determined by Council when granting approval for the crossover in question. Property owners shall maintain the crossover in a safe and serviceable condition.

Where maintenance of a crossover results in damage to Council assets, the property owner shall be responsible for the cost of reinstatement of said assets to the satisfaction of the Shire.

Where a vehicle crossover becomes unsafe or unserviceable, the Council may direct the property owner to undertake remedial works to restore the crossover to a condition in alignment with the initial construction standard.

DEFINITIONS

Applicant means the property owner or person authorised by the property owner to apply for approval to construct, modify or replace a vehicle crossover.

Crossover means the section of driveway constructed within the road reserve that provides vehicle access between the carriageway and private property.

Road Reserve means land under the care, control and management of the Shire that is reserved or dedicated for road purposes.

Standard Crossover means a crossover designed and constructed in accordance with the Shire of Yilgarn Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings.

Templates means the Shire of Yilgarn Engineering Specifications and Standard Drawings

Vehicle Crossover Permit means the written approval issued by the Shire authorising the construction, modification, widening, relocation or replacement of a vehicle crossover.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Shire of Yilgarn Engineering Specification - Vehicle Crossovers

Shire of Yilgarn Standard Drawings (YLG - CO Series)

Council Schedule of Fees and Charges

Asset Management Policy

Road Construction Policy (where applicable)

LEGISLATIVE & INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS REFERENCES

Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 1996

Austrroads Guide to Road Design (current edition)

Austrroads Guide to Traffic Management (current edition), where applicable

Australian Standards (current editions)

WALGA Guidelines and Specifications for Residential Crossovers

Main Roads Western Australia Standards and Guidelines

3.8 Rates and Charges Recovery Policy

Section:	Finance
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Previous Policy Number:	Finance Policy 3.9

POLICY OBJECTIVE:

To outline the principles to be observed by Shire staff in managing debts owed to Council.

POLICY SCOPE

This policy applies to the management/recovery of rates and all standard sundry debtor revenues raised through the ordinary course of business. This policy does not apply to debts due to Council in the event of:

1. a contractual arrangement that dictates the entitlement or timing of a debt
2. a resolution of Council whereby this policy is specifically stated to not apply to the recovery of the debt, at Council's absolute discretion.

POLICY DETAIL

Rate debts

Rates that remain outstanding after the due date which are not otherwise on a complying instalment plan will be charged daily interest at the annual rate adopted by Council for the relevant financial year.

Rates that remain outstanding after the due date which are not otherwise on a complying instalment plan or custom payment arrangement must be issued with a Final Notice making a final demand for payment 7 days from the date of the Final Notice.

Where a Final Notice has been issued and overdue rates are still not on an otherwise complying installment plan as of date specified on the Final Notice, the outstanding amount must be referred for collection unless the amount is deemed to be immaterial, at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Amounts deemed to be immaterial in accordance with this section will be carried forward indefinitely until otherwise recovered.

If any rates remain outstanding for a period of 3 years then action will be taken against the owner of the land to recover the rates in accordance with *Local Government Act 1995, Part 6, Section 6 – Actions against land where rates or service charges unpaid*, with a general preference to seize the land for sale in accordance with *Section 6.68*, noting that in each instance the debt will be presented to Council to resolve on the preferred option of collection.

General debts

All unpaid general debts must be sent for collection when, at the CEO or Executive Manager Corporate Services' discretion, the debts are deemed to otherwise be unrecoverable.

In managing overdue debts and considering referring debts for collection, Council staff must have regard for debtors that actively communicate and work with staff towards the debt being paid in a reasonable timeframe or otherwise provide genuine reasons for the debt remaining unpaid. Further, Council staff should have regard for the debtor's profile and the relative amount of the debt.

Interest on Overdue Sundry Debts

Interest may be applied to sundry debts that remain unpaid for more than 60 days.

The rate of interest imposed is to be as endorsed by Council in the annual budget each financial year, in accordance with Section 6.13 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

3.3 Reserve Portfolio Rationale

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Council maintains several Reserves for a myriad of purposes. This policy serves to explain the rationale behind Reserve purposes, and the basis of their existence. Essentially, Reserves are categorised by at least one of the following categories:

- Growth**
A Growth Reserve has been set aside for a specific circumstance or event, which has or is reaching it's floor level, continuing to grow primarily as a result of interest re- investment.
- Special Purpose**
A Special Purpose Reserve is created via the Community Strategic Plan and Corporate Business Plan, where a project or facility requires financial resources to be accumulated over an appropriate period of time. This type of Reserve endeavours to fully cash-back a project prior to it commencing.
- Transactional**
A Transactional Reserve is developed to act as a financial conduit for a specific operation of Council. A Transactional Reserve can either operate as a 'Income Only' Reserve, whereby income from a facility is exclusively transferred to the Reserve or it can be 'Fully Operational', where the income is transferred to the Reserve and Expenditure obligations (both operating and non-operating) are sourced from this Reserve.
- Unforeseen Circumstance Levels**
Some Reserves will maintain a floor level which is earmarked to provide Council with flexibility to meet unforeseen obligations within its operations.

3.2 Resourcing Employee Entitlements

Section:	Finance
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Council maintains a Long Service Leave Reserve to provide a mechanism to fully cash-back employee entitlements at the 30th June each year.

The value of this Reserve must mirror the value of:

- Current Long Service Leave recognised at year end, anticipated to be taken by the employee during the next reporting period, and;
- Non-Current Long Service Leave

Council acknowledges that funds will be withdrawn from time to time as employees utilise their Long Service entitlements identified within annual budgets. In the event that additional funds are required to meet obligations beyond the budgeted allocation, approval from Council will be sought to fund the shortfall from the Reserve Fund.

3.1 Surplus Funds Investment

Section:	Finance
Date Adopted:	
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Previous Policy Number:	Finance Policy 3.2

POLICY OBJECTIVE

To provide a framework for Shire staff when investing Council's surplus funds per Regulation 19 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* (FM Regulations). Delegated staff are to ensure that liquidity requirements are being met, whilst minimizing the possibility of incurring loss and maximising returns.

POLICY SCOPE

The policy applies to the CEO and the EMCS, whom have the delegated authority to undertake the investment of surplus Council funds.

POLICY DETAIL

Council's goals with regards to its investments and its imposed restrictions are detailed in this policy, in compliance with Regulation 19C of the FM Regulations.

Approved Investments

Investments are to be strictly limited to:

- Government Bonds
- Interest bearing term deposits
- Bank accepted/endorsed bank bills
- Commercial bonds.

Prohibited Investments

Speculative financial instruments are specifically prohibited.

For the avoidance of doubt, this precludes investment of any kind in any form of financial security or instrument not specifically stated as being an 'approved investment' above.

Term and Status Reports

The status and performance of the investment portfolio is to be reported monthly to Council whenever deposits mature, and when funds are (re)invested.

Prudent Person Standard

Investments will be managed with due care, diligence and skill that a prudent person would exercise. Responsible officers are to manage investments in accordance with the spirit of this policy.



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STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

**MINOR REVIEW
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Shire of Yilgarn Strategic Community Plan for 2024 – 2034, the guiding document for the Shire of Yilgarn over the next 10 years and beyond.

The Strategic Community Plan is Yilgarn's road map to our desired future, providing guidance to Council as they make decisions that determine strategic, and assurance of the direction that the Shire of Yilgarn is taking over the next 10 years on behalf of the community. It incorporates our shared vision and our aspirations for the future and will allow the Council to prioritise service delivery and projects.

The purpose of a desktop review is to reconsider the strategic priorities and the position of the Shire of Yilgarn as an organisation, and ensure that the priorities are still relevant and sufficiently fit-for-purpose.

The Strategic Community Plan now being subsequently reviewed was adopted by Council on 21 November 2024.

Cr Bryan Close
Shire President



What is the Strategic Community Plan

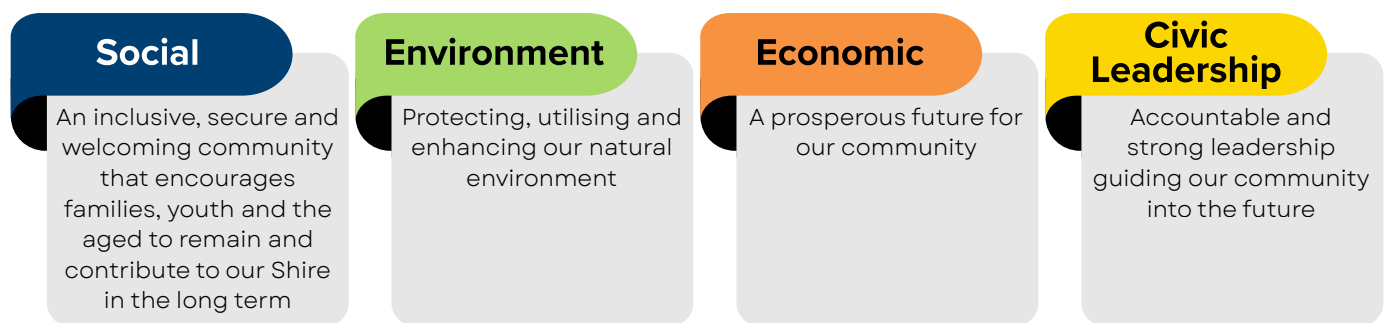
The Strategy Community Plan is the overarching planning document in the Shire of Yilgarn's Integrated Planning and reporting suite of documents. The Strategic Community Plan details the community and Council's broader strategic priorities for the coming ten years, including the specific and measurable outcomes to demonstrate the achievement of these priorities. The Strategic Community Plan directly informs the content and purpose of all other informing strategies (such as the workforce plan, long-term financial plan, etc) which filter through to each annual budget and 'business as usual' for the Shire.

Whilst the Strategic Community Plan is a ten-year plan, it is never fixed. Rather, it is a 'living document' that is continually referred to, reviewed and updated. Every four years the Strategic Community Plan has a 'major review' where community consultation is undertaken and the current position of the Shire and its strategic priorities are reassessed. Two years after a major review, the Strategic Community Plan undergoes a 'minor' or desktop review, where progress against the desired outcomes is assessed, and the relevance of each outcome is reviewed.

Structure of the Plan

The Strategic Community Plan details the Shire of Yilgarn's vision for the future in a single statement, capturing the aspirations and values of Council and the community.

This vision is upheld by the four strategic themes that were determined in the development of the plan based on the areas of priority for the community, those being:



The strategic themes are then broken down into the desired outcomes. In determining these outcomes, the Shire of Yilgarn had regard for the community's feedback, current and future resources, demographic trends and what are actionable and realistic indicators of performance.

How the Strategic Community Plan is used

The Strategic Community Plan sits at the top of Council's strategic planning suite and dictates the direction intent and specifics of Council's various informing strategies, plans and policies, which are consolidated into the long-term financial plan and subsequently the annual budget each year. This is visually represented below.

Introduction

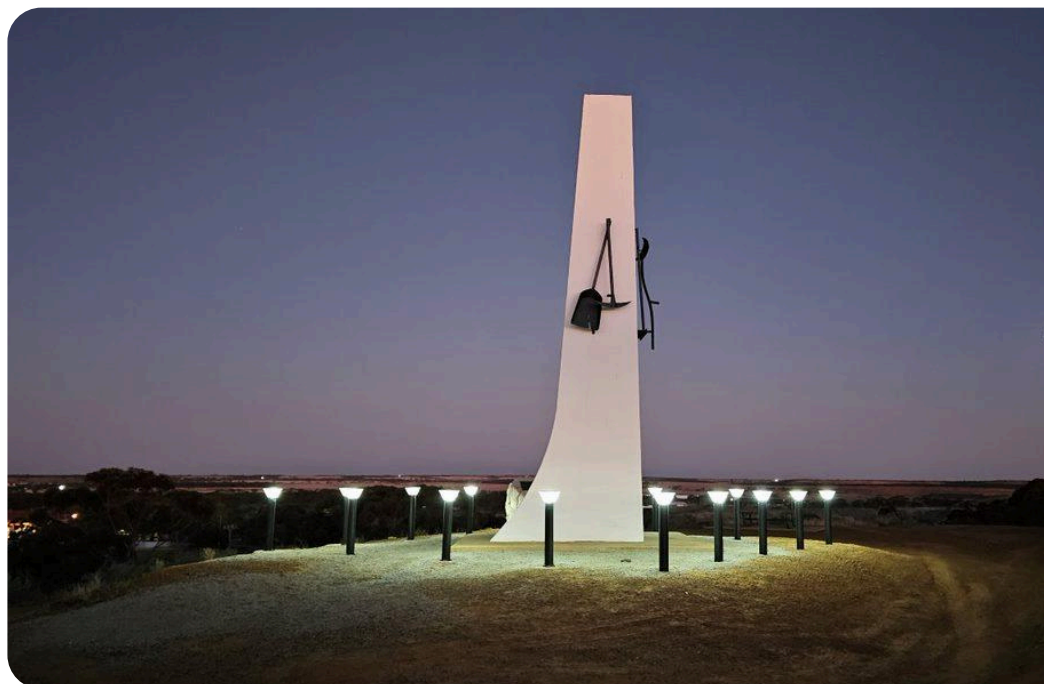
The Shire of Yilgarn is named for the aboriginal word for 'white stone' or 'quartz'. Located in Western Australia's Eastern Wheatbelt, it covers a vast area of 30,720 square kilometres. The Shire of Yilgarn encompasses the townsites of Southern Cross, Moorine Rock, Marvel Loch, Bodallin, Bullfinch, Ghooli, Koolyanobbing, Mt Hampton and Yellowdine. The Shire's administration and depot located within Southern Cross as the central hub for the district, located along Great Eastern Highway, 370km east from the Perth metropolitan area.

The Shire has a population of approximately 1,173 (2021 ABS data), however it serves well over that figure due to the resources industry in the Shire and the fly in fly out / drive in drive out nature of work. The Shire is well known as the gateway between the Wheatbelt and the Goldfields.

In 1891, the Yilgarn Road Board was gazetted, later merging, with the Municipality of Southern Cross in 1918. In 1961 it became the Shire of Yilgarn following the introduction of the Local Government Act 1960.

The Shire of Yilgarn provides roads, infrastructure, recreational facilities, funding for medical services, parks and gardens, street lighting, and waste collection amongst other community engagement services. Our elected members engage with the community and advocate for their interests throughout the process of Council's deliberations and decision making.

The Shire of Yilgarn has quite a unique local economy with large agricultural production and extensive mining and exploration activities, with our earth being rich in gold, iron ore, lithium, and salt.



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COUNCILLOR

TERM
2023 - 2027



SHIRE SNAPSHOT



369 Km from Perth



Area: Approx 30,720km²



Sealed Roads: 338 kms
Unsealed Roads: 2,445 kms



Population: 1173



Southern Cross, Bodallin, Bullfinch, Ghooli,
Koolyanobbing, Marvel Loch, Moorine
Rock, Mt Hampton & Yellowdine.



Private Dwellings: 704



Number of electors: 679

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Number of employees



Families: 214

OTHER AGENCIES PLANS AND STRATEGIES

The Shire of Yilgarn does not exist in isolation and is part of the Wheatbelt region and the broader State of Western Australia. This section provides an overview of some of the key strategies and plans that influence the Shire's operating environment.

Wheatbelt Development Commission – Wheatbelt Blueprint

The Wheatbelt Blueprint was developed by the Wheatbelt Development Commission, and reviewed in 2024, as a road map to guide and assist the region to deliver its potential. The Blueprint is based on a strong analysis of existing infrastructure and services across the region.

The vision for the region outlined in the Blueprint is: "The Wheatbelt is a key contributor to Western Australia's prosperity. The region's prime location, diverse economy, clever people, vibrant communities and unique natural environment offer a high quality of life and will attract global innovators and investors."

The Blueprint is structured around the four pillars of diverse economy, clever people, vibrant communities and unique natural environment. Each pillar has a suite of aspirations and targets, outcomes, focus areas and priority actions.

Central East Sub-Regional Economic Strategy

The Central East Sub Regional Economic Strategy was commissioned by the Wheatbelt Development Commission and establishes a framework for the promotion and facilitation of economic and population growth across all towns in the sub-region.

The Strategy identifies economic opportunities for the Shire of Yilgarn in the areas of:

- Broadacre Agriculture
- Mining and Support Services
- Population Services



OTHER AGENCIES PLANS AND STRATEGIES

It also identifies a number of actions that the Shire of Yilgarn should undertake to effectively leverage these economic opportunities.

Regional Development Australia - Wheatbelt Youth Strategy

The Wheatbelt Youth Strategy was developed by Regional Development Australia, Wheatbelt. The framework aims to ensure that key youth stakeholders in the region have a common focus for implementing initiatives that will contribute to improving opportunities and the wellbeing of youth.

The vision guiding the framework is: “All Wheatbelt young people matter – to themselves, to the community – now and into future”. The framework is structured around four priority areas with objectives, strategies, actions and stakeholders being detailed for each of these areas:

- responsible behaviour
- education, training and employment
- community, parenting and families
- health and wellbeing

Regional Development Australia - Wheatbelt – Other relevant Strategies / Plans

- The Need for Reform – Aged Care in the Wheatbelt Region
- Entrepreneurial Innovation in the Wheatbelt
- Wheatbelt Regional Children’s Services Plan
- Youth Connections Program Legacy Document
- Y20 Wheatbelt Summit Report



HOW WE DEVELOPED OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

Community Engagement

The process to undertake a major review commenced in August 2024 and focused on obtaining feedback from the community via a community workshop (17), sporting and community groups workshop (14), resident and ratepayer online and hard copy surveys. There was a total of 63 engagements.

The consultation campaign was run through Council's website, social media, local notices on buildings, the Community Resource Centre and via local newspaper.

Survey Response

The online survey, via SurveyMonkey received 19 responses and there were 4 hard copies received. In addition, we received 9 hard copy surveys from Sporting and Community Groups.

Workshops

A community workshop open to all residents and ratepayers was held on the 12th August 2024 with 17 participants. The Sporting and Community Groups Workshop was held on the same day with 14 participants.



ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE PREVIOUS STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

The Shire of Yilgarn and the community proudly note the achievement of the following outcomes identified in the previous 2020-2030 Strategic Community Plan:

Pillar: Social

- New Aquatic Centre
- Upgrades to Constellation Park, BBQ area and skatepark
- New playgrounds installed at each satellite town
- Provision of subsidised annual facilities fee for sporting clubs
- Supported REED daycare through provision of building and maintenance
- Supported youth through CRC initiatives
- Continued to support provision of key health services by maintaining Medical Centre and provision of GP housing
- Continued to support locally based and visiting auxiliary health services
- Provision of space for visiting veterinarian services
- Retained CEACA membership, attended meetings, provision of 2 ILU's in Southern Cross
- Continued to provide and maintain 4 Aged ILU's, installed solar panels
- Continued to manage and maintain Council's 12 Homes for Aged, including subsidised rent
- Provision and maintenance of CCTV at Council facilities and in the community
- Support Bush Fire Brigades, St John's and other emergency service volunteers
- Major review of Local Emergency Management Arrangements

Pillar: Economy

- Made submissions to State and Federal Communications Inquiry
- Provision of free Wi-Fi in main street for visitors
- Sold 4 lots of vacant land to GROH for future housing
- New tourism website created
- Taken on the museum curator role through the CRC
- Shire staff assisting covering opening hours at museum
- The Yilgarn Tourism Committee is meeting re-established
- Townsite walk trail with QR Codes
- Full asset review of road network to identify what we have and what we need

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE PREVIOUS STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

Pillar: Environmental

- WEROC Regional Waste Strategy developed
- Maintained Southern Cross waste site
- Continued to support initiatives such as DrumMuster and recycling
- Provision of site for Containers for Change
- Undertaken initiatives such as Saltbush planting program and the National Tree Day plantings in conjunction with School
- Continuing recycled water usage and upgrade chlorine system
- Solar panels placed on aged housing and 4 residences
- Worked with private business to install EV charging stations in town

Pillar: Civic Leadership

- Implementation of changes to legislation and ensuring awareness to staff
- Training made available and budgeted for Councillors
- Staff undertaken training requirements and professional development Limited complaints made, indicating community satisfaction
- President, Delegate and CEO attended and actively participated in regional collaboration.
- CEO and other Senior staff attend LG Professionals Wheatbelt Branch Meetings and Annual Conference. With the CEO now the President of the Branch.



ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE DEVELOPING THE CURRENT STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

Pillar: Social

- 1.3 – Complete the upgrade of the recreation centre
- 2.3 – Invite Wheatbelt Beyond Youth Mentoring to work in our community
- 2.5 - Inform the community on progress or changes to the delivery of health services in the community
- 3.1 - Continue to manage and maintain the Homes for the Aged
- 3.2 - Actively engage in the Central East Aged Care Alliance (CEACA) and expand accommodation options in the Shire
- 5.1 Advocate and support emergency services and facilities in the district
- 5.4 Undertake fire mitigation and reduction initiatives in conjunction with Bush Fire Brigades

Pillar: Economy

- 6.2 - Monitor traffic movement on the local road network to respond to significant changes to mining and industry movements
- 6.3 - Develop, deliver and monitor a 10-year footpath program, that implements a suitable shared path network including ramp access for all abilities
- 8.6 - Monitor and review extractive industry rating systems
- 9.4 - Continue to support the Southern Cross Museum experience

Pillar: Environmental

- 10.3 - Develop an effective and efficient strategy to maintain and upgrade sewerage systems in Southern Cross and Marvel Loch
- 12.2 - Plan to address increased tree / carbon farming across our Shire
- 12.3 - Plan for renewable energy projects in our Shire and ensure they deliver value to the community

Pillar: Civic Leadership

- 13.2 - Develop and adopt a Communications Policy

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Our Vision

We are a proud agricultural and mining based economy, providing opportunities for our residents that will build an inclusive and prosperous community in the future.

Our Mission

The Shire of Yilgarn will deliver quality services, facilities and representation in order to achieve our vision.

Our Values

We will promote and enhance the following values in all our relationships with our community;

- Honesty in our dealings
- Integrity in our actions
- Consistency in decision making
- Teamwork in our operations
- Respect to others and their decisions
- Caring for people in our community
- Commitment to decisions and roles
- Responsive to the needs of others
- Effective Communication with all

Key Points of the Plan

The Council have engaged the community in setting a vision for the coming decade. This plan sees existing services and facilities continue highlighting the priorities that Council will focus on over the coming ten years to achieve the vision:

- Embracing technology • Community engagement
- Supporting tourism • Advocacy for essential services
- Supporting local businesses • Maintaining a safe and reliable road network

The detailed implementation of this plan for the next four years is presented in the 4 year Corporate Business Plan.

Strategic Issues facing the community

The following issues were identified as particularly significant challenges for the community in the coming years. The participants in the community engagement process highlighted these issues and they have been taken into account in preparing this Plan:

- Management and implementation of renewable energy
- Continuous introduction of new red tape and governance and compliance requirements
- Availability of skilled staff
- Potential downturn in local industries, including mining
- Environmental and seasonal risks
- Lack of volunteers for first responder agencies
- Loss of families in the community
- Socio-economic pressures and hosting appropriate services and support in place

PILLARS

Pillar 1 - Community

Statement of Strategic Outcome: An inclusive, secure and welcoming community that encourages families, youth and the aged to remain and contribute to our Shire in the long term.

STRATEGY 1. Enhance resident participation in recreation, cultural, and leisure activities	
GOALS	OUR ROLE
1.1 Improve utilisation of Council assets through the development of an asset management plan	Deliver
1.2 Investigate opportunities for alternative youth activities outside of traditional sports with the CRC	Facilitate and Deliver
1.3 Complete the upgrade of the recreation centre	Deliver
1.4 Continue to engage with and support local sporting clubs, community groups and volunteers to deliver their activities, competitions and services	Partner and Deliver

STRATEGY 2. Retention and upgrade of current health and education services and infrastructure	
GOALS	OUR ROLE
2.1 Support the CRC and community groups to offer early years activities in the community	Partner
2.2 Advocate for and work with schools in our Shire	Advocate
2.3 Invite Wheatbelt Beyond Youth Mentoring to work in our community	Facilitate
2.4 Facilitate and advocate to retain and improve local health services, including investigating opportunities for additional ancillary visiting services	Advocate
2.5 Inform the community on progress or changes to the delivery of health services in the community	Deliver

PILLARS

Pillar 1 - Community

Statement of Strategic Outcome: An inclusive, secure and welcoming community that encourages families, youth and the aged to remain and contribute to our Shire in the long term.

STRATEGY 3. Provide and support high quality and well-maintained aged care facilities	
GOALS	OUR ROLE
3.1 Continue to manage and maintain the Homes for the Aged	Deliver
3.2 Actively engage in the Central East Aged Care Alliance (CEACA) and expand accommodation options in the Shire	Partner
3.3 Develop and implement actions from the Aged Friendly Community Plan	Deliver
STRATEGY 4. Deliver and support community activities that enhances the quality of life for all residents	
GOALS	OUR ROLE
4.1 Support the CRC in developing and delivering an annual events program with a focus on families, young people and social inclusion	Support and Deliver
4.2 Continue to provide subsidised use of facilities to our community	Deliver
4.3 Ensure we protect our history and heritage by continuing maintain the Yilgarn Museum and support the Committee	Deliver and Partner
STRATEGY 5. We have a safe and secure community	
GOALS	OUR ROLE
5.1 Advocate and support emergency services and facilities in the district	Advocate and Support
5.2 Expand the CCTV Network to roads and facilities beyond the Southern Cross townsite	Deliver
5.3 Improve street lighting in the Southern Cross townsite	Advocate
5.4 Undertake fire mitigation and reduction initiatives in conjunction with Bush Fire Brigades	Deliver and Partner

PILLARS

Pillar 2 - Economy

Statement of Strategic Outcome: A prosperous future for our community

STRATEGY 6. A safe and efficient transport network	
GOALS	OUR ROLE
6.1 Develop, deliver and monitor a long term road management plan (minimum 10 years).	Deliver
6.2 Monitor traffic movement on the local road network to respond to significant changes to mining and industry movements	Deliver
6.3 Develop, deliver and monitor a 10 year footpath program, that implements a suitable shared path network including ramp access for all abilities	Deliver
6.4 Maintain and enhance the Southern Cross airstrip, with consideration to upgrade to a sealed runway	Deliver
STRATEGY 7. Essential services and infrastructure enable local economic growth	
GOALS	OUR ROLE
7.1 Continue to advocate for improved telecommunications infrastructure to eliminate blackspots in the Shire, including digital access	Advocate
7.2 Develop a 10-year Council housing strategy to ensure stock is maintained, improved and expanded.	Deliver
7.3 Attract external investment in housing to attract and retain professionals, workers and young people in the Shire	Partner & Deliver
7.4 Facilitate growth through residential land development	Partner & Deliver
7.5 Identify the need for light industrial land development and opportunities this can attract	Partner & Deliver

PILLARS

Pillar 2 - Economy

Statement of Strategic Outcome: A prosperous future for our community

STRATEGY 8. Growth and diversity of the local economy	
GOALS	OUR ROLE
8.1 Develop a local Economic Development Strategy	Deliver
8.2 Position Yilgarn as a great place to live, work and raise a family	Deliver
8.3 Improve mechanisms to facilitate regular connection and communication with industry	Facilitate
8.4 Enhance the main street (business district) by developing a plan to include projects and upgrades in a coordinated approach	Deliver & Partner
8.5 Support existing and encourage new mining and processing industries	Advocate
8.6 Monitor and review extractive industry rating systems	Deliver

STRATEGY 9. Develop the visitor experience within the Shire	
GOALS	OUR ROLE
9.1 Complete upgrades to the Southern Cross Caravan Park	Deliver
9.2 In partnership with WEROC, promote and enhance the facilities of the self-drive trail	Partner
9.3 Enhance local visitor information and signage	Deliver
9.4 Continue to support the Southern Cross Museum experience	Deliver
9.4 Continue to promote tourism attractions and amenities	Deliver

PILLARS

Pillar 3 - Environment

Statement of Strategic Outcome: Protecting, utilising and enhancing our natural environment

STRATEGY 10. Improve waste management services and facilities

GOALS	OUR ROLE
10.1 Develop and implement a plan for the management of waste at satellite towns and transfer stations	Deliver
10.2 Improve public education of waste management and recycling	Deliver
10.3 Develop an effective and efficient strategy to maintain and upgrade sewerage systems in Southern Cross and Marvel Loch	Deliver

STRATEGY 11. Protect our natural environment

GOALS	OUR ROLE
11.1 Advocate for continued investment in land care management and conservation	Advocate
11.2 Where appropriate, support local conservation and pest management initiatives	Deliver

STRATEGY 12. Prepare for renewable energy development in our Shire

GOALS	OUR ROLE
12.1 Continue with the installation of solar panels on Council facilities (Aquatic Centre, Recreation Centre and Shire depot)	Deliver
12.2 Plan to address increased tree / carbon farming across our Shire	Advocate and Facilitate
12.3 Plan for renewable energy projects in our Shire and ensure they deliver value to the community	Deliver and Advocate

PILLARS

Pillar 4 – Civic Leadership

Statement of Strategic Outcome: Accountable and strong leadership guiding our community into the future.

STRATEGY 13. Regularly engage with our community and strategic partners

GOALS	OUR ROLE
13.1 Develop and implement a Community Engagement Framework	Deliver
13.2 Develop and adopt a Communications Policy	Deliver
13.3 Maintain and nurture strategic partnerships with regional organisations, State and Federal governments	Partner

STRATEGY 14. Strong leadership and a high standard of governance

GOALS	OUR ROLE
14.1 Elected members and staff complete regular training and development opportunities	Deliver
14.2 Investigate financial management systems for effective governance and administration of Council	Partner & Deliver
14.3 Investigate the provision of a new or upgraded Council Administration Office incorporating co-location opportunities	Deliver
14.4 Continue to plan Council's long term financial position inclusive of adequate reserves for future initiatives and services	Deliver

MONITORING AND REPORTING

The Shire of Yilgarn will conduct a review every two years alternating between minor and major reviews.

Services and facilities provided by the Shire have been linked to the relevant strategies in the Strategic Community Plan in the following table. The table provides a connection between the services and facilities and the desired outcomes and community vision for the Shire of Yilgarn.

Social	Economic	Environment	Civic Leadership
Medical Services (Doctor)	Museum	Animal Control	Emergency Management
Community Resource Centre	Tourism & Visitor Services	Fire Prevention & Control	Public Health
Daycare & Playgroup	Area Promotion	Pest Control (mosquitos)	Police Licencing
Senior Citizens Centre	Caravan Park and Motel	Refuse Collection & Sites	Governance
Aged Housing	Road Maintenance & Construction	Sewerage	Local Laws
Community Bus	Standpipes	Town Planning	
Swimming Pool		Cemetery	
Sport and Recreation		Public Toilets	
Library		Street lighting	
Community Development		Footpaths & verges	
FM Radio Re-Broadcasting		Townscapes	
		Building control	
		Biosecurity	

Adopted:	Jun 2020
Last Review: (Major)	Nov 2024
Date for next Review: (Minor)	Jun 2026

Voices of the Community



The Shire of Yilgarn has reviewed feedback which was undertaken in August 2024 to help inform the development of the Shire's Strategic Community Plan. A summary of priorities from the community is summarised below.

ENGAGEMENT

Community workshop **17** | Sporting and Community Groups Workshop **14** | Resident and Ratepayer Survey **23** | Sporting and Community Groups Survey **9**

COMMUNITY

- Upgrade Recreation Centre playground
- Advocate and retain local health services, including Doctor, chemist, allied health, and hospital coverage
- Maintain a safe and connected community
- Increase early years and youth activities
- Continue to support our volunteers
- Retain young families in town
- Additional community events

"We want to be a sustainable and thriving community that is family friendly."

Quiet, clean, friendly and connected community.

Support stability and growth of sporting and volunteer groups.

Continue caring and providing for the aged".

ENVIRONMENT

- Improved public education for waste management and recycling
- Monitoring and respond to littering

ECONOMY

- Continue road construction and maintenance to a good standard
- Develop and maintain diverse housing options
- Extend and maintain the footpath network
- Promote tourism opportunities
- Airport upgrade (sealed – all weather)
- Support existing businesses, while advocating for new local economic opportunities
- Investigate land development - residential, rural-residential and light industrial

"Keep gravel roads maintained and accessible all year round."

Facelift to the Main Street of the town, offering incentives or grants to local businesses to improve the facade of their shop front whilst offering rate/lease incentives to encourage business startup"

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

- Stronger community engagement
- More opportunities for Council interaction with the community

"Better communication between Council and the local sporting clubs."

Make information simple, precise and informative for the community."

A copy of the draft Integrated Strategic Community Plan is available on the Shire website and in the Office for comment.

Country Net Rail Alliance

City and Rural Pulling together.

The need for a safe and efficient transport infrastructure network for Rural WA has never been greater.

Following the 2009 SGNR Report, which recommended the closure of Tier 3 rail lines (in January 2010), the Wheatbelt Railway Retention Alliance was formed to unite the voice to keep Tier 3 rail lines open.

We achieved a great deal and kept the Tier 3 lines open for an additional four and a half years, giving the CBH rolling stock (purchased in 2011), the opportunity to prove Tier 3 rail lines did work successfully. Tragically Tier 3 lines closed on 30th June 2014. However, work to keep this issue on the radar has continued.

As forecast, costs have been shifted to growers, local government, rate payers and tax payers, with road maintenance costs and road safety a constant and unsustainable challenge. The cost to the WA economy, road maintenance, the environment, and road safety is ongoing and will continue to be immense.

With the significant increase in grain production (more than double since closure of Tier 3 rail lines), the need for an efficient 21st century rail network for rural WA has become increasingly more evident and urgent.

According to a 2017 Deloitte Access Economics report, for every kilometer of freight transport, rail produces 16 times less carbon pollution than road freight and 14 times less accident costs.

20 million tonnes of grain over an average 200k distance transported by rail v road would save over 40 million litres of diesel.

<https://www.aurizon.com.au/sustainability/environment/emissions-calculator>

In January 2025 the Cook Government announced its intention to enter negotiations with Brookfield/Arc to take back the rail network from the lease agreement.

Once again, it is vital that the Government hears a united voice.

Professor Peter Newman Curtin University and Jane Fuchsbichler WRRRA have joined forces and propose a “Country Net Rail Alliance”.

We would like to invite you to show support by putting your name to “Country Net Rail Alliance” to promote a united voice backing the removal of the rail network from the Rail Freight Lease Agreement.

Aims:

1. Support the removal of the WA freight rail network from the lease agreement.
2. A safe and efficient rail freight transport network benefiting city and rural communities.
3. Reduce the road maintenance burden on Local Government, rate payers and taxpayers.
4. Decrease road trauma.
5. Reduce environmental impact.
6. Passenger rail and tourism opportunities.
7. Boost rural towns (economy, jobs)

All Country Net Rail Alliance work is being done on a voluntary basis. We ask that you give support by adding to the growing list of those calling for an up-to-date efficient rail network serving the needs of WA.



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Opening date:	25 August 2026
Closing date and time:	5.00 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time on 6 October 2026 Please take account of time zone differences when submitting your application.
Commonwealth policy entity:	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (DITRDCA)
Administering entity:	Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR)
Enquiries:	If you have any questions, contact us on 13 28 46.
Date guidelines released:	25 August 2026
Type of grant opportunity:	Open competitive

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1. Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program – Round 12 processes

The Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program – Round 12 is designed to achieve Australian Government objectives

This grant opportunity is part of the above grant program which contributes to the DITRDCA's Outcome 2: *An efficient, sustainable, competitive, safe and secure transport system for all transport users through regulation, financial assistance and safety investigations*, Program 2.3: *Air transport*. DITRDCA works with stakeholders to plan and design the grant program according to the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles \(CGRPs\)](#).



The grant opportunity opens

DISR/We publish the grant guidelines on business.gov.au and [GrantConnect](#).



You complete and submit a grant application

You complete the application form, addressing all the eligibility and assessment criteria in order for your application to be considered.



We assess all grant applications

We assess the applications against eligibility criteria and notify you if you are not eligible. The assessment panel which is comprised of representatives from DITRDCA assess eligible applications against the assessment criteria including an overall consideration of value with money and compare it to other eligible applications.



DITRDCA make grant recommendations

DITRDCA provide advice to the decision maker on the merits of each application.



Grant decisions are made

The decision maker decides which applications are successful.



We notify you of the outcome

We advise you of the outcome of your application. We may not notify unsuccessful applicants until grant agreements have been executed with successful applicants.



We enter into a grant agreement

We will enter into a grant agreement with successful applicants. The type of grant agreement is based on the nature of the grant and will be proportional to the risks involved.



Delivery of grant

You complete the grant activity as set out in your grant agreement. We manage the grant by working with you, monitoring your progress and making payments.



Evaluation of the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program

DITRDCA will evaluate the specific grant activity and Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program as a whole. They will base this on information you provide to us and that we collect from various sources.

1.1. Introduction

These guidelines contain information for the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program – Round 12 grants.

This document sets out:

- the purpose of the grant program/grant opportunity
- the eligibility and assessment criteria
- how we consider and assess grant applications
- how we notify applicants and enter into grant agreements with grantees
- how we monitor and evaluate grantees' performance
- responsibilities and expectations in relation to the opportunity.

This grant opportunity and process will be administered by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (the department/DISR/we) on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (DITRDCA).

We have defined key terms used in these guidelines in the glossary at section 14.

You should read this document carefully before you fill out an application.

2. About the grant program

The Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program (the program) has run since 2011, and eleven rounds of the program has been undertaken.

Additional funding was allocated to the program as part of the 2024-25 Budget to undertake two additional grant rounds. Successful projects for the first of these rounds (Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 11) were announced October 2025. These guidelines relate to the subsequent grant round (Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 12).

The objective of the program is to enhance the safety and accessibility of aerodromes in remote and very remote areas of Australia. Safe, operational aerodromes are vital in the delivery of essential goods and services in remote and very remote communities, particularly where road access is unavailable, unreliable or disrupted for extended periods due to seasonal weather conditions. An effective airstrip, accessible all year round, improves the delivery of health care services such as those provided by the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) or other aeromedical providers, improves access to work and education opportunities and helps connect residents of remote communities.

The intended outcome of the program is improved safety and air access for remote airstrips that will:

- improve the safety of aircraft, operators and passengers using remote and very remote airstrips
- facilitate improved delivery of essential goods and services such as food supplies, health care, community mail and passenger air services
- complement air services delivery to communities subsidised under the Australian Government's Remote Air Services Subsidy (RASS) Scheme
- meet operational requirements of aeromedical (including the RFDS) and emergency services

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- support improved access to air services for people with disability.

We administer the program according to the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles \(CGRPs\)](#)¹.

3. Grant amount and grant period

3.1. Grants available

The Australian Government announced a total of \$50 million for two further rounds of the program. For this grant opportunity \$25 million is available.

DITRDSCA may use part of the funding for this grant opportunity to procure services directly to enhance the safety and accessibility of aerodromes in remote and very remote areas of Australia.

- The minimum grant amount is \$5,000.
- The maximum grant amount is \$4 million.

The grant amount will be up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs (grant percentage), unless either:

- the applicant (you) and a third party (could include state, territory or local government or other non-government funding) are both contributing to eligible project costs, the grant amount for this opportunity may be reduced to a third of eligible project costs
- the applicant (you) meets the definition in these Guidelines as an Indigenous Owned and/or Operated Aerodrome, the grant will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs.

You are responsible for the remaining eligible and ineligible project costs.

You can fund your contribution from any source other than another Commonwealth granting program. If you are seeking state, territory or local government co-funding, you should follow the appropriate government application process where applicable and advise in your application the status of your application, as this may impact your grant percentage.

Contributions to your project may be cash or in-kind. In-kind values may be included in the total project value, but they do not represent eligible expenditure and cannot be included in any part of the grantee's agreed cash contribution (where applicable). Grant funds cannot be used to recover in-kind costs. Further detail is provided in section 14 (Glossary).

An Indigenous Owned and/or Operated Aerodrome is a location where:

- the aerodrome is owned and/or operated by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (Cth) or
- the aerodrome is owned and/or operated by an Indigenous local government as determined by the relevant state or territory Local Government Grants Commission.

¹ <https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-and-principles-2024>

Applicants applying for an Indigenous Owned and/or Operated Aerodrome are still required to meet the eligibility criteria and are assessed against other applications.

3.2. Project period

You must complete your project by 30 March 2029.

4. Eligibility criteria

We cannot consider your application if you do not satisfy all eligibility criteria.

4.1. Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

To be eligible you must:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- be an owner and/or operator of an existing aerodrome/airport

and be one of the following entities:

- an entity, incorporated in Australia
- an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (Cth)
- an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
- an incorporated association
- an incorporated not for profit organisation
- an Australian local government agency or body as defined in section 14
- an Australian state/territory government agency or body including statutory corporations that are deemed by statute to be a body that represent the government of a state/territory
- a corporate Commonwealth entity.

State agencies or other eligible entities may apply on behalf of aerodrome owners/operators (excluding Indigenous Owned and/or Operated aerodromes where you are seeking 100 per cent funding). In such cases, the state agency or other eligible entity will be the lead applicant in a joint application and will be wholly responsible for the project, including administering, reporting and acquitting all project expenditure. Only the lead organisation can submit the application form and enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth.

4.2. Additional eligibility requirements

We can only accept applications where:

- your aerodrome/airport is identified as located in a remote or very remote area in Australia as defined by the latest Australian Statistical Geographic Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Area. (Check your aerodrome/airport location is in a remote or very remote area using the maps.abs.gov.au).
- you provide evidence from your board or Council (or chief executive officer (CEO) or equivalent if there is no board) that the project is supported by the applicant organisation, and that the organisation is willing to accept responsibility to complete the project and meet the costs of the project not covered by grant funding.

- if you are not the owner of the aerodrome/airport, you confirm you have support from the owner to undertake the project.

We cannot waive the eligibility criteria under any circumstances.

4.3. Who is not eligible to apply for a grant?

You are not eligible to apply if you are:

- any organisation not included in section 4.1
- an organisation, or your project partner is an organisation, included on the [National Redress Scheme's website](#) on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme'
- an employer of 100 or more employees that has [not complied](#) with the *Workplace Gender Equality Act (2012)*.
- an individual
- a partnership
- a trust (however, an incorporated trustee may apply on behalf of a trust)
- a non-corporate Commonwealth entity.

5. What the grant money can be used for

5.1. Eligible grant activities

To be eligible your project must:

- be aimed at enhancing the safety and accessibility of aerodromes in remote and very remote areas of Australia
- have at least \$5,000 in eligible expenditure.

Eligible activities must directly relate to the project and may include the following:

- works to improve all weather capability of the aerodrome and aircraft safety including:
 - sealing and/or re-sealing and re-sheeting of aircraft pavements
 - repair, restoration and/or reconstruction of the airstrip, taxiway and/or apron
 - airstrip drainage works
 - basic airside ambulance and passenger shelters (to support patient health in transit).
- works to enhance aerodrome safety for aircraft operations including:
 - installation or restoration of animal fencing
 - provision of markers and navigational aids
 - works to reduce safety hazards at an aerodrome
 - provision of safety related operational and/or training manuals and training for key operational personnel.
- works to better enable night time operations including:
 - installation of runway and taxiway lighting
 - provision of power for aerodrome lighting
 - installation of Pilot Activated Lighting Control systems.
- works to support access to air services for people with disability including:
 - installation of ramps, signage or other modifications or works to improve disability access to existing facilities

- provision of aircraft boarding facilities where these will allow an accessible whole aviation journey
- other works or expenditure may be considered where evidence of consultation with community disability accessibility stakeholders and need is provided.

We may also approve other activities, any additional activities must be in line with objectives and outcomes in section 2.

5.2. Eligible expenditure

You can only spend the grant on eligible expenditure you have incurred on an agreed project as defined in your grant agreement.

Eligible expenditure items are:

- contractor costs:
 - costs associated with contractors who undertake project activities (including capital items and materials purchased by contractor).
- employee costs:
 - the portion of employee costs directly related to undertaking core elements of the project.
- aviation-safety related staff training:
 - costs associated with the provision of aviation-safety related staff training.
- capital expenditure for the purchase of assets, including:
 - power provisions
 - lighting and control systems
 - markers and navigational aids
 - training materials
 - assets to support access to terminal and/or aircraft for people with disability.
- cost of materials associated with:
 - airstrip sealing, re-sealing and sheeting
 - repair, restoration and reconstruction or drainage works
 - fencing materials
 - basic airside ambulance and emergency patient shelters (to support patient health in transit)
 - clearing of land for an approved project
 - works to support access to terminal and/or aircraft for people with disability.
- tender design and process costs:
 - costs associated with final engineering specifications and drawings required for tender design and construction process.
- contingency costs/escalation costs combined up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the eligible project cost. Noting that we only make payments based on actual cost incurred
- independent audit:
 - the cost of an independent audit of project expenditure up to a maximum of 1 per cent of total eligible project expenditure or a maximum of \$5,000 (mandatory for projects over \$500,000 or where we request one).

We may also approve other items of expenditure, any additional expenditure must be in line with objectives and outcomes in section 2.

We may update the guidance on eligible and ineligible expenditure from time to time. If your application is successful, the version in place when you submitted your application applies to your project.

If your application is successful, we may ask you to verify project costs that you provided in your application. You may need to provide evidence such as quotes for major costs.

Not all expenditure on your project may be eligible for grant funding. The program delegate (who is a manager within the department with responsibility for administering the program) makes the final decision on what is eligible expenditure and may give additional guidance on eligible expenditure if required.

To be eligible, expenditure must:

- be a direct cost of the project
- be incurred by you for required project audit activities.

You must incur the project expenditure between the project start and end date for it to be eligible unless stated otherwise.

You may elect to commence your project from the date we notify you that your application is successful. We are not responsible for any expenditure you incur until a grant agreement is executed. The Commonwealth will not be liable, and should not be held out as being liable, for any activities undertaken before the grant agreement is executed.

5.3. What the grant money cannot be used for

Expenditure items that are not eligible are:

- costs that cannot be directly linked to improving the safety and accessibility of your aerodrome
- payment of salaries for existing staff or contractors not directly employed on core elements of the project
- in-kind or volunteer expenditure
- donated materials or services
- aerodrome infrastructure costs such as works on terminals, hangars, commercial developments and aerodrome buildings (excluding basic airside ambulance, patient shelters for patients in transit and works to provide access for people with disability)
- purchase and maintenance of motor vehicles, heavy plant and equipment (excluding that associated with provision of access for people with disability)
- project planning and design, research or feasibility costs and all other costs associated with pre-development approval
- costs related to preparing the grant application, any project reports (except costs of independent audit reports we require) and any project variation requests
- construction costs of new development proposals
- costs associated with the introduction, maintenance or expansion of commercial air services to the aerodrome, including fuel storage facilities
- safety related staff training costs not directly related to aviation safety
- routine operational expenses, including communications, administrative overheads, accommodation, office computing facilities, printing and stationery, postage, legal and accounting fees and bank charges

- ongoing routine maintenance activities such as vegetation and weed control, slashing and mowing of project site.

6. The assessment criteria

You must address all assessment criteria in your application. The assessment panel will assess your application based on the weighting given to each criterion.

The application form asks questions that relate to the assessment criteria below. The amount of detail and supporting evidence you provide in your application should be relative to the project size, complexity and grant amount requested. You should provide evidence to support your answers. The application form displays character limits for each response.

The assessment panel will only consider funding to applications that score at least 50 per cent against each assessment criterion on the basis that these represent the best value for relevant money.

6.1. Assessment criterion 1

Demonstrated need for your project (50 points).

You should demonstrate this by explaining:

- the extent of need to improve general access, all weather access, an accessible whole of aviation journey for people with disability and/or safety of the airstrip to facilitate delivery of essential services to the community (to support your application you should attach evidence to demonstrate the need for your project, for example: airstrip inspection reports, engineering reports, photos of the problem area or issue)
- the extent to which upgrades are required to support the operation of aeromedical (including the RFDS) and emergency services to the community
- the extent to which the project is time critical and it cannot proceed without grant funding.

6.2. Assessment criterion 2

Capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project (25 points).

You should demonstrate this by explaining:

- your track record managing similar projects
- your plan to manage the project including addressing scope, implementation plan, procurement and works, timeframes, budget and risk management (including workplace health and safety)
- your strategy to maintain the project outcomes beyond the term of the grant funding.

6.3. Assessment criterion 3

Impact/benefit of grant funding on your project (25 points).

You should demonstrate this by explaining:

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- a. the benefits to be provided to the communities serviced by the aerodrome and Australia more broadly, including alignment with broader Government priorities (for example improved climate resilience, First Nations priorities, access for people with disability, and provision of essential services in respect of which the community relies upon the aerodrome for, such as employment, community health access, emergency medical and other services etc)
- b. total investment the grant will leverage (including the level of state/territory government co-funding you expect to receive for the project).

7. How to apply

Before applying you should read and understand these guidelines, the [sample application form](#) and the [sample grant agreement](#) published on business.gov.au and GrantConnect.

Applicants should read all eligibility and assessment criteria closely and attach detailed evidence that supports the assessment criteria.

You will need to set up an account to access our online [portal](#). You can only submit an application during a funding round.

To apply, you must:

- complete and submit the application through the online [portal](#)
- provide all the information requested
- address all eligibility and assessment criteria
- include all necessary attachments.

You are responsible for making sure your application is complete and accurate. The use of artificial intelligence and other forms of automation is permissible in developing your application, but you remain responsible for the accuracy, security and suitability of all information submitted as part of your application.

Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the [Criminal Code Act 1995](#). If we consider that you have provided false or misleading information we may not progress your application. If you find an error in your application after submitting it, you should call us immediately on 13 28 46.

After submitting your application, we can contact you for clarification if we find an error or any missing information, including evidence that supports your eligibility/merit. The acceptance of any additional information provided after the submission of your application is at the discretion of the program delegate. Additional information should not materially change your application at the time it was submitted and therefore may be refused if deemed to be purely supplementary.

You can view and print a copy of your submitted application on the portal for your own records.

If you need further guidance around the application process, or if you have any issues with the portal, [contact us](#) at business.gov.au or by calling 13 28 46.

7.1. Attachments to the application

You must provide the following documents with your application:

- a project plan to support your claims against assessment criterion 2
- a project budget
- evidence of support from the board, CEO or equivalent (template provided on business.gov.au and [GrantConnect](#)). Where the CEO or equivalent submits the application, we will accept this as evidence of support
- trust deed (where applicable)
- for projects supporting improved access to air services for people with disability: supporting documentation of evidence of consultation with community disability accessibility stakeholders and evidence of need.

You should provide documentation to support your application such as:

- airstrip inspection or engineering reports
- quotes (where available)
- photos of the issue to be addressed.

For applications seeking over \$1 million as a grant, you are required to provide:

- information (where applicable) on the co-funding source. If state/territory government funding please provide a letter of support (except where application is lodged by the state/territory government).
- quotes/cost breakdown
- written support from the state or territory government's relevant transport department for your proposal and use of a project manager (except where application is lodged by the state/territory government).

You must attach supporting documentation to the application form in line with the instructions provided within the form. You should only attach requested documents. Individual file sizes cannot be greater than 25MB, while the total of all attachments cannot exceed 50MB. We will not consider information in attachments that we do not request.

7.2. Joint (consortia) applications

We recognise that some organisations may want to join together as a group to deliver a project. In these circumstances, you must appoint a lead organisation. Only the lead organisation can submit the application form and enter into the grant agreement with the Commonwealth. The application must identify all other members of the proposed group and include a letter of support from each of the project partners. Each letter of support should include:

- details of the project partner
- an overview of how the project partner will work with the lead organisation and any other project partners in the group to successfully complete the project
- an outline of the relevant experience and/or expertise the project partner will bring to the group
- the roles/responsibilities the project partner will undertake, and the resources it will contribute (if any)
- details of a nominated management level contact officer.

You must have a formal arrangement in place with all parties prior to the execution of the grant agreement.

7.3. Timing of grant opportunity processes

You can only submit an application between the published opening and closing dates. We cannot accept late applications.

If you are successful, we expect you will be able to commence your project around December 2026.

Table 1: Expected timing for this grant opportunity

Activity	Timeframe
Assessment of applications	10-12 weeks
Approval and announcement of successful applicants	4 weeks
Negotiations and award of grant agreements	5 weeks
Notification to unsuccessful applicants	2 weeks
Earliest start date of project	The date we notify you that your application has been successful (we are not responsible for any expenditure you incur until a grant agreement is executed).
Project completion date	No later than 30 March 2029
End date of grant commitment	30 June 2029

7.4. Questions during the application process

If you have any questions during the application period, [contact us](#) at business.gov.au or by calling 13 28 46.

8. The grant selection process

8.1. Assessment of grant applications

We first review your application against the eligibility criteria.

If eligible, your application will be assessed against the assessment criteria. Only eligible applications will proceed to the assessment stage.

We consider your application on its merits, based on:

- how well it meets the criteria
- how it compares to other applications

- whether it provides value with relevant money.²

When assessing the extent to which the application represents value with relevant money, we will have regard to:

- the overall objective/s of the grant opportunity
- the evidence provided to demonstrate how your project contributes to meeting those objectives
- the relative value of the grant sought

If applications are scored the same, the assessment panel will consider value with relevant money and alignment to the program objectives/ geographical spread/ other program specific requirements to recommend applications for funding.

We also consider any national interest, financial, legal/regulatory, governance or other issue or risk that we identify during any due diligence process that we conduct in respect of the applicant. This includes its directors, officers, senior managers, key personnel, its related bodies corporate (as defined in the *Corporations Act*) or its application that could bring the Australian Government into disrepute if it were to fund the applicant. Such issues and risks include where we consider that funding the application under this grant opportunity is likely to directly conflict with Australian Government policy. Where possible³, we will provide you with an opportunity to comment on any material risks identified during this due diligence process prior to our determining the extent (if any) to which those issues or risks affect our assessment of the application and, if so, whether they are sufficient to warrant the exclusion of your application from the assessment process.

8.2. Who will assess applications?

We refer your application to the assessment panel which is comprised of representatives from DITRDCSA to assess applications. The assessment panel may also seek additional advice from state/territory government, stakeholder group representatives (for example aeromedical service providers) and independent technical experts to inform the assessment process. We may also use the assessment panel for out-of-round applications where the project is urgent due to emergency circumstances.

The assessment panel will assess your application against the assessment criteria and compare it to other eligible applications before recommending which projects to fund. The assessment panel, and any expert or advisor, will be required to perform their duties in accordance with the CGRPs.

The assessment panel may seek additional information about you or your application from state/territory government, stakeholder group representatives and independent technical experts. We may also use the assessment panel for out-of-round applications where the project is urgent due to emergency circumstances.

² See glossary for an explanation of 'value with money'.

³ Subject to national security and other considerations.

8.3. Who will approve grants?

The Minister decides which grants to approve taking into account the application assessment of the assessment panel and the availability of grant funds.

The Minister's decision is final in all matters, including:

- the grant approval
- the grant funding to be awarded
- any conditions attached to the offer of grant funding.

We cannot review decisions about the merits of your application.

The Minister will not approve funding if there are insufficient program funds available across relevant financial years for the program.

9. Notification of application outcomes

We will advise you of the outcome of your application in writing. If you are successful, we advise you of any specific conditions attached to the grant.

You can submit a new application for the same (or similar) project in any future funding rounds. You should include new or more information to address the weaknesses that prevented your previous application from being successful.

9.1. Feedback on your application

If you are unsuccessful, we will give you an opportunity to discuss the outcome with us.

10. Successful grant applications

10.1. The grant agreement

You must enter into a legally binding grant agreement with the Commonwealth. The grant agreement has general terms and conditions that cannot be changed. A sample [grant agreement](#) is available on [business.gov.au](#) and GrantConnect.

We will manage the grant agreement through the online portal. This includes issuing and executing the grant agreement. Execute means both you and the Commonwealth have accepted the agreement. We are not responsible for any expenditure you incur and cannot make any payments until a grant agreement is executed.

The approval of your grant may have specific conditions determined by the assessment process or other considerations made by the Minister. We will identify these in the offer of grant funding.

If you enter an agreement under the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program you cannot receive other grants for this project for the same activities from other Commonwealth granting programs.

The Commonwealth may recover grant funds if there is a breach of the grant agreement.

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You will have 30 days from the date of a written offer to execute this grant agreement with the Commonwealth. During this time, we will work with you to finalise details.

The offer may lapse if both parties do not sign the grant agreement within this time. Under certain circumstances, we may extend this period. We base the approval of your grant on the information you provide in your application. We will review any required changes to these details to ensure they do not impact the project as approved by the Minister.

10.2. Specific legislation, policies and industry standards

You must comply with all relevant laws, regulations and Australian Government sanctions in undertaking your project. You must also comply with the specific legislation/policies/industry standards that follow. It is a condition of the grant funding that you meet these requirements. We will include these requirements in your grant agreement.

In particular, you will be required to comply with state/territory legislation in relation to working with children.

10.2.1. Building and construction requirements

Wherever the government funds building and construction activities, the following special regulatory requirements apply.

- Australian Government Building and Construction WHS Accreditation Scheme ([WHS Scheme](#))⁴

These regulations are subject to the level of funding you receive as outlined below.

10.2.1.1. WHS Scheme

The WHS Scheme is administered by the [Office of the Federal Safety Commissioner](#)⁵.

The Scheme applies to projects that are directly or indirectly funded by the Australian Government where

- the value of the Australian Government contribution to the project is at least \$6 million and represents at least 50 per cent of the total construction project value; or
- the Australian Government contribution to a project is \$10 million (GST inclusive) or more, irrespective of the proportion of Australian Government funding; and
- a head contract under the project includes building work of \$4 million or more (GST Inclusive).

10.3. How we pay the grant

The grant agreement will state:

- the maximum grant amount we will pay
- the proportion of eligible expenditure covered by the grant (grant percentage)
- any in-kind contributions you will make

⁴ <https://www.fsc.gov.au/how-do-i-know-if-i-need-use-accredited-builder>

⁵ <https://www.fsc.gov.au/about-fsc>

- any financial contribution provided by you or a third party.

We will make payments according to an agreed schedule set out in the grant agreement. Payments are subject to satisfactory progress on the project.

10.4. Grant Payments and GST

If you are registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST), where applicable we will add GST to your grant payment and provide you with a recipient created tax invoice. You are required to notify us if your GST registration status changes during the project period. GST does not apply to grant payments to government related entities⁶.

Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by a taxation law. We recommend you seek independent professional advice on your taxation obligations or seek assistance from the [Australian Taxation Office](#). We do not provide advice on tax.

11. Announcement of grants

If successful, your grant will be listed on the GrantConnect website 21 calendar days after the date of execution.

We will publish non-sensitive details of successful projects on GrantConnect. We are required to do this by the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles \(CGRPs\)](#), Section 5.4. We may also publish this information on business.gov.au. This information may include:

- name of your organisation
- title of the project
- description of the project and its aims
- amount of grant funding awarded
- Australian Business Number
- business location
- your organisation's industry sector.

12. How we monitor your grant activity

12.1. Keeping us informed

You should let us know if anything is likely to affect your project or organisation.

We need to know of any key changes to your organisation or its business activities, particularly if they affect your ability to complete your project, carry on business and pay debts due.

You must also inform us of any changes to your:

- name
- addresses
- nominated contact details

⁶ See Australian Taxation Office ruling GSTR 2012/2 available at ato.gov.au

- bank account details
- joint/consortia partners and related arrangements (if applicable).

If you become aware of a breach of terms and conditions under the grant agreement, you must contact us immediately.

You must notify us of events relating to your project and provide an opportunity for the Minister or their representative to attend.

12.2. Reporting

You must submit reports in line with the grant agreement. We will provide the requirements for these reports as appendices in the grant agreement. We will remind you of your reporting obligations before a report is due. We will expect you to report on:

- progress against agreed project milestones and outcomes
- project expenditure, including expenditure of grant funds
- contributions of participants directly related to the project.

The amount of detail you provide in your reports should be relative to the project size, complexity and grant amount. The use of artificial intelligence and other forms of automation is permissible in meeting your reporting requirements, but you remain responsible for the accuracy, security and suitability of all information submitted in your reports.

We will monitor the progress of your project by assessing reports you submit and may conduct site visits to confirm details of your reports if necessary. Occasionally we may need to re-examine claims, seek further information or request an independent audit of claims and payments.

12.2.1. Progress reports

Progress reports must:

- include details of your progress towards completion of agreed project activities
- show the total eligible project expenditure incurred to date
- include evidence of expenditure
- include how the project contributed to Closing the Gap outcomes (for example employment or procurement opportunities, socioeconomic outcomes, education, provision of health care) (if applicable)
- describe and include evidence of how the project has supported improved access to air services for people with disability (if applicable)
- be submitted by the report due date (you can submit reports ahead of time if you have completed relevant project activities).

We will only make grant payments when we receive satisfactory progress reports.

You must discuss any project or milestone reporting delays with us as soon as you become aware of them.

12.2.2. Ad-hoc reports

We may ask you for ad-hoc reports on your project. This may be to provide an update on progress, or any significant delays or difficulties in completing the project.

12.2.3. End of project report

When you complete the project, you must submit an end of project report.

End of project reports must:

- include the agreed evidence as specified in the grant agreement
- identify the total eligible project expenditure incurred for the project
- include how the project contributed to Closing the Gap outcomes (for example employment or procurement opportunities, socioeconomic outcomes, education, provision of health care) (if applicable)
- describe and include evidence of how your project has engaged with any verified Indigenous businesses and suppliers, and/or Indigenous employment (if applicable)
- describe and include evidence of how the project has supported improved access to air services for people with disability (if applicable)
- include a declaration that the grant money was spent in accordance with the grant agreement and to report on any underspends of the grant money
- be submitted by the report due date.

12.3. Audited financial acquittal report

We may ask you to provide an independent audit report (mandatory for projects over \$500,000 or where we request one). An audit report will verify that you spent the grant in accordance with the grant agreement. The audit report requires you to prepare a statement of grant income and expenditure.

12.4. Grant agreement variations

We recognise that unexpected events may affect project progress. In these circumstances, you can request a variation to your grant agreement, including:

- changing project milestones
- extending the timeframe for completing the project, and in exceptional circumstances it may be extended beyond the maximum time period allowed in program guidelines subject to funds being available
- changing project activities
- varying grant funding amount.

If you want to propose changes to the grant agreement, you must put them in writing before the project grant agreement end date. You can submit a variation request via our online portal.

If a delay in the project causes milestone achievement and payment dates to move to a different financial year, you will need a variation to the grant agreement. We can only move funds between financial years if there is enough program funding in the relevant year to allow for the revised payment schedule. If we cannot move the funds, you may lose some grant funding.

You should not assume that a variation request will be successful. We will consider your request based on factors such as:

- how it affects the project outcome

- consistency with the program policy objective, grant opportunity guidelines and any relevant policies of DITRDCSA
- changes to the timing of grant payments
- availability of program funds.

12.5. Compliance visits

We may visit you during the project period, or at the completion of your project to review your compliance with the grant agreement. For large or complex projects, we may visit you after you finish your project. We will provide you with reasonable notice of any compliance visit.

12.6. Record keeping

We may also inspect the records you are required to keep under the grant agreement.

12.7. Evaluation

DITRDCSA will evaluate the grant program to measure how well the outcomes and objectives have been achieved. They may use information from your application and project reports for this purpose. They may also interview you, or ask you for more information to help understand how the grant impacted you and to evaluate how effective the program was in achieving its outcomes.

DITRDCSA may contact you up to two years after you finish your project for more information to assist with this evaluation.

12.8. Acknowledgement

If you make a public statement about a project funded under the program, including in a brochure or publication, you must acknowledge the grant by using the following:

‘This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.’

If you erect signage in relation to the project, the signage must contain an acknowledgement of the grant. Contact us for guidance on the signage requirements.

13. Probity

We will make sure that the grant opportunity process is fair, according to the published guidelines, incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct and is consistent with the CGRPs.

13.1. Enquiries and feedback

For further information or clarification, you can contact us on 13 28 46 or by [web chat](#) or through our [online enquiry form](#) on business.gov.au.

We may publish answers to your questions on our website as Frequently Asked Questions.

Our [Customer Service Charter](#) is available at business.gov.au. We use customer satisfaction surveys to improve our business operations and service.

If you have a complaint, call us on 13 28 46. We will refer your complaint to the appropriate manager.

If you are not satisfied with the way we handle your complaint, you can contact:

General Manager
Business Grants Hub
Department of Industry, Science and Resources
GPO Box 2013
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You can also contact the [Commonwealth Ombudsman](#) with your complaint (call 1300 362 072). There is no fee for making a complaint, and the Ombudsman may conduct an independent investigation.

13.2. Conflicts of interest

Any conflicts of interest could affect the performance of the program. There may be a conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest, if our staff, any member of a committee or advisor and/or you or any of your personnel:

- has a professional, commercial or personal relationship with a party who is able to influence the application selection process, such as an Australian Government officer or member of an external panel
- has a relationship with or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict the applicants from carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently or
- has a relationship with, or interest in, an organisation from which they will receive personal gain because the organisation receives a grant under the grant program/grant opportunity.

As part of your application, we will ask you to declare any perceived or existing conflicts of interests or confirm that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no conflict of interest.

If you later identify an actual, apparent, or perceived conflict of interest, you must inform us in writing immediately.

Conflicts of interest for Australian Government staff are handled as set out in the Australian [Public Service Code of Conduct \(Section 13\(7\)\)](#) of the [Public Service Act 1999](#). Committee members and other officials including the decision maker must also declare any conflicts of interest.

We publish our [conflict of interest policy](#)⁷ on the department's website. The Commonwealth policy entity also publishes a conflict of interest policy on its website.

13.3. Privacy

Unless the information you provide to us is:

- confidential information as per below, or

⁷ <https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/conflict-interest-policy>

- personal information as per below.

we may share the information with other government agencies for a relevant Commonwealth purpose such as:

- to improve the effective administration, monitoring and evaluation of Australian Government programs
- for research
- to announce the awarding of grants.

We must treat your personal information according to the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) and the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). This includes letting you know:

- what personal information we collect
- why we collect your personal information
- to whom we give your personal information.

We may give the personal information we collect from you to our employees and contractors, the assessment panel, and other Commonwealth employees and contractors, so we can:

- manage the program
- research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities.

We, or the Minister, may:

- announce the names of successful applicants to the public
- publish personal information on the department's websites.

You may read our [Privacy Policy](#)⁸ on the department's website for more information on:

- what is personal information
- how we collect, use, disclose and store your personal information
- how you can access and correct your personal information.

13.4. Confidential information

Other than information available in the public domain, you agree not to disclose to any person, other than us, any confidential information relating to the grant application and/or agreement, without our prior written approval. The obligation will not be breached where you are required by law, Parliament or a stock exchange to disclose the relevant information or where the relevant information is publicly available (other than through breach of a confidentiality or non-disclosure obligation).

We may at any time, require you to arrange for you; or your employees, agents or subcontractors to give a written undertaking relating to nondisclosure of our confidential information in a form we consider acceptable.

We will treat the information you give us as sensitive and therefore confidential if it meets all of the following conditions:

- you clearly identify the information as confidential and explain why we should treat it as confidential
- the information is commercially sensitive

⁸ <https://www.industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/privacy-policy>

- disclosing the information would cause unreasonable harm to you or someone else
- you provide the information with an understanding that it will stay confidential.

We may disclose confidential information:

- to the assessment panel and our Commonwealth employees and contractors, to help us manage the program effectively
- to the Auditor-General, Ombudsman or Privacy Commissioner
- to the responsible Minister or Assistant Minister
- to a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament.

We may also disclose confidential information if:

- we are required or authorised by law to disclose it
- you agree to the information being disclosed, or
- someone other than us has made the confidential information public.

13.5. Freedom of information

All documents in the possession of the Australian Government, including those about the program, are subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act).

The purpose of the FOI Act is to give members of the public rights of access to information held by the Australian Government and its entities. Under the FOI Act, members of the public can seek access to documents held by the Australian Government. This right of access is limited only by the exceptions and exemptions necessary to protect essential public interests and private and business affairs of persons in respect of whom the information relates.

If someone requests a document under the FOI Act, we will release it (though we may need to consult with you and/or other parties first) unless it meets one of the exemptions set out in the FOI Act.

14. Glossary

Term	Definition
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation	An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the <i>Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006</i> (Cth).
administering entity	When an entity that is not responsible for the policy, is responsible for the administration of part or all of the grant administration processes.
administrative overheads	Administrative overheads include rent, tax, office and administrative space expenses, repairs, maintenance, depreciation, office furniture and equipment costs, insurance, office supplies.
aerodrome	A defined area of land used for the arrival, departure and surface movement of aircraft, including taxi ways, aprons and parking positions.
airport	An area intended to be used for the arrival, departure and movement of aircraft.
application form	The document issued by the Program Delegate that applicants use to apply for funding under the program.
assessment criteria	The specified principles or standards, against which applications will be judged. These criteria are also used to assess the merits of proposals and, in the case of a competitive grant opportunity, to determine application ranking.
assessment panel	The body established by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (DITRDCA) to consider and assess eligible applications and make recommendations to the Minister for funding under the program.
Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles (CGRPs)	Establish the overarching Commonwealth grants policy framework and articulate the expectations for all non-corporate Commonwealth entities in relation to grants administration. Under this overarching framework, non-corporate Commonwealth entities undertake grants administration based on the mandatory requirements and key principles of grants administration.

Term	Definition
completion date	The expected date that the grant activity must be completed and the grant spent by
Closing the Gap	Additional information on Closing the Gap measures can be found on the National Agreement on the Closing the Gap and National Agreement Socio-economic Targets websites.
date of effect	Can be the date on which a grant agreement is signed or a specified starting date. Where there is no grant agreement, entities must publish information on individual grants as soon as practicable.
Department	The Department of Industry, Science and Resources.
decision maker	The person who makes a decision to award a grant.
eligible activities	The activities undertaken by a grantee in relation to a project that are eligible for funding support as set out in 5.1.
eligible application	An application or proposal for grant funding under the program that the Program Delegate has determined is eligible for assessment in accordance with these guidelines.
eligibility criteria	Refer to the mandatory criteria which must be met to qualify for a grant. Assessment criteria may apply in addition to eligibility criteria.
eligible expenditure	The expenditure incurred by a grantee on a project and which is eligible for funding support as set out in 5.2.
grant	For the purposes of the CGRPs, a 'grant' is an arrangement for the provision of financial assistance by the Commonwealth or on behalf of the Commonwealth: a. under which relevant money⁹ or other Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) money¹⁰ is to be paid to a grantee other than the Commonwealth; and

⁹ Relevant money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 8, Dictionary.

¹⁰ Other CRF money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 105, Rules in relation to other CRF money.

Term	Definition
	b. which is intended to help address one or more of the Australian Government's policy outcomes while assisting the grantee achieve its objectives.
grant activity/activities	Refers to the project/tasks/services that the grantee is required to undertake
grant agreement	A legally binding contract that sets out the relationship between the Commonwealth and a grantee for the grant funding, and specifies the details of the grant.
grant funding or grant funds	The funding made available by the Commonwealth to grantees under the program.
grant opportunity	Refers to the specific grant round or process where a Commonwealth grant is made available to potential grantees. Grant opportunities may be open or targeted and will reflect the relevant grant selection process.
grant program	A 'program' carries its natural meaning and is intended to cover a potentially wide range of related activities aimed at achieving government policy outcomes. A grant program is a group of one or more grant opportunities under a single DITRDCSA Portfolio Budget Statement Program.
GrantConnect	The Australian Government's whole-of-government grants information system, which centralises the publication and reporting of Commonwealth grants in accordance with the CGRPs.
grantee	The individual/organisation which has been selected to receive a grant
Indigenous owned and/or operated aerodrome	An aerodrome where: - the aerodrome is owned and/or operated by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the <i>Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (Cth)</i> or - the aerodrome is owned and/or operated by a Indigenous local government as determined by the relevant state or territory Local Government Grants Commission.
In-kind	Contributions to your project may be cash and/or in-kind.

Term	Definition
	An in-kind contribution is a non-cash contribution of goods or a service. In-kind includes labour; use of heavy plant and or equipment that has not been invoiced/paid for; donated materials or services. In-kind values may be included in the total project value, but they do not represent eligible expenditure and cannot be included as part of the grantee's agreed cash contribution (where applicable). Conversely, grant funds cannot be used to recover in-kind costs.
local government agency or body	A local governing body as defined in the <i>Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995</i> (Cth).
Minister	The Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government or delegated portfolio Minister.
personal information	Has the same meaning as in the <i>Privacy Act 1988</i> (Cth) which is: Information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable: a. whether the information or opinion is true or not; and b. whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not.
Program Delegate	A manager within the Business Grants Hub in DISR with responsibility for administering the program.
program funding or program funds	The funding made available by the Commonwealth for the program.
project	A project described in an application for grant funding under the program.
remote and very remote	Localities classified as <i>Remote</i> or <i>Very Remote</i> using the latest Australian Statistical Geographic Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Area . A map of the classification area, and search by location, can be found at maps.abs.gov.au
selection criteria	Comprises of eligibility criteria and assessment criteria.
value with money	Value with money in this document refers to 'value with relevant money' which is a judgement based on the

Term	Definition
	grant proposal representing an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public resources and determined from a variety of considerations. When administering a grant opportunity, an official should consider the relevant financial and non-financial costs and benefits of each proposal including, but not limited to: ▪ the quality of the project proposal and activities; ▪ fitness for purpose of the proposal in contributing to government objectives; ▪ that the absence of a grant is likely to prevent the grantee and government's outcomes being achieved; and ▪ the potential grantee's relevant experience and performance history.
verified Indigenous businesses and suppliers	An Indigenous business or supplier which is listed on the Supply Nation website .
whole of aviation journey	An aviation journey where a passenger with disability can safely and appropriately travel by air from a remote airstrip to their planned destination via another airport/s and can make a safe and appropriate return air journey to the originating remote airstrip.



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Board/CEO approval letter

You may use the following page as a template letter to confirm board/management support for your project. You may provide an alternate letter but the information and the confirmation must be as provided in this letter.

You should provide this letter on your organisation letterhead.

If your organisation has a Board of Management, a signature from the Managing Director representing the board is required. If you do not have a board, the Chief Executive Officer should sign this letter.

This letter should be uploaded onto our portal as part of your application.

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To the Program Manager

Support for Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program – Round 12 project

This letter confirms board/ management support for the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program – Round 12 project outlined as follows:

Applicant organisation name	
Application reference number	
Project name	

I confirm that this organisation can complete the project and meet the cost of the project not covered by grant funding.

Signature.....

Name	
Position title	
Date	

Board/ CEO Approval letter

Application for new permit or referral to clear native vegetation

This is the form to submit a referral of proposed clearing or apply for a clearing permit under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

Before you submit this form, please check you have completed all the fields for the form type and fully prepared any required supporting documents (maps etc.). The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) or Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration (DMPE) will return/decline any forms that are not correctly completed.

To find out more about the stages of assessment for clearing permit forms, see the [Procedure: Native vegetation clearing permits](#).

Part 1 – Form type

Select your form type. Note: Where appropriate in this form, and unless stated otherwise, the terms 'application' and 'applicant' also mean 'referral' and 'referrer' respectively.	☐ Referral of proposed clearing (section 51DA of the EP Act) ☐ Application for an area permit (section 51E of the EP Act) ☒ Application for a purpose permit (section 51E of the EP Act)
Which department are you submitting this form to? If the clearing is for mineral and petroleum activities authorised under the <i>Mining Act 1978</i>, the various petroleum Acts, and/or a State Agreement with areas covered by either mineral or petroleum tenure granted under one of the abovementioned Acts, select 'Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration'. For all other clearing activities, select 'Department of Water and Environmental Regulation'.	☒ Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration ☐ Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Part 2 – Applicant details

2.1 Applicant name

For area permits: If granted, the name(s) of (all) landowner(s) will be listed as 'permit holders' on the permit. For purpose permits: If granted, the name(s) of (all) applicant(s) will go on the permit.	☐ Applying as an individual – complete the following:	
	Title	☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other:
	Name(s)	
	☒ Applying as a body corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the following:	
	Name	Cygnnet Gold Pty Ltd
	Australian Company Number (ACN)	660 841 252
☐ Applying as a government entity (e.g. government department, local government authority, or other statutory body)		
	Name	

2.2 Applicant contact details

Provide the contact details for the above (primary contact).

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2.3 Applicant contact postal details

Provide the postal address for the above individual, body corporate or local government authority (primary contact).

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2.4 Applicant contact – registered business address

If applying as a company, incorporated body, local government authority or public authority, please also supply the registered business office address.

2.5 Electronic correspondence consent

DWER/DMPE prefer to send all correspondence via email. We request that you consent to receiving all correspondence relating to instruments and notices under Part V of the EP Act via email. Please indicate your consent in this section of the form.

I consent that all written correspondence between myself (the applicant) and DWER/DMPE (as applicable) about the subject of this form will be exclusively via email, using the email address provided above.

☒ Yes ☐ No

2.6 Contact details for enquiries

If different from the applicant's contact details, enter the contact details of a person with whom DWER/DMPE should liaise with (e.g. a consultant).

Same as applicant's contact details

☒ Yes ☐ No

If 'No' – complete the following:

Title	☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other:			
Contact name				
Position (if applicable)				
Company name (if applicable)				
Phone number		Mobile		

Email address			
Business or postal address line 1			
Business or postal address line 2			
Suburb			
State		Postcode	

Part 3 – Land details

- You must accurately describe the location of the land where your clearing is proposed.
- Provide copies of associated documents registered against the Certificate of Title (limitations, interests, encumbrances or notifications) where the clearing may impact them (i.e. caveats within freehold Lots).
- If you have a large number of properties, please provide the relevant details for each property in a separately attached supporting document.

I have a large number of properties and have given the relevant details in an attached supporting document.	☐ Yes – skip to Part 4 ☒ No
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If 'No' – complete the following:

Land description Provide the following details, as applicable, for all properties: – volume and folio number – lot or location number(s) – crown lease or reserve number – pastoral lease number – mining tenement number	M77/109, M77/1016, M77/535 & M77/552 Tenement summaries attached with supporting document		
Street address – Line 1			
Street address – Line 2			
Suburb			
State	WA	Postcode	
Local government area(s)	Shire of Yligarn		
Land zoning	Rural/Mining, Recreation, Public Purposes		

Part 4 – Relationship to landowner

Tell us which of the following options best describes you as the person completing and submitting this form. If you are filling out this form on behalf of the applicant, answer this question as though you are the applicant.

Proof of ownership may include:

- a certificate of title
- a pastoral or mining lease
- public authority that has care, control or management of the land
- other form of lease, land tenure or specific arrangement.

Relationship to landowner (select one of the following options)	Complete the following
☒ I am the landowner	☒ Attach proof of ownership
☐ I am lodging a form on behalf of the landowner (e.g. a consultant)	☐ Attach proof of ownership
☐ I am acting on the landowner's behalf and will be jointly responsible for the clearing permit (i.e. joint form)	☐ Attach proof of ownership ☐ Attach a letter, in which the landowner authorises you to act on their behalf and acknowledge they will be jointly responsible for the clearing permit
☐ I am likely to become the landowner	☐ Attach evidence of the pending transfer of ownership, including details of current proprietor on certificate of title, and/or contract of sale ('offer and acceptance')
☐ I will undertake the clearing activities with the landowner's authority and will be the permit holder	☐ Attach proof of ownership ☐ Attach a letter, in which the landowner authorises you to access and clear native vegetation within the property(ies) as detailed in section 3.1 (if the applicant is not the landowner)
☐ I am a person with multiple land parcels within which clearing is proposed	☐ Attach proof of ownership and/or ☐ Attach letters, in which the landowner authorises you to access and clear native vegetation within the properties as detailed in section 3.1 (if the applicant is not the landowner)
☐ I will undertake the clearing activities through the exercise of power conferred by different legislation (e.g. the <i>Energy Operators (Powers) Act 1979</i>)	☐ Provide relevant legislative details:

Part 5 – Proposed clearing

5.1 Maps and/or spatial data

Select which map type(s) you will attach with your form. Note: DWER/DMPE will decline/return forms (as applicable) if you do not provide sufficient information for this question.	☒ An ESRI shapefile with the following properties (preferred) • Geometry type: polygon shape • Coordinate system: Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) 2020 (geographic latitude/longitude) • Datum: GDA 2020 ☐ An aerial photograph or map with a north arrow, clearly marking the proposed clearing area Note: • An ESRI shapefile must use one of the following filename extensions: .shp, .shx, .dbf, and/or .prj • You must provide an ESRI shapefile if the form requires an assessment under an <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth) (EPBC Act) accredited process. See Part 8 of this form for more information.
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5.2 Size

- If you propose to clear a patch(es) of vegetation, enter a hectare value for the total size of the area (mark number of trees as zero). For example, "clearing of 5 hectares".
- If you propose to clear only individual trees (i.e. the shrubs, grasses, groundcover plants will remain intact), provide the number of trees. For example, "clearing of 10 trees". If any shrubs, grasses, and/or groundcover plants **may** be damaged in the clearing process, enter the total area only.
- If you propose to clear an area of native vegetation within a larger footprint, enter the hectare value for the total size of the area to be cleared (mark number of trees as zero) and the size of the footprint. For example, 5 hectares of clearing within a 10-hectare footprint. This option is only available for purpose permit applications.
- Enter values for **both** number of trees and the size of the area **only** if you are clearing individual trees in one area **and** a patch of vegetation in a different area.
- Please note the following area conversions/calculations:

1 hectare = 10,000 m²

Area of circle = 3.14 x radius²

1 acre = 0.4 hectares/4,000 m²

Area of a rectangle = length x width

1 tree = 0.01 hectares/100 m²

Area of a triangle = ½ length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	3.0Ha
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	43.6Ha
Number of individual trees to be cleared	

Note: Calculate the area of a tree based on the area encompassed by the tree's drip line; that being the outermost circumference of the tree's canopy.

5.3 Purpose

Provide the reason for proposed clearing (e.g. road construction, grazing and pasture, hazard reduction, horticulture, timber harvesting etc.). If applicable, provide any additional project overview or explain in detail the activities on the property (e.g. provide context of work proposed and describe how clearing will contribute to overall work activities onsite etc.).	Ground disturbance is required so Cygnet can install a dewatering pipeline within a bund from its Golden Pig site to Lake Koorkoordinate as per DWER Works Approval W2960/2025/1 and Mining Development and Closure Proposal (MDCP) application MEG - 243947
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	Rehabilitated land as per DMPE approval

5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	Raised blade clearing for the pipeline route
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5.5 Timeframe

Period within which you propose to do the clearing (e.g. 1/7/2022 to 30/8/2024)	Start date: 1/11/2026 (estimated) End date: 1/12/2026 (estimated)
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Note: The clearing referral process is not suitable for any clearing that is expected to take longer than two years.

5.6 Pre-application scoping

Historic clearing of native vegetation in the Swan Coastal Plain and Avon Wheatbelt [Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia](#) (IBRA) bioregions has been extensive. DWER/DMPE strongly recommends a pre-application meeting if you propose to clear native vegetation within these bioregions.

Do you propose to clear native vegetation within the Swan Coastal Plain or Avon Wheatbelt bioregions?	☐ Yes – complete section below	
	☐ I have had a pre-application meeting with DWER/DMPE	
	Insert date of meeting and officer name(s):	
	☐ I have contacted DWER/DMPE in relation to a pre-application meeting and been advised that a meeting is unnecessary in this case.	
	Insert date of conversation and officer name(s):	

	☐ I have not had a pre-application meeting with DWER/DMPE. I understand that this may increase the likelihood of requests for further information and/or delays in assessment. ☒ No – proceed to next question.
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Part 6 – Mitigation hierarchy

6.1 Avoidance and mitigation

Explain how you have, or will, put avoidance and mitigation measures in place to eliminate, reduce, or otherwise mitigate the need for and scale of the proposed clearing of native vegetation.

Attach supporting documents to substantiate your explanation.

Your explanation should demonstrate you have planned the project so that the least clearing possible is to be undertaken. The following questions may help you frame your explanation:

- Why did you select this location and amount of clearing?
- What alternatives to clearing – e.g. engineering solutions – did you consider? (Attach design drawings where applicable)
- What changes, if any, did you make to the location or amount of clearing to reduce the impacts of the clearing?

Note: If you do not demonstrate adequate efforts to avoid and mitigate clearing, DWER/DMPE will ask you to do so during the validation of this application. Offsets will only be considered by DWER/DMPE as a last resort, once avoidance and minimisation measures have been clearly demonstrated.

Provide the avoidance details (e.g. retention of vegetation on property)	Hanking is using a purpose permit NVCP application. This will ensure we can keep total disturbance to a minimum by having flexibility around where the pipeline will be specifically laid. As such we can avoid vegetation and utilize existing disturbed areas where possible. Please refer to the supporting document
Provide the mitigation details (e.g. management of weed spread, rehabilitation)	Please refer to the supporting document

6.2 Offsets

Do you want to submit a clearing offset proposal with your form?	☐ Yes ☒ No
If 'Yes' – please complete and attach Appendix A of the Clearing of native vegetation offsets procedure guideline as a supporting document for your form.	☐ Appendix A attached

Part 7 – Surveys for assessments (ISA)

Do you want to submit marine or biodiversity surveys in support of your form?

☒ Yes ☐ No – skip to Part 8

7.1 Biodiversity and Marine surveys

If you want to submit any biodiversity or marine surveys to support this form, you must submit them via Environment Online and follow the **Procedure - – Preparing Data Packages for the Index of Surveys for Assessments (ISA)** at <https://environmentonline.dwer.wa.gov.au/article/?code=KA-00081#/> and <https://environmentonline.dwer.wa.gov.au/article/?code=KA-00098>.

If you do not meet the ISA requirements, DWER/DMPE will decline/return your form.

Please provide the ISA number(s) in the space provided. Please note DWER/DMPE will suspend the assessment timeframes for your application until the biodiversity or marine surveys are accepted by ISA.

Have you submitted all the biodiversity surveys that support this form to the [Index of Surveys for Assessment](#) via Environment Online?

☐ Yes
☒ Not applicable

If 'Yes' – please provide the ISA number(s) and/or any relevant existing IBSA/IMSA numbers

Yet to be submitted to IBSA

Part 8 – Assessment bilateral agreement

The native vegetation clearing processes under Part V of the EP Act have been accredited by the Commonwealth of Australia under the EPBC Act and so can be assessed under an assessment bilateral agreement.

To be assessed this way, the proposed clearing action must have been referred to the Commonwealth under the EPBC Act and deemed a '**controlled action**' before you submit this form. DWER/DMPE will decline to deal with your application without the proposed clearing first being deemed a controlled action.

For further information, see DWER's [guidance on the assessment bilateral agreement](#).

Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or under, an EPBC Act Accredited Process, such as the assessment bilateral agreement or accredited assessment?

☐ Yes
☒ No – skip to Part 9

Is your proposed clearing a controlled action?

☐ Yes

If 'Yes', please make sure you have entered all the mandatory details in the

EPBC number:

Annex C7 form	☐ Annex C7 form attached ☒ No (DWER/DMPE cannot assess the application under an EPBC Act Accredited Process)
List the controlling provisions identified in the notification of the controlled action decision	

Part 9 – Other approvals

9.1 Environmental impact assessment (Part IV of the EP Act)

Clearing may be referred to the EPA if it is considered to be part of a 'significant proposal', as defined by section 37B(1) of the EP Act, or will likely to be part of a larger development. An example is when the clearing is for a road to a future mine.

Section 37B(1) of the EP Act defines a 'significant proposal' as "a proposal likely, if implemented, to have a significant effect on the environment". If a decision-making authority (e.g. DWER/DMPE) considers the proposal in this form is likely to constitute a 'significant proposal', under section 38(5) of the EP Act they must refer the proposal to the EPA under Part IV, if such a referral has not already been made.

Has the proposed clearing or any related matter been referred to the EPA?	☐ Yes Enter details: ☒ No – complete question below.
If 'No' – do you intend to refer the proposal to the EPA?	☐ Yes – intend to refer (proposal is a 'significant proposal') ☐ Yes – intend to refer (proposal will require a section 45C amendment to the current Ministerial Statement) ☐ No – a current valid Ministerial Statement applies Enter Ministerial Statement number: ☒ No – not a significant proposal

9.2 Other approvals – works approval, licence or registration (Part V Division 3 of the EP Act)

Have you applied or do you intend to apply for a works approval, licence, registration or an amendment to any of the above, under Part V Division 3 of the EP Act? It is an offence to perform any action that would cause a premises to become a prescribed premises of a type listed in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Protection Regulations 1987,	☐ Yes Application reference: ☒ No – a valid works approval applies
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unless that action is done in accordance with a works approval, licence or registration. For further guidance, see DWER's Procedure: Prescribed premises works approvals and licences and Guideline: Industry regulation guide to licensing.	(W2960/2025/1) ☐ No – a valid licence applies ☐ No – a valid registration applies ☐ No – not required
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9.3 Water licences and permits (*Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914*)

Have you applied or do you intend to apply for: • a licence or amendment to a licence to take water (surface water or groundwater) • a licence or amendment to a licence to construct wells (including bores and soaks), or • a permit or amendment to a permit to interfere with the bed and banks of a watercourse? For further guidance on water licences and permits under the <i>Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914</i>, see DWER's Procedure: Water licences and permits.	☐ Yes ☒ No – a current valid licence applies <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Licence number:</td> <td>GWL 209194(1)</td> </tr> </table> ☐ Not applicable	Licence number:	GWL 209194(1)
Licence number:	GWL 209194(1)		

9.4 Planning and other approvals

Has the proposal obtained all relevant planning approvals and/or have you applied for all relevant planning approvals (e.g. Development Approval, Extractive Industry Licence, etc.)?	☐ Yes <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Enter details:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Enter details:	
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	☐ No – planning approval is not required <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Enter details:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Enter details:	
	Enter details:		
☒ Not applicable			

Part 10 – Prescribed fee

10.1 Referral or application?

There are no prescribed fees for referrals. Is this form a referral of proposed clearing or an application for a new permit?	☐ Referral – skip to Part 11 ☒ Application – continue and complete Part 10
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10.2 Calculating the application fees

You must pay the prescribed fee at the time you submit the application form. DWER/DMPE will decline to deal with your application if you do not pay the prescribed fee.

Please calculate the prescribed fee using the online [clearing permit fee calculator tool](#).



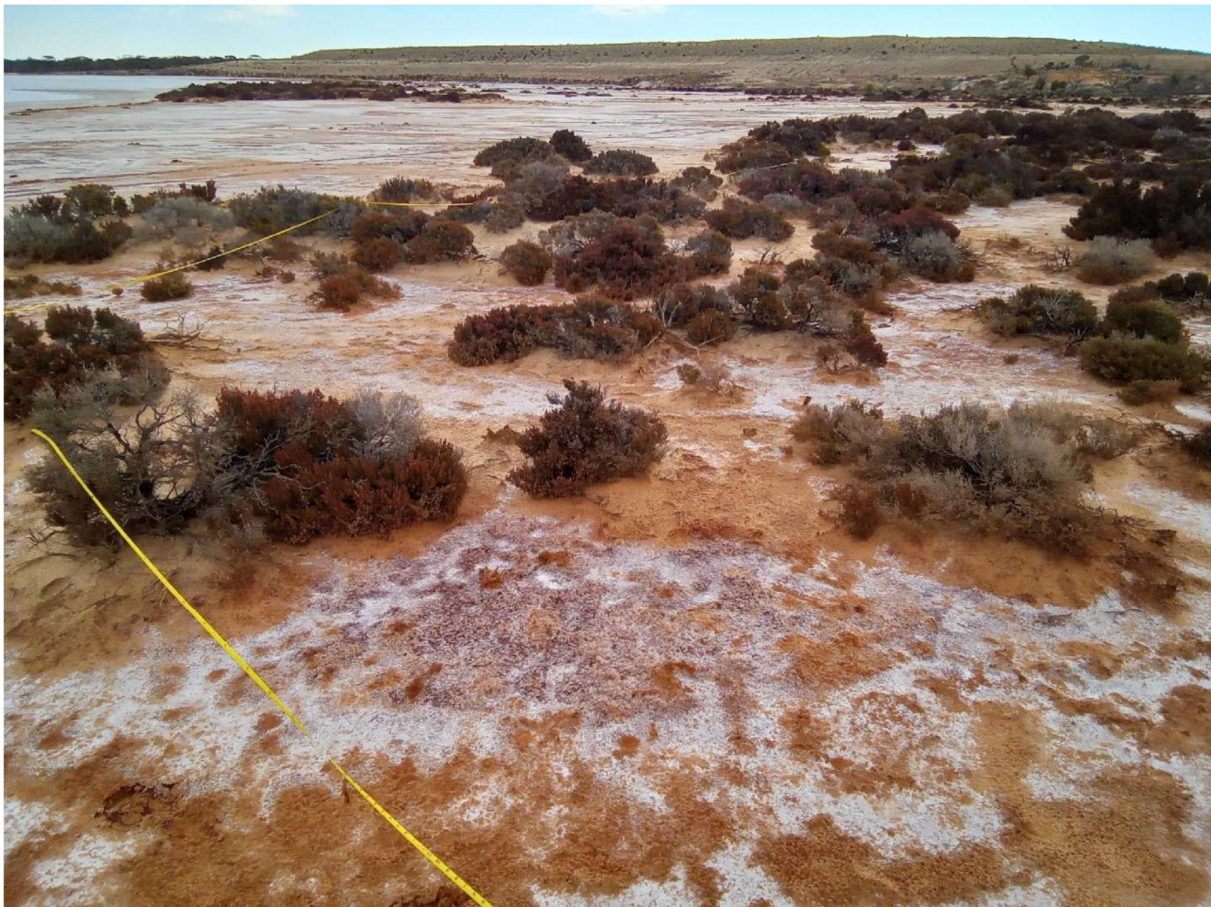
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M77/109, M77/1016, M77/535 & M77/552

July 2026



ACRONYMS

Acronym	Definition
BAM Act	Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act
BC Act	<i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
BOM	Bureau of Meteorology
COO	Coolgardie bioregion
COO2	Southern Cross sub-region
Cygnnet	Cygnnet Gold Pty Ltd
DBCA	Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
DMPE	Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
EPBC Act	<i>Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>
ha	Hectare
Hanking	Hanking Gold Pty Ltd
IBRA	Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia
kl	Kilolitres
m	metre
NVCP	Native Vegetation Clearing Permit
WAH	Western Australian Herbarium
WoNS	Weeds of National Significance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project: Golden Pig to Lake Koorkoordine pipeline

Area Proposed to be Cleared: Up to 3 hectares (ha) within a 43.6ha purpose permit area.

Purpose of Clearing: Dewatering pipeline installation

Hanking Gold Pty Ltd (Hanking), the parent company of Cygnet Gold Pty Ltd (Cygnet), propose to further develop the Golden Pig deposit, part of its Cygnet tenement package located near Southern Cross in the eastern part of the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia (Figure 1).

The clearing of native vegetation within the Proposed Clearing Permit Area requires submission of a Native Vegetation Clearing Permit (NVCP) application, and subsequent approval by the Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration (DMPE), in accordance with s 51E of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The purpose of this report is to support the NVCP application, which seeks approval for the clearing of up to 3 ha of native vegetation within the Proposed Clearing Permit Area.

An assessment against the Schedule 5, Principles for clearing native vegetation of the EP Act was undertaken. The proposed clearing is not at variance to clearing principles (c), (d) and (e), unlikely to be at variance to principles (a), (b), (g), (h), (i), and (j), and may be at variance to principle (f).

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1. INTRODUCTION

Hanking propose to further develop the Golden Pig deposit, part of its Cygnet tenement package located near Southern Cross in the eastern part of the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia (Figure 1).

Hanking have prepared this EP Act Part V NVCP supporting document for the DMPE to seek approval for clearing native vegetation on mining tenements M77/109, M77/1016, M77/535, and M77/552. This document has been prepared to support the NVCP application, which seeks approval for the clearing of up to 3.0 ha of native vegetation within a 43.6 ha proposed Purpose Permit Area located on these tenements (Figure 2).

The application for the NVCP (Purpose Permit) is based primarily on the findings of the Golden Pig Flora and Fauna Assessment undertaken by ACOEM in 2023.

1.1. DOCUMENT PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide the necessary information and justification, as prescribed within the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004* to seek approval under Part V of the EP Act for the clearing of native vegetation.

This NVCP document is structured to provide the following information:

- Description and map of the Purpose Permit Area proposed for clearing regarding location, size and purpose.
- Site overview with a brief description of local climate, biogeographic region, geology, land use and land systems, soils, hydrology and hydrogeology.
- Description of the proposed Purpose Permit Area to be cleared regarding vegetation type, condition and representation in a regional context.
- Identification of any significant flora within the proposed Purpose Permit Area.
- Description of broad fauna habitat within the proposed Purpose Permit Area.
- Discussion of proposed vegetation clearing in relation to the EP Act Schedule 5, 10 clearing principles.

2. TENEMENT HOLDER AUTHORISATION

The proposed Purpose Permit Area lies within the below tenements in Table 1 and displayed in Figure 2 & 3.

Table 1. Applicable tenement details

Tenement	Holder	Area (Ha)	Grant Date	Expiry date
M77/1016	Cygnet Gold Pty Ltd	23.60	02/12/2003	01/12/2045
M77/535	Cygnet Gold Pty Ltd	80.27	26/03/1993	25/03/2035
M77/552	Cygnet Gold Pty Ltd	31.85	10/10/1994	09/10/2036
M77/109	Barto Gold Mining Pty Ltd	254.8	13/03/1987	12/03/2029

All mining tenements are owned wholly by Cygnet (which is a subsidiary of Hanking) except for M77/109, in which Barto Gold Pty Ltd is the registered owner on Mineral titles Online (MTO). Cygnet purchased the northern half of this tenement (Figure 2) and as such, a rights agreement is in place with Barto Gold. This formal agreement has been provided previously to DMPE under the MDCP proposal in 2025 (Reg ID: 500215) and can be provided again on request.

2.1. CONTACT DETAILS

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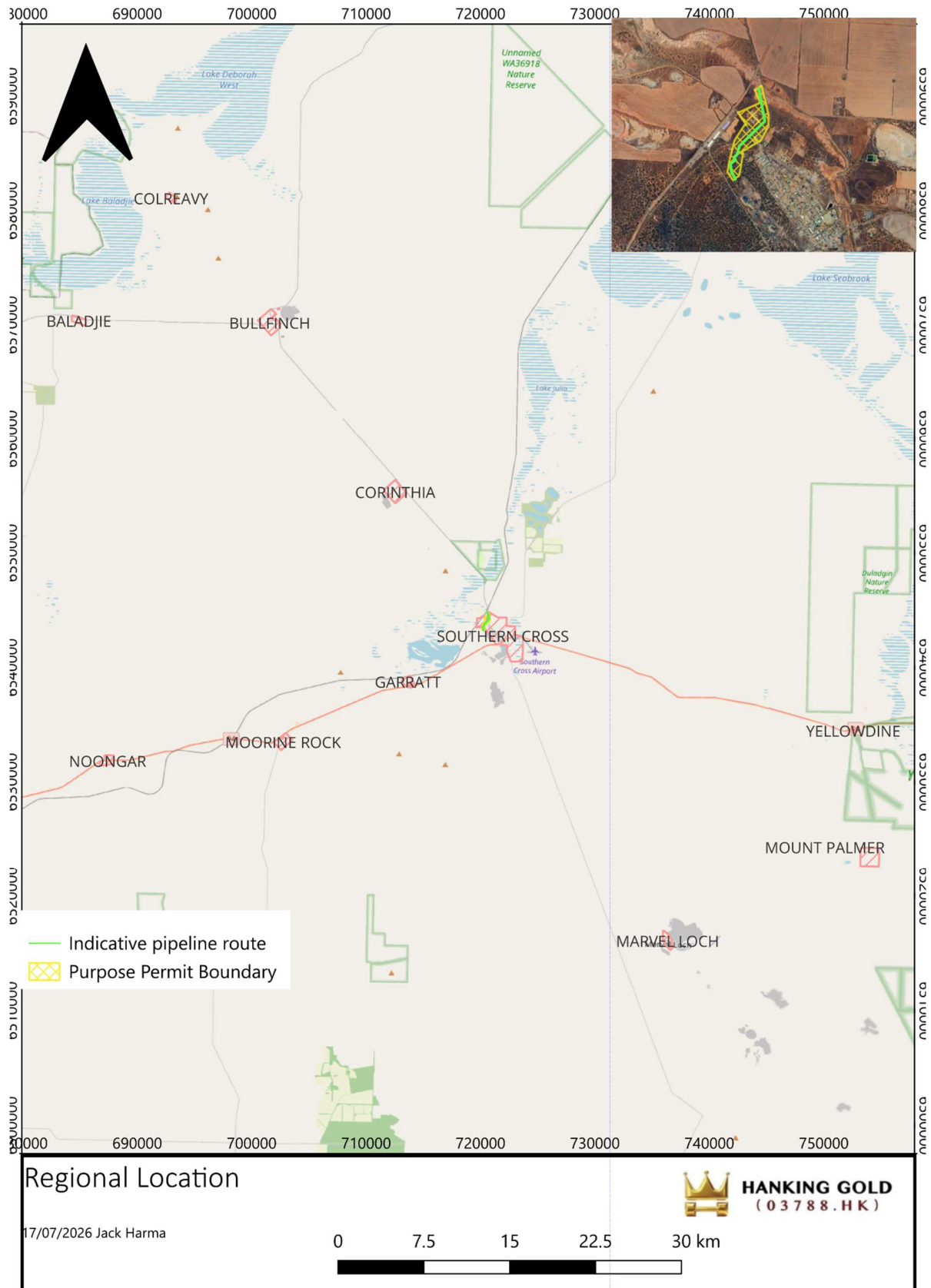


Figure 1: Regional Location



Figure 2: Respective ownership of mining tenement M77/109

3. PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

Hanking is proposing to further develop its Golden Pig Project to extract gold ore for processing at their planned Corinthia Processing Mill. To commence any mining activity from the Golden Pig underground operation, dewatering of the existing and future workings is required. As such, a pipeline is required for dewatering activities. This was approved by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER), and a Works Approval was issued in October 2025, W2960/2025/1. As the pipeline footprint disturbance was not specifically requested within the Works Approval application, a NVCP is required for the disturbance.

3.1. PURPOSE PERMIT AREA

Hanking propose to clear up to 3.0 ha of native vegetation within the 43.6 ha proposed Purpose Permit Area. An indicative pipeline route within the Purpose Permit Area is shown in Figure 2.



Figure 3: Indicative pipeline route within the Purpose Permit Area

4. EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

4.1. BIOGEOGRAPHIC REGION

The interim biogeographic regionalisation of Australia (IBRA) classifies Australia's landscapes into 89 geographically distinct bioregions based on common climate, geology, landform, native vegetation and species information.

The proposed pipeline route from Golden Pig to Hanking's discharge point approved by DWER is located within the Coolgardie IBRA (COO). This region is further broken down into sub-regions with the project located within the Southern Cross sub-region (COO2) (Figure 4). The Southern Cross subregion is described as having subdued relief, comprising gently undulating uplands dissected by broad valleys with bands of low greenstone hills. The valleys include chains of saline playa-lakes. Diverse *Eucalyptus* Woodlands (*Eucalyptus salmonophloia*, *Eucalyptus salubris*, *Eucalyptus transcontinentalis* and *Eucalyptus longicornis*) rich in endemic eucalypts occur around these salt lakes, as well as on the low greenstone hills, valley alluvials and broad plains of calcareous earths (Cowan *et al.* 2001).

Dwarf shrublands of samphire are associated with salt lakes within the Southern Cross subregion. Granite basement outcrops occur at mid-levels in the landscape and support swards of *Borya constricta* with stands of *Acacia acuminata* and *Eucalyptus loxophleba*. The yellow sandplains, gravelly sandplains and lateritic breakaways of the uplands support mallees (*Eucalyptus leptopoda*, *Eucalyptus platycorys* and *Eucalyptus scyphocalyx*) and scrub-heaths (*Allocasuarina corniculata*, *Callitris preissii*, *Melaleuca uncinata* and *Acacia beauverdiana*) (Cowan *et al.* 2001). Significant vertebrate fauna that may occur include the Chuditch (*Dasyurus geoffroii*) (Vu; Vu) and the Malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*) (Vu; Vu).

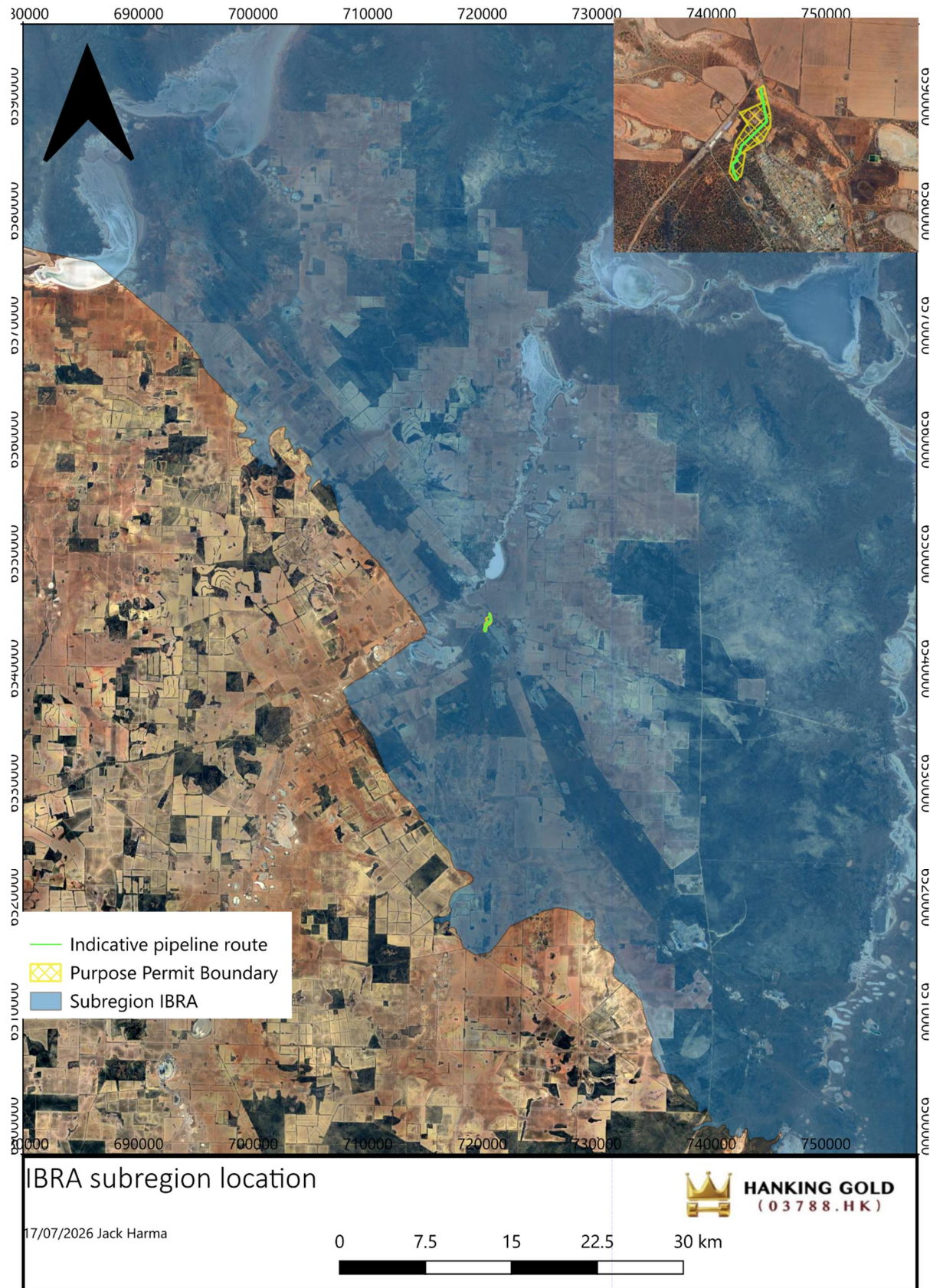


Figure 4: IBRA subregional location of Southern Cross (COO2)

4.2. CLIMATE

Golden Pig is located adjacent to the township of Southern Cross which experiences an arid to semi-arid, dry to warm Mediterranean climate. It is not uncommon for above ground temperatures to exceed 35°C during the summer months and dipping below 0°C during the winter months. Climate data available from 1996 to 2025 from the Australian Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) climate station at Southern Cross Airfield (station number 012320) highlights the seasonal temperature fluctuation. Mean maximum monthly temperatures for June, July and August are between 16 to 18°C and for December to February range from 33 to 35°C. Mean minimum temperatures are below 5°C during the winter months of June to August and are consistently above 15°C through the December and March summer period.

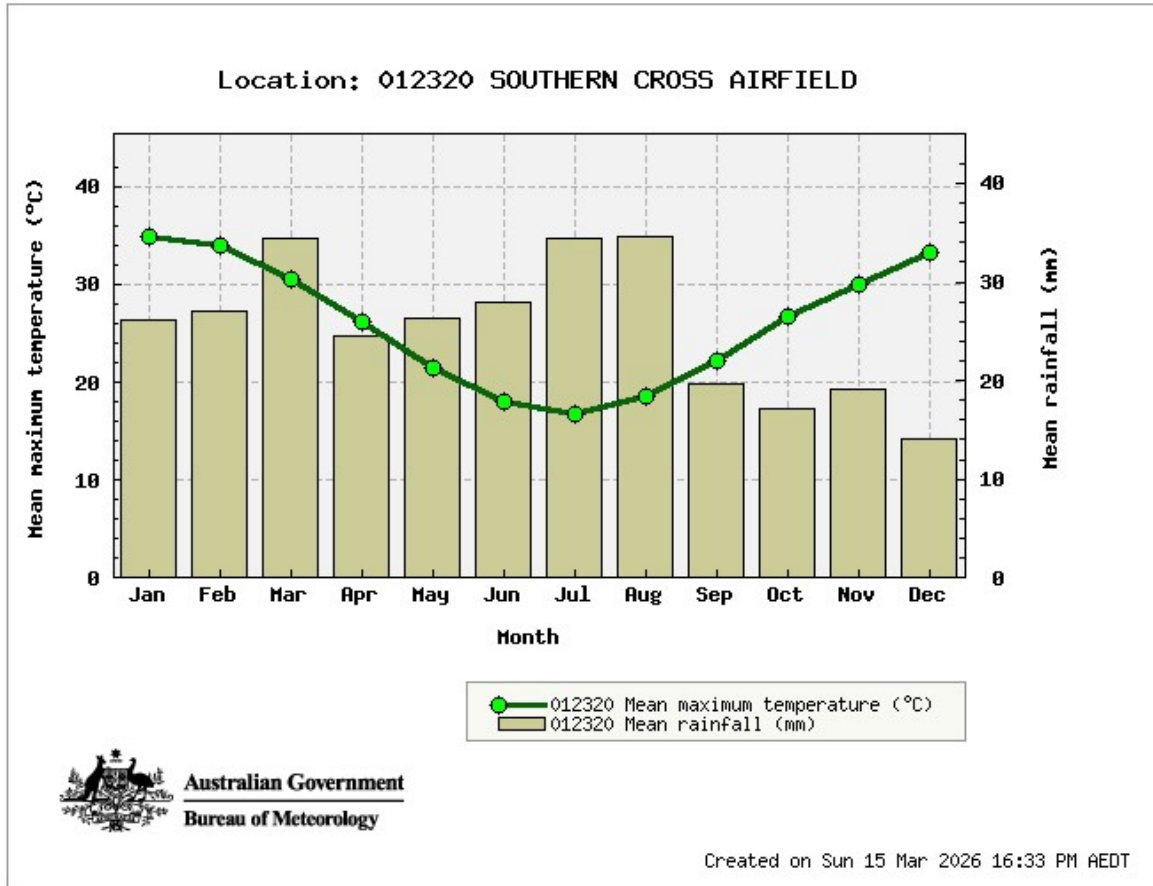


Figure 5: monthly climate data for Southern Cross weather station 12320 1996-2025

Large rainfall events can occur in the summer months; these are generally triggered by cyclonic weather events in the north or are local thunderstorms. Mean monthly 'Class A pan' evaporation exceeds mean monthly rainfall for all months and by an order of magnitude over the summer months. As annual rainfall only accounts for 10% of the annual potential evaporation, perennial surface water bodies in the area are uncommon. Intermittent, and generally short duration, surface runoff flows can be expected to occur following large rainfall events. The high rate of evaporation plays a major role in the formation of salt lakes and saline groundwater within the wider area (EMM, 2023).

Predominant wind directions vary according to the time of day and year (Figure 6 and Figure 7 below). Winds originating from the south-easterly sectors occur most frequently during summer, autumn, and spring. Winds from the north-easterly sectors are dominant during winter.

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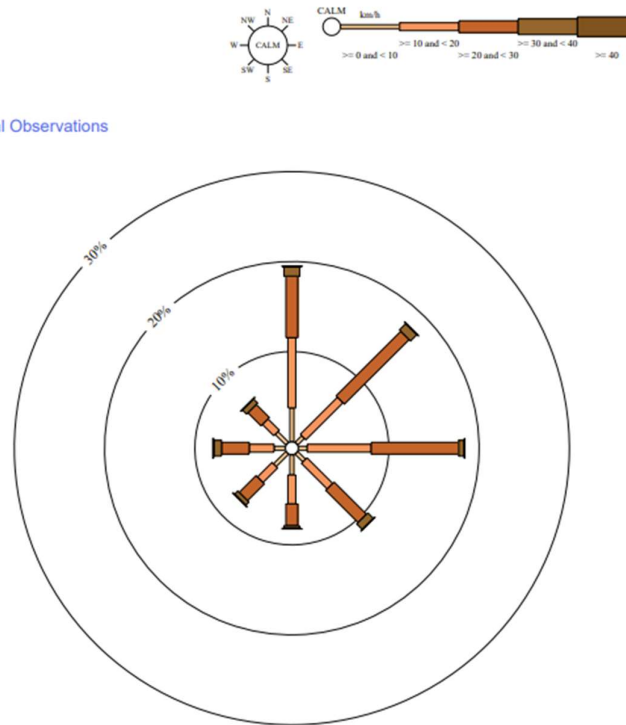


Figure 6: 9am annual wind rose for Southern Cross weather station BOM 12320

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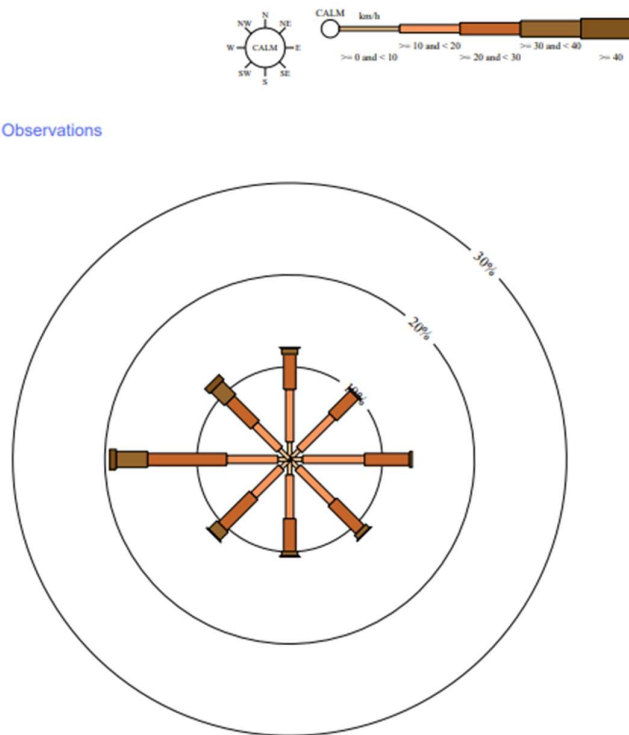


Figure 7: 3pm annual wind rose for Southern Cross weather station BOM 12320

4.3. LAND USE

Land use in the wider area is predominantly for agriculture purposes such as cropping and grazing (Cowan *et al.* 2001). Crown Reserves and mining are also other dominant land uses in the areas surrounding Southern Cross, with numerous small and abandoned mines and open shafts dotted across the Yilgarn landscape. The Golden Pig indicative pipeline route covers crown reserves of varying descriptions, unallocated crown land, and road reserves.

4.4. CONSERVATION RESERVES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVE AREAS

No conservation reserves or environmentally sensitive areas are intersected by the proposed pipeline route.

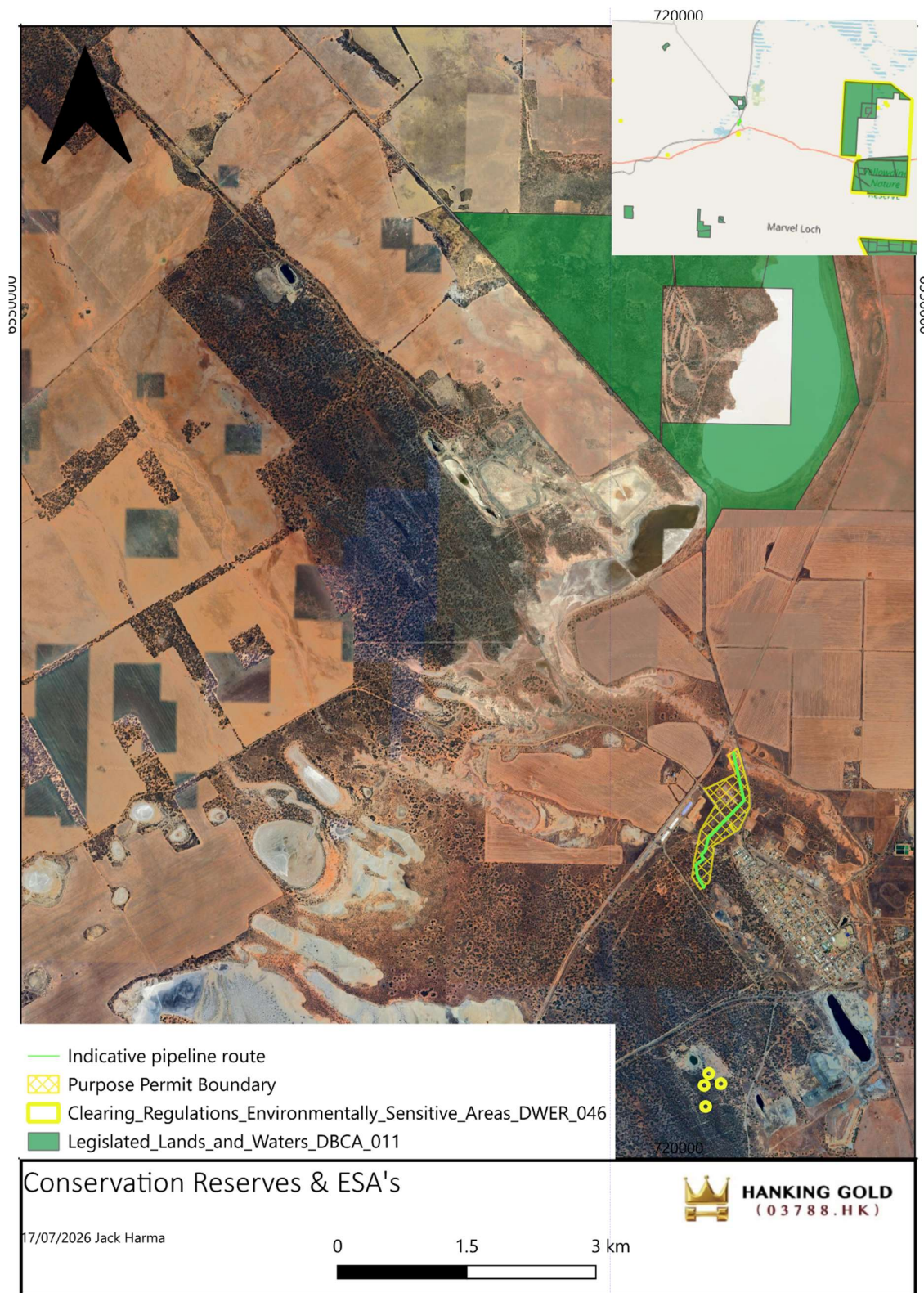


Figure 8: Conservation Reserves and Environmentally Sensitive Areas near the indicative pipeline route.

4.5. LAND SYSTEMS & SOIL LANDSCAPES

Land systems are defined as an area or group of areas throughout which there is a recurring pattern of topography, soils and vegetation (Tille, 2006). An assessment of land systems provides an indication of the occurrence and distribution of vegetation types (Purdie et al, 2004) within and surrounding the proposed Purpose Permit Area.

Table 2: Atlas land systems within the Purpose Permit boundary.

Land System	Description	Extent within the Purpose Permit Area	
		Extent (ha)	Proportion (%)
Atlas System			
BB5	Rocky ranges and hills of greenstones (basic igneous rocks): chief soils seem to be shallow calcareous loamy soils (Um5.11) and similar soils with shallow brown and grey-brown calcareous earths (Gc1.12) and (Gc1.22), below which weathered rock occurs at shallow depths. Associated soils are not described but may include alkaline red earths (Gn2. 13)	4.893	11.22
DD15	Undulating plains with some low dunes, seasonal lakes, and clay pans: chief soils seem to be brown and grey- brown calcareous earths.	30.624	70.23
SV2	Saline valleys with some dunes including barchan forms-salt lake channels, mostly devoid of true soils, and their fringing areas.	8.036	18.55
Total		46.3Ha	100%

In addition to the defined land systems above, three soil landscapes as defined by DPIRD, are present within the purpose permit boundary area and summarised below and depicted in Figure 9:

- Greenmount System: Gently undulating rises to rolling low hills in the eastern Zone of Ancient Drainage. Loamy earth. Red calcareous and clayey and stoney.
- Garratt System: Lower slopes and foot slopes adjacent to salt lakes in the eastern Zone of Ancient Drainage. Loamy earth (mostly calcareous) hard cracking clay and alkaline shallow duplex, and
- Lake Deborah System: Broad valley floor dominated by salt lakes with minor dunes, north-east of Southern Cross. Salt Lake soils and calcareous loamy earths.

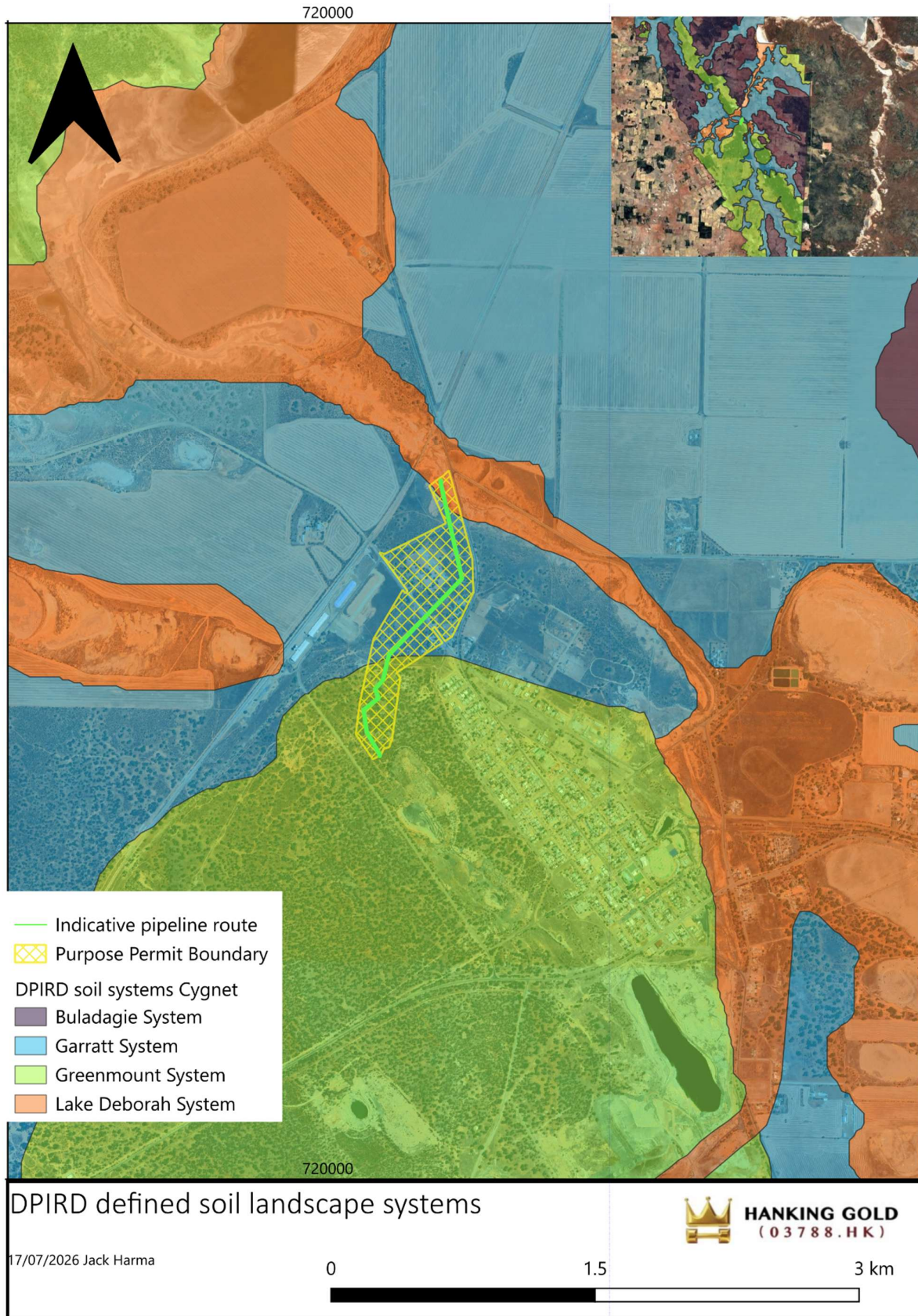


Figure 9: DPIRD soil landscape systems

4.6. SURFACE WATER & HYDROLOGY

The southern cross IBRA subregion, (COO2) has occluded drainage with any excess water after significant rainfall draining into salt lakes (Cowan, 2001). The purpose permit area occurs within the Lake Julia sub catchment of the wider Swan-Avon River catchment.

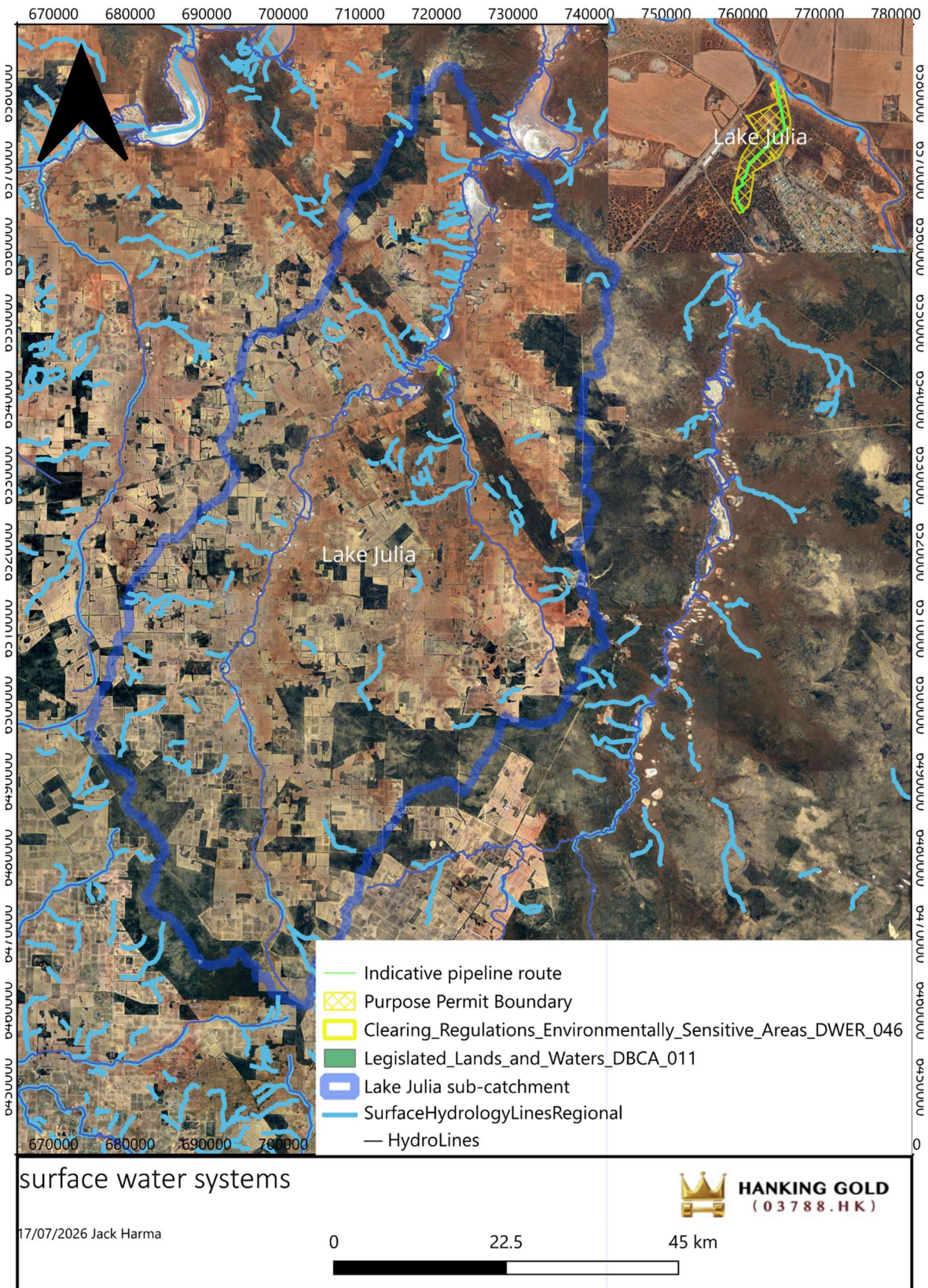


Figure 10: Surface Water Systems

4.7. GROUNDWATER

The DWER water register identifies that Cygnet operational areas encompass palaeochannel aquifers and fractured rock aquifers. The palaeochannel sands or alluvium are the major aquifers in the region and are frequently targeted for mine water supply as they can provide stable, long-term sustainable yields due to 'high' permeability (yield potential of up to 1,500 kL/day), large groundwater storage and significant leakage from the overlying clays and surrounding basement rock.

The groundwater quality in palaeochannel aquifers is generally poor, ranging from saline to hypersaline (10,000 - >35,000mg/L TDS) however, most of the groundwater salinity is much higher.

Within the region of Golden Pig three major groundwater aquifer systems have been identified:

Superficial aquifers associated with, lacustrine and laterite deposits that are typically only partly saturated and dependent in intermittent rainfall.

Palaeochannel sands that are major aquifers of the region and can provide stable, long-term yields from sands/gravels at the base of present-day drainage systems or just offset following palaeodrainage systems; and

Bedrock aquifers occurring in fractured bedrock, granite, or greenstone basement rock where the storage potential is related to the depth of weathering and zone of fracture development. Background on surface water quality.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

AECOM Consulting was engaged to undertake a flora, vegetation and fauna assessment for the Golden Pig project during Spring 2023 which included the indicative pipeline route and the wider purpose permit area. The 2024 report is provided in Appendix A. The survey area covered 732.53Ha in total and this area is depicted in Figure 11 below.

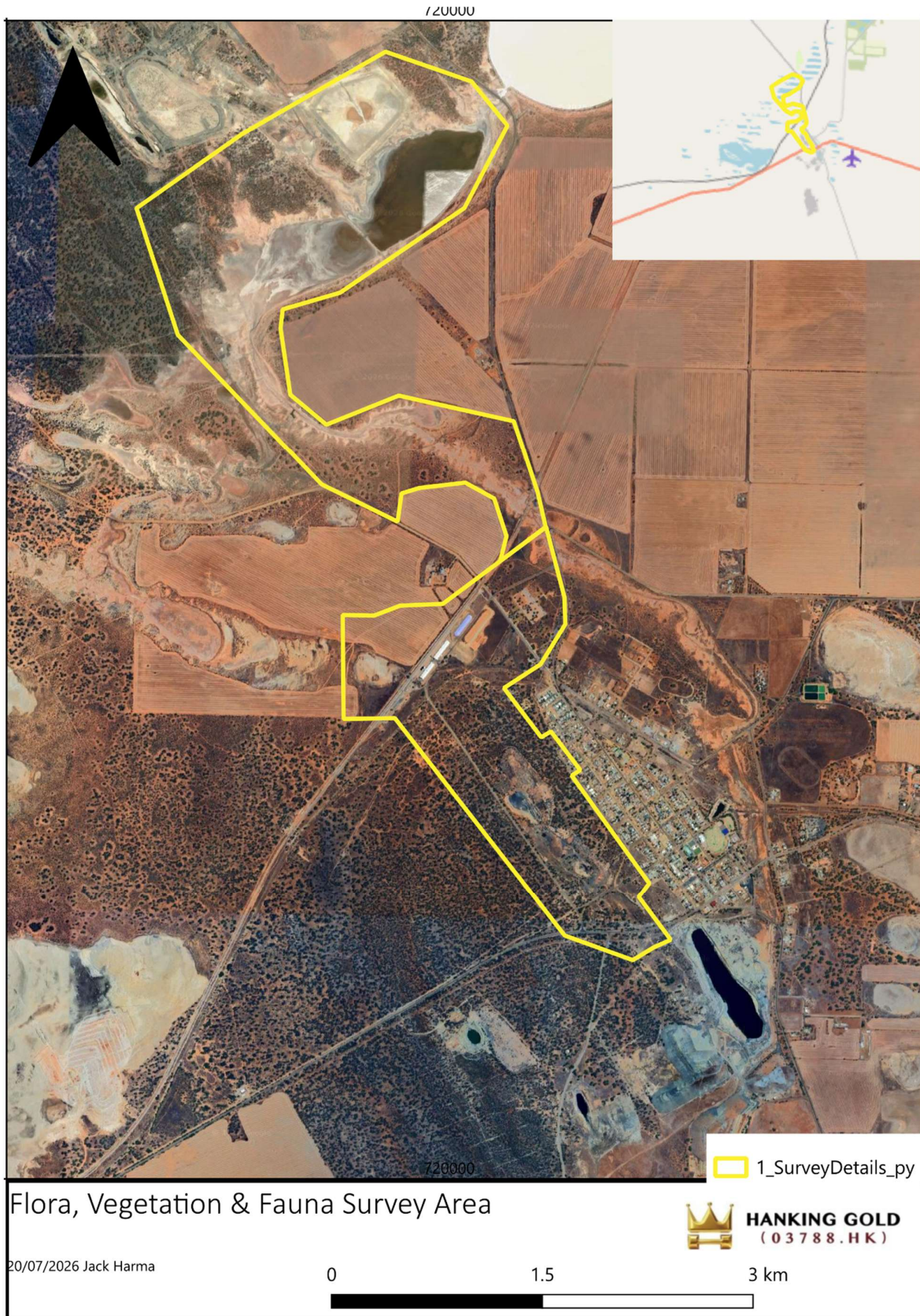


Figure 11: AECOM survey area

5.1. FLORA & VEGETATION DESKTOP ASSESSMENT

A desktop assessment was undertaken prior to the field survey to identify significant environmental values likely to be present in the survey area including flora and vegetation communities. Database searches were requested from the following government agencies;

- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) Threatened Species and Communities database including Threatened and Priority flora, communities and Threatened and Priority fauna (50 km buffer from the survey area) under the Biodiversity Conservation Act (BC Act).
- Western Australian Herbarium (WAH, 1998) records.
- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST) (20 km buffer from survey area).
- Public domain including Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA), Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and DWER websites
- Stantec (2020) Glendower Flora, Vegetation and Fauna Assessment.
- Rhapsody (2023) Native Vegetation Clearing Permit including supporting flora and fauna assessment
- APM (2014) Southern Cross Goldfields Fauna Assessment

A total of 51 significant flora species were identified in the desktop study. This included 19 species listed as Threatened under the EPBC Act and BC Act, and 32 species listed as Priority by DBCA.

The likelihood assessment determined that:

- two species had a High likelihood of occurrence
- 20 species had a Moderate likelihood of occurrence
- 7 species had a Low likelihood of occurrence
- 22 species were considered Negligible in the absence of suitable habitat.

5.2. FLORA & VEGETATION FIELD SURVEY

A single-phase detailed flora and vegetation assessment was undertaken in accordance with methodology outlined in the Flora Survey Technical Guide (EPA, 2016). The field survey was undertaken between the 23 to 25 November 2023.

The entire survey area was traversed on foot using systematic linear traverses to conduct targeted flora searches. Floristic data was collected from nine non-permanent 50 x 50 meter (m) quadrats and nine unbounded relevés. Data collected at quadrats and relevés included:

- date
- location using hand-held GPS (accuracy of 5 m)
- sample site type and size
- photograph (north-west corner)
- soil details (type, colour, moisture)
- landform
- vegetation condition
- fire history

- species list including:

estimated height, estimated percentage cover (for trees both percentage within relevé and within community was recorded to enable better description of vegetation community).

Any species unable to be identified in the field were collected for identification in AECOM's in-house herbarium and the specimens and taxonomic references and keys at the WAH. Naming of species followed the convention of the WAH (1998).

Vegetation communities were described and mapped based on changes in dominant species composition and landform. Vegetation community descriptions were based on the Association Level V in accordance with the National Vegetation Information System (NVIS) Framework (DotEE, 2017a). Delineation of vegetation communities was supported by analysing floristic data collected within quadrats.

The software package Primer-E was used to compare floristic data from sample sites. Both relevés and quadrats were considered to determine the relationship of each site to one another. The similarity matrix used both Bray-Curtis and Euclidian distance measures to produce Dendrograms which are presented in this document.

Vegetation condition was determined using the Keighery (1994) vegetation condition scale as recommended in the *Flora Survey Technical Guide* (EPA, 2016).

5.3. FAUNA DESKTOP ASSESSMENT

A total of 32 Threatened, Priority and Migratory fauna species were identified in the desktop database searches. This included 16 bird, nine mammal, five invertebrate and two reptile species. Oceanic or strictly marine species were excluded from the desktop assessment as the survey does not include marine waters.

The likelihood assessment determined that:

- four species had a High likelihood of occurrence
- one species had a Moderate likelihood of occurrence
- 16 species had a Low likelihood of occurrence
- 11 species were considered Negligible in the absence of suitable habitat.

5.4. FAUNA FIELD SURVEY

The fauna survey was undertaken simultaneously with the flora and vegetation assessment.

Fauna habitat assessments were completed throughout the survey area and were used to define the structure, complexity, and continuity of the habitat present, and documented the presence and abundance of habitat features that included but were not limited to presence or absence of large mature trees, water bodies, dense vegetation, hollows, and leaf litter. Any Malleefowl mounds or other significant fauna habitat features were also recorded to inform this assessment.

The habitat assessment was used to verify the findings in the desktop survey as per the EPA (2020) Technical Guidance. Potential usage within the survey area by conservation significant fauna species was recorded, primarily focusing on suitable and/or core habitat and any ecological values that may support likelihood of occurrence. Any observations were recorded using a hand-held GPS (accuracy of 5 m).

In addition to recording observed fauna and birds identified from distinctive calls, details of indirect evidence such as scats, tracks and diggings were documented. Attention was given to searching for conservation

significant species identified in the desktop assessment as having the potential to occur in the area. All observations were made between daylight hours of 0700 and 1700.

The taxonomy and nomenclature of vertebrate species is consistent with the Western Australian Museum's Checklist of Vertebrates of Western Australia (2023) and the Australian Faunal Directory for bird species.

5.5. FIELD SURVEY RESULTS

5.5.1. VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

Six vegetation communities were defined and mapped including the following and can be seen in Figure 12:

three Eucalypt Woodlands EyAnAe, EyEsMt and EsDvarC

one Eucalypt Mallee Woodland EmMiRc recorded on slopes near Tecticornia Samphire Shrubland.

one Tecticornia Samphire Shrubland TpDcc recorded at the edge of the salt lake.

One Maireana Chenopod Shrubland EsMt representing lower slopes / floodplain

The survey area is not in the Avon Wheatbelt. As such, none of the vegetation communities represent the Eucalypt Woodlands of the WA Wheatbelt TEC.

5.5.2. VEGETATION CONDITION

Vegetation condition within the survey area varied from Completely Degraded to Very Good with most of the native vegetation (excluding cleared areas) mapped as Very Good (335.32 ha, 46%). Disturbance was evident from previous mining activities and edge effects from adjacent land use (predominantly agriculture and the township of Southern Cross). Weed invasion was notably low despite numerous sources present. Private property access was not granted in some cases, denoted as "not accessed" in the table below.

Table 3: Vegetation condition extent

Condition	Extent (ha)	Proportion (%)
Very Good	335.32	46
Good	152.04	20
Degraded	43.14	4
Completely Degraded	40.35	6
Not accessed	42.84	6
Cleared	133.67	18

Adjacent land use context was used to assess condition, including altered hydrology, sedimentation, and the tracks intersecting the salt lake.

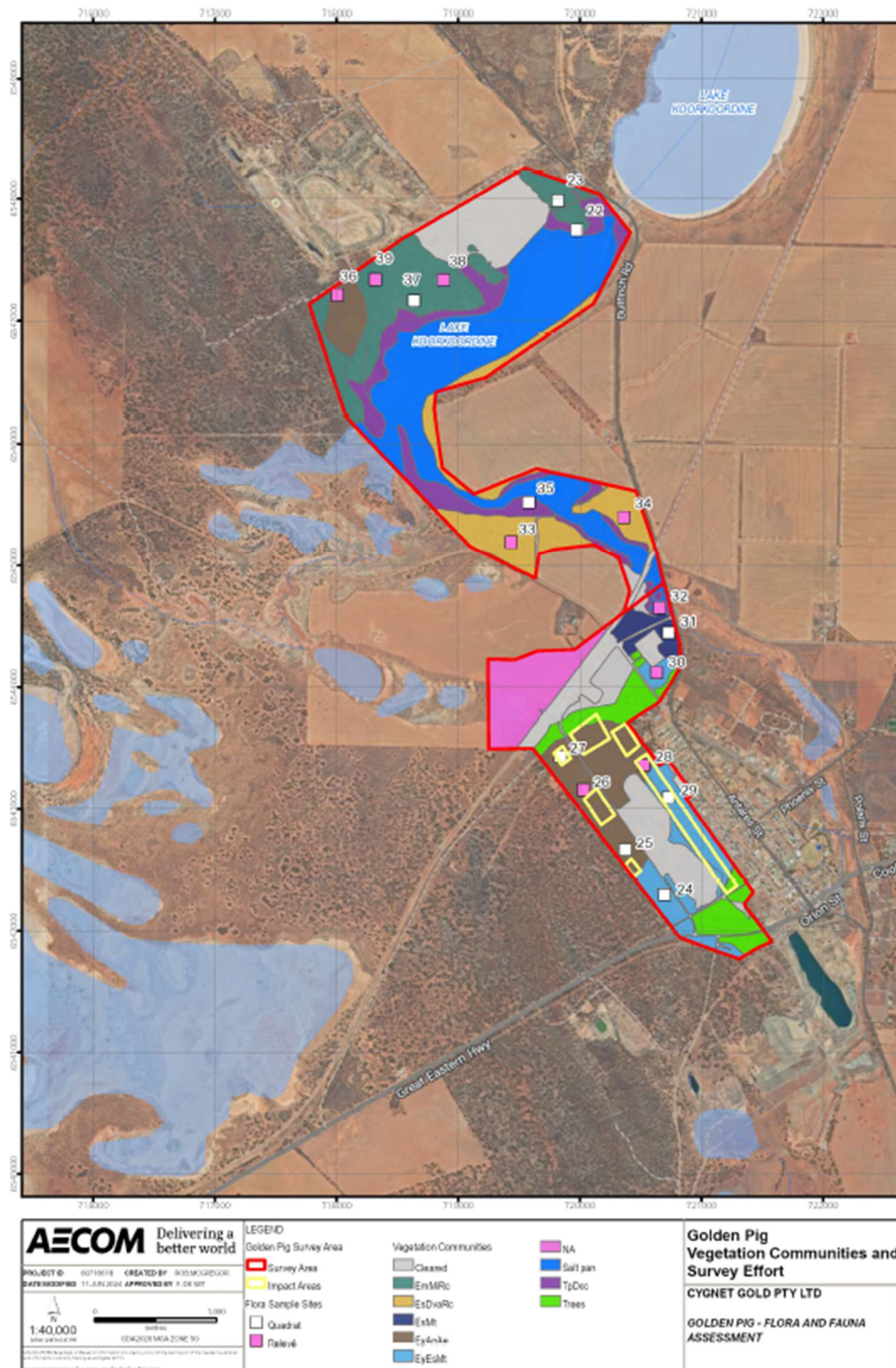


Figure 12: Vegetation communities mapped at golden Pig and Lake Koorkoordine

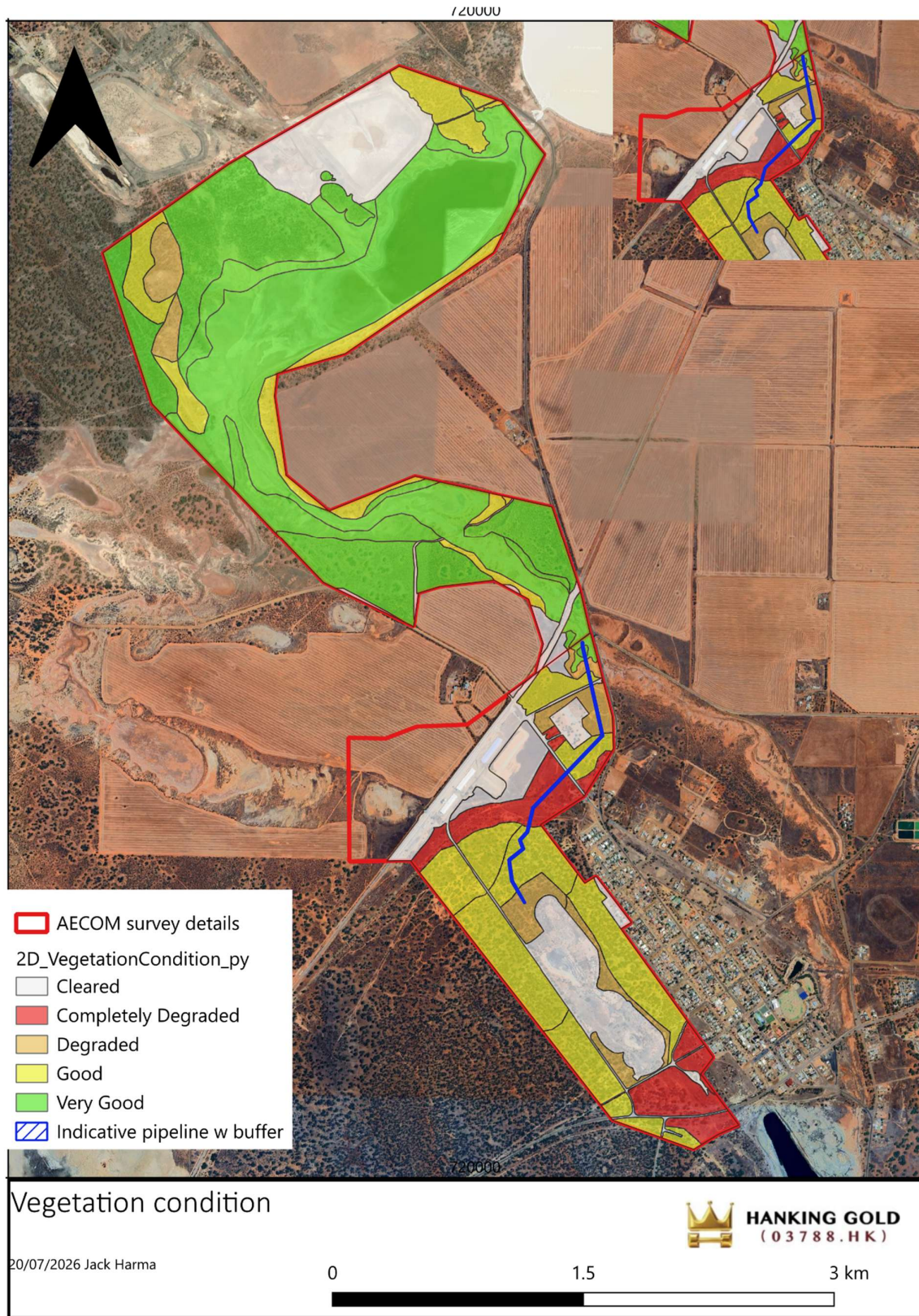


Figure 13: Vegetation condition within the survey area

5.5.3. PRE-EUROPEAN VEGETATION

Vegetation mapping of Western Australia was completed on a broad scale by Beard in 1975, classifying vegetation into broad vegetation associations. The proposed permit area is located entirely within the Yilgarn_1068 vegetation association. Vegetation associations retaining less than 30% of their pre-European extent generally experience accelerated species loss to an ecosystem level and are regarded as being vulnerable, while vegetation associations retaining less than 10% of their original extent are regarded as being endangered (EPA, 2000). The current extent of the Yilgarn 1068 vegetation association is above the 30% threshold across the four scales of assessment as seen below in table 4.

Table 4: Extent of pre-European vegetation associations remaining cross four scales for the proposed purpose permit area.

Vegetation Association	Description	Extent in the Proposed Permit Area (ha)	Scale	Pre-European Extent (ha)	Current Extent (ha)	Proportion Remaining (%)
Yilgarn_1068	Medium woodland; Salmon gum, Morrel, Gimlet and eucalyptus sheathiana	43.6	State-wide	268,900	142,088	53
			Coolgardie Bioregion	193,988	104,804	54
			Southern Cross subregion	193,988	104,804	54
			Shire of Yilgarn LGA	268,900	142,088	53

5.5.4. FLORA

A total of 93 native flora species were recorded from 28 families. The best represented families are Chenopodiaceae (18 species), Fabaceae (12 species) and Myrtaceae (ten species). AECOM noted that this number was moderate in comparison to both recent studies in the area, and the Dandjoo database. The reduced biodiversity reflects the disturbance onsite given its proximity to the Southern Cross townsite.

No species listed as Threatened under the EPBC Act or BC Act or listed as Priority by DBCA were recorded.

Four weed species were recorded. None of these are listed under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (BAM) Act or as a Weed of National Significance (WoNS).

5.5.5. FAUNA

No significant fauna species were observed, and no indirect evidence was recorded within the survey area. Based on the desktop assessment and the field survey, the following significant fauna species considered to have the potential to utilize the habitat within the survey area as both core and marginal habitats are listed below:

Potential core habitat for:

Chuditch (*Dasyurus geoffroii*) listed as EPBC and BC Act Vulnerable

Malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*) listed as EPBC and BC Act Vulnerable.

Potential marginal habitat for:

Common Greenshank (*Tringia nebularia*) listed as EPBA and BC Act

Tree-stem Trapdoor Spider (*Idiosoma castellum*) listed as DBCA Priority 4

No evidence of these species was recorded during the survey, including scats, Malleefowl mounds, and tracks.

5.5.6. FAUNA HABITAT

Six fauna habitats have been defined and mapped in Figure 14, and are described as follows:

- Eucalypt Woodland (186.02 ha, 25% of survey area)
- Mallee Woodland (86.59 ha, 12% of survey area)
- Low Shrubland (63.11 ha, 9% of survey area)
- Salt Pan (167.22 ha, 23% of survey area)
- Trees over cleared (40.35 ha, 6% of survey area)
- Cleared (133.67 ha, 18% of survey area).

Of the current indicative pipeline footprint, 0.985Ha could be considered potential suitable habitat (Eucalyptus Woodland) for the Chuditch and Malleefowl, although these species are more likely to use the Mallee woodland habitat (not within the Purpose Permit Boundary) for foraging and breeding. The Salt Pan and Low Shrubland habitat (0.214Ha of the indicative pipeline route) may potentially house The Common Greenshank which may use the fringing shoreline as habitat when wet. This species exhibits vagrant behaviour, and due to its migratory nature, the likelihood of utilization within the habitat is minimal.

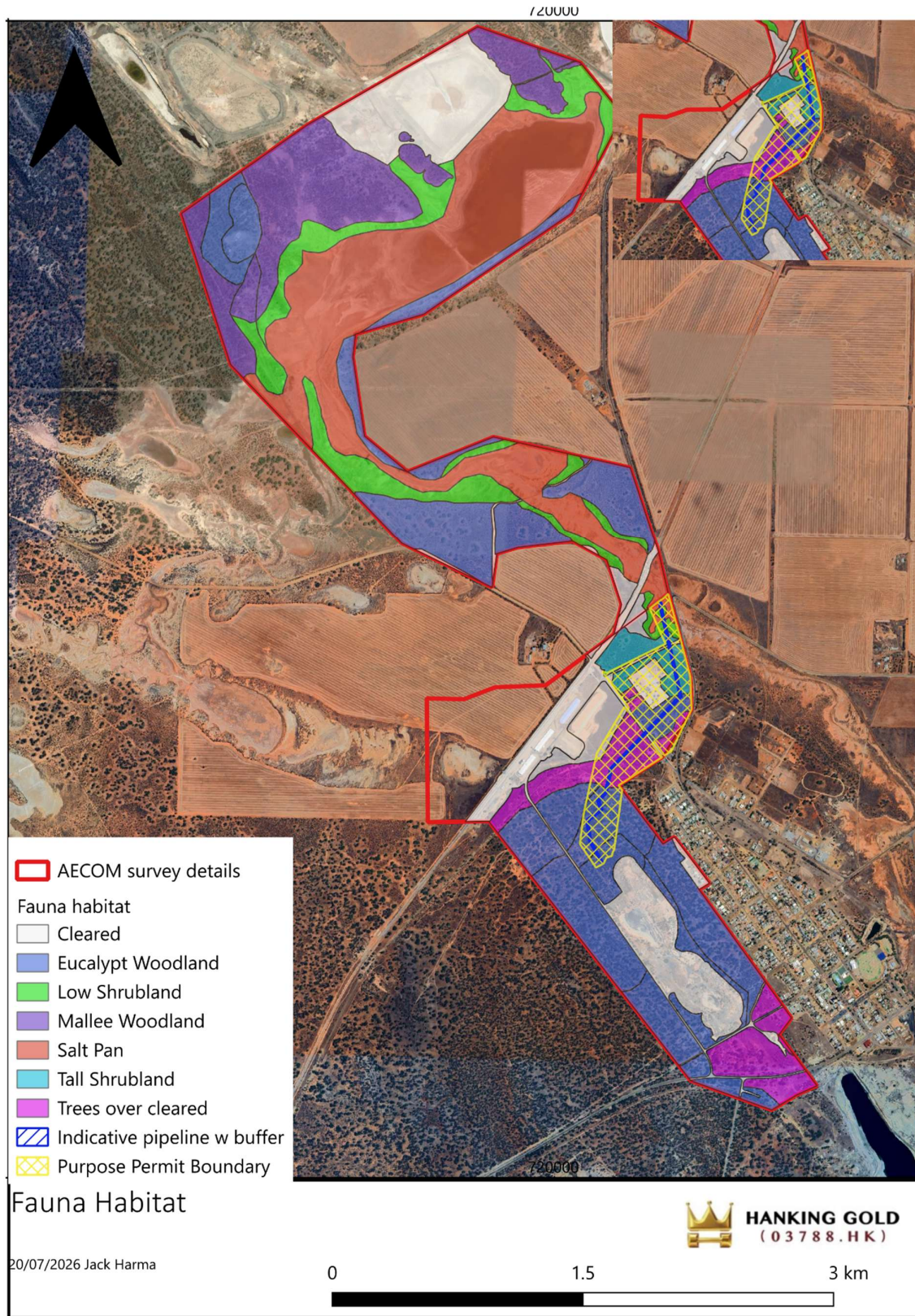


Figure 14: Mapped fauna habitats within the survey area

5.6. HERITAGE

5.6.1. ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

There is no Native Title Determination across the project area. There is one registered Native Title Claim over the project area being the Marlinyu Ghoorlie Claim (WC2017/007).

A search of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Inquiry System (ACHIS) was undertaken in July 2026 and confirmed there are no registered or lodged aboriginal sites within the purpose permit boundary.

5.6.2. EUROPEAN HERITAGE

A search of the INHERIT database was conducted in July 2026 for European heritage. Although there are numerous sites in an around Southern Cross with 116 sites within the Shire of Yilgarn, there are no sites located within the purpose permit boundary.

6. ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE 10 CLEARING PRINCIPLES

Based on the outcomes from the survey undertaken, an assessment of the survey results with regards to the native vegetation clearing principles listed under Schedule 5 of the EP Act, are provided below. This should be read in conjunction with the AECOM report in Appendix A.

6.1. PRINCIPLE A

Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises a high level of biological diversity

Six native vegetation communities were recorded in the survey area which reflect the diversity of soils and landforms but didn't display high levels of biodiversity. Widely represented taxa are found within the broader surrounding region. Vegetation conditions from the pipeline footprint vary from completely degraded, to very good. No threatened or priority ecological communities or flora species were recorded in the survey area.

Assessment outcome: **The proposed clearing is unlikely to be at variance with this principle**

6.2. PRINCIPLE B

Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of a significant habitat for fauna indigenous to Western Australia

The desktop study undertaken prior to the field study identified that there was a high likelihood of 4 fauna species of significance occurring in the survey area.

Chuditch – Currently restricted to south-west Western Australia, in areas dominated by sclerophyll forest or drier woodland, heath and mallee shrubland.

Malleefowl – Semi-arid to arid zone in shrublands and low woodlands dominated by mallee and associated habitats such as broombush and scrub pine.

Common Greenshank – Inland wetlands and sheltered coastal habitats. In shallows around the edges of water often among pneumatophores of mangroves or other sparse, emergent or fringing vegetation, such as sedges or saltmarsh.

Tree-stem Trapdoor Spider – Habitat is exclusive to the Avon Wheatbelt.

Six fauna habitats have been defined in the field survey. Of the current indicative pipeline footprint, 0.985Ha could be considered potential suitable habitat (Eucalyptus Woodland) for the Chuditch and Malleefowl, although these species are more likely to use the Mallee woodland habitat (not within the Purpose Permit Boundary) for foraging and breeding. The Salt Pan and Low Shrubland habitat (0.214Ha of the indicative pipeline route) may potentially house The Common Greenshank which may use the fringing shoreline as habitat when wet. This species exhibits a vagrant-like behaviour, and due to its migratory nature, the likelihood of utilization within the habitat is minimal.

From the field survey, no significant fauna species were observed, and no indirect evidence was recorded.

Assessment outcome: **The proposed clearing is unlikely to be at variance with this principle**

6.3. PRINCIPLE C

Native vegetation should not be cleared if it includes or is necessary for the continued existence of rare flora.

Field survey results yielded a total of 93 flora species recorded, representing 89 native species and four weed species.

A desktop study identified the high likelihood of two species of conservational significance to occur in the survey area.

Daviesia macrocarpa: Grows in alkaline red-brown clay loam with calcrete nodules on lower slopes, bases of hills with outcropping rock, on road verges, gravel pits and mine waste dumps.

Hakea pendens: Shrub, 2-3m high, 2.5-3.1m wide. Flowers pink-white, in September. Grows in stony loam on ironstone ridges.

No declared rare flora pursuant to the BC Act and EPBC Act were identified within the survey area during the field study.

Assessment outcome: **Clearing is not at variance with this principle**

6.4. PRINCIPLE D

Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of or is necessary for the maintenance of a Threatened Ecological Community (TEC).

There are no known TECs located within the survey area. The closest TEC, Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt is approximately 2.6 km to the west and will not be impacted by the pipeline disturbance.

Assessment outcome: **Clearing is not at variance with this principle**

6.5. PRINCIPLE E

Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is significant as a remnant of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared.

In accordance with Beard (1990), the survey area is located within the Coolgardie Botanical District of the Southwestern Interzone Province. One pre-European vegetation association is listed within the purpose permit boundary area. The vegetation association doesn't fall below the 30% threshold the EPA requires for retention as specified in the Statewide Vegetation Statistics (2018).

Assessment outcome: **Clearing is not at variance with this principle**

6.6. PRINCIPLE F

Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or a wetland.

The purpose permit area occurs within the Lake Julia sub catchment of the wider Swan-Avon River catchment. A targeted desktop assessment has been undertaken to identify any watercourses, wetlands, or riparian vegetation within the proposed pipeline area. No permanent or semi-permanent wetlands are mapped or recorded within this area. No internationally or nationally significant wetlands are located within the survey area. The nearest nationally important wetland is Lake Cronin to the south some 135km within the Shire of Kondinin.

The Project is surrounded by cleared land used for agriculture, which has altered drainage in the area. Highly ephemeral surface water systems are found in and around the vicinity of the survey area, specifically

the Lake Polaris and Lake Koorkoordine catchments. The proposed pipeline disturbance area does partially fall within the drainage line with the final discharge point of the pipeline terminating here.

Assessment outcome: The proposed clearing may be at variance with this principle

6.7. PRINCIPLE G

Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of vegetation is likely to cause appreciable land degradation

The survey area and surrounding region has been extensively disturbed. Clearing within the survey area for the pipeline route is not considered likely to lead to further land degradation issues such as salinity, water logging or acidic soils.

Assessment outcome: The proposed clearing is unlikely to be at variance with this principle

6.8. PRINCIPLE H

Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to have an impact on the environmental values of any adjacent nearby conservation area.

There are no nature reserves within the survey area. An unnamed Nature Reserve sits adjacent to the north-eastern boundary of the survey area which is approximately 3 km north of the purpose permit boundary.

Assessment outcome: The proposed clearing is unlikely to be at variance with this principle

6.9. PRINCIPLE I

Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause deterioration in the quality of surface or underground water.

Direct disturbances for the pipeline route are not expected to cause deterioration in the quality of water on the surface or underground.

Assessment outcome: The proposed clearing is unlikely to be at variance with this principle

6.10. PRINCIPLE J

Native vegetation should not be cleared if clearing the vegetation is likely to cause, or exacerbate, the incidence of flooding.

Rainfall in the Southern Cross subregion has an average annual rainfall of approximately 300mm and an evaporation rate of 2400 mm per annum. Clearing within the survey area is not likely to increase the incidence or intensity of flooding within the survey area or surrounds.

Assessment outcome: The proposed clearing is unlikely to be at variance with this principle

Hanking will implement the following mitigation measures in place to reduce the risks of the potential variance with the clearing principle (f).

- Pipeline Infrastructure will be placed to avoid the clearing of the riparian zone of clay pans and shallow lakes.
- Where infrastructure cannot be moved from the riparian zone of the drainage line, the clearing will be minimised, and water diversions will be created.

7. VEGETATION CLEARING

Vegetation disturbance will occur via raised blade clearing with a loader or I.T. Clearing areas will be kept to the minimum for the pipeline route. Existing disturbances will also be utilised where possible to minimise the amount of new clearing required. Consultation with the Shire of Yilgarn is ongoing with regards to the exact location of the pipeline withing the Purpose Permit Area.

5.2. METHOD OF VEGETATION CLEARING

Prior to clearing, a Hanking specific internal permit will be completed and signed off by the companies Environmental Manager (or delegate) to ensure clearing is being undertaken under a granted native vegetation clearing permit (subject of this application) Clearing methodology will also include the following practices:

- Clearing areas will be delineated in accordance with the project specific internal permit, the clearing boundary will be surveyed and demarcated with survey pegs and/or flagging tape;
- The internal permit will identify any conditions that apply to the clearing area (including any protected areas / species to be avoided where practicable);
- Clearing will not be undertaken until construction is imminent, minimising erosion and dust risks;
- Vegetated areas within the pipeline footprint will be stripped and stored to the side disturbed for use in later rehabilitation works;

8. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

8.1. WEED MANAGEMENT

Hanking aim to prevent the introduction of weeds and limit the spread of weeds in the proposed Purpose Permit Area as far as practicable. The following management measures may be implemented to minimise the risk of introducing flora into the proposed Purpose Permit Area:

- Weed, Seed and Hygiene Certificates will be requested and presented as verification prior to mobilisation of all equipment;
- All vehicles and equipment to be cleaned before mobilisation to the proposed Purpose Permit Area, to remove all dirt and vegetative materials;
- Off-road vehicle use will be strictly controlled with no driving permitted off designated roads/tracks; and
- Any new weed outbreaks will be recorded in the operation's Incident Reporting system and managed in accordance with site environmental procedures.

8.2. FAUNA MANAGEMENT

Hanking will aim to ensure fauna species are not adversely affected, via either direct impacts or impacts to habitat, as far as practicable. The following management measures will be implemented to minimise potential impacts on fauna:

- Pre-clearance inspections for Malleefowl nests will be conducted by the Environment Department within two weeks prior to clearing during the breeding season (September to January) to confirm no active nests are present;
- Awareness training will outline the appropriate behaviour and responses in the event of contact with native fauna
- Native fauna will not be captured, fed, harmed or disturbed. If relocation is required during the clearing process, the Environmental Manager (or delegate) will be contacted;
- All significant fauna deaths will be reported through the incident reporting system; and
- Open excavations will be monitored regularly to ensure that any trapped fauna are rescued and released as quickly as possible.

8.3. DUST DEPOSITION ON VEGETATION

Hanking will aim to minimise fugitive dust emissions and other air quality issues created during the pipeline clearing by:

- Using potable water to suppress dust emissions from unsealed roads and work areas as required;
- Where possible, operational activities will be scheduled to avoid high winds that may generate excessive dust; and
- Report any community complaints regarding dust emissions that are deemed excessive as an incident.

8.4. HYDROCARBON MANAGEMENT

Hanking will actively manage the storage and use of hydrocarbon in machinery and vehicles to minimise and contain spills and uncontrolled releases to prevent impacts to vegetation, soil and/or water. Increased vehicle activity during clearing may result in hydrocarbon spills; however, Hanking aims to minimise such occurrences by ensuring that:

- Hazardous materials are approved prior to site entry;
- Hydrocarbons and chemicals are safely stored; and
- Effective spill clean-up material is readily available at each work site and on all mobile service trucks or vehicles, and where hydrocarbons and chemicals are stored and / or used.

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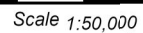
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Appendix A: AECOM Flora and Fauna Assessment

Appendix B: Proof of Ownership

CPS 11708/1 - Cygnet Gold Pty Ltd
Area applied to clear: 3.0 ha for the purpose of
Dewatering pipeline,
shown within the cross-hatched area on
Mining Leases 77/109, 77/535, 77/552, 77/1016



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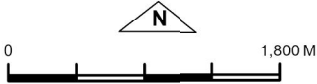
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Clearing Instruments



Mining Tenements



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Golden Pig to Lake Koorkoordine Pipeline

4 September 2026

Following on from the meeting between Hanking Gold Pty Ltd (Hanking) and the Shire of Yilgarn (SOY) on the 28th of August in Southern Cross, Hanking can provide the following additional information regarding the proposed Golden Pig to Lake Koorkoordine pipeline;

1. PIPELINE ROUTE & RATIONALE BEHIND THE SELECTED LOCATION

Figure 1 below shows Hanking's proposed route for the Golden Pig to Lake Kookoordine pipeline.

- The indicative pipeline is approximately 2800m from the Golden Pig portal in the South Pit (tenement M77/90) to the approved discharge location. The pipeline will initially run adjacent to the existing and proposed infrastructure at Golden Pig within the chainmesh fenced area. This section is approximately 1000 meters in length which terminates at a proposed Turkey Nest/Dam.
- From the dam the pipeline will head approximately north north-east from tenement M77/109 moving through the corner of M77/1016 and into M77/535.
- Once in M77/535 the pipeline heads to the north-east and traverses the railway reserve R12095. Hanking is in discussions with the Public Transport authority (PTA) regarding access and approval requirements to traverse the railway reserve.
- Beaton Rd is intersected next. It has been previously discussed and agreed with the shire works manager and the CEO that Hanking would be required to drill a horizontal hole underneath Beaton Rd (and Three Boys Rd) for the pipeline to traverse. This was preferred over installing culverts due to the lesser impact on the newly formed roads.
- Once over Beaton road, the pipeline continues heading north-east into and through the cemetery reserve R2950 on Hanking tenement M77/552. Before getting to the Bullfinch Rd, the pipeline veers northwards again, dissecting the Three Boys Rd before it terminates at the Department of Water & Environmental Regulation (DWER) approved discharge point.

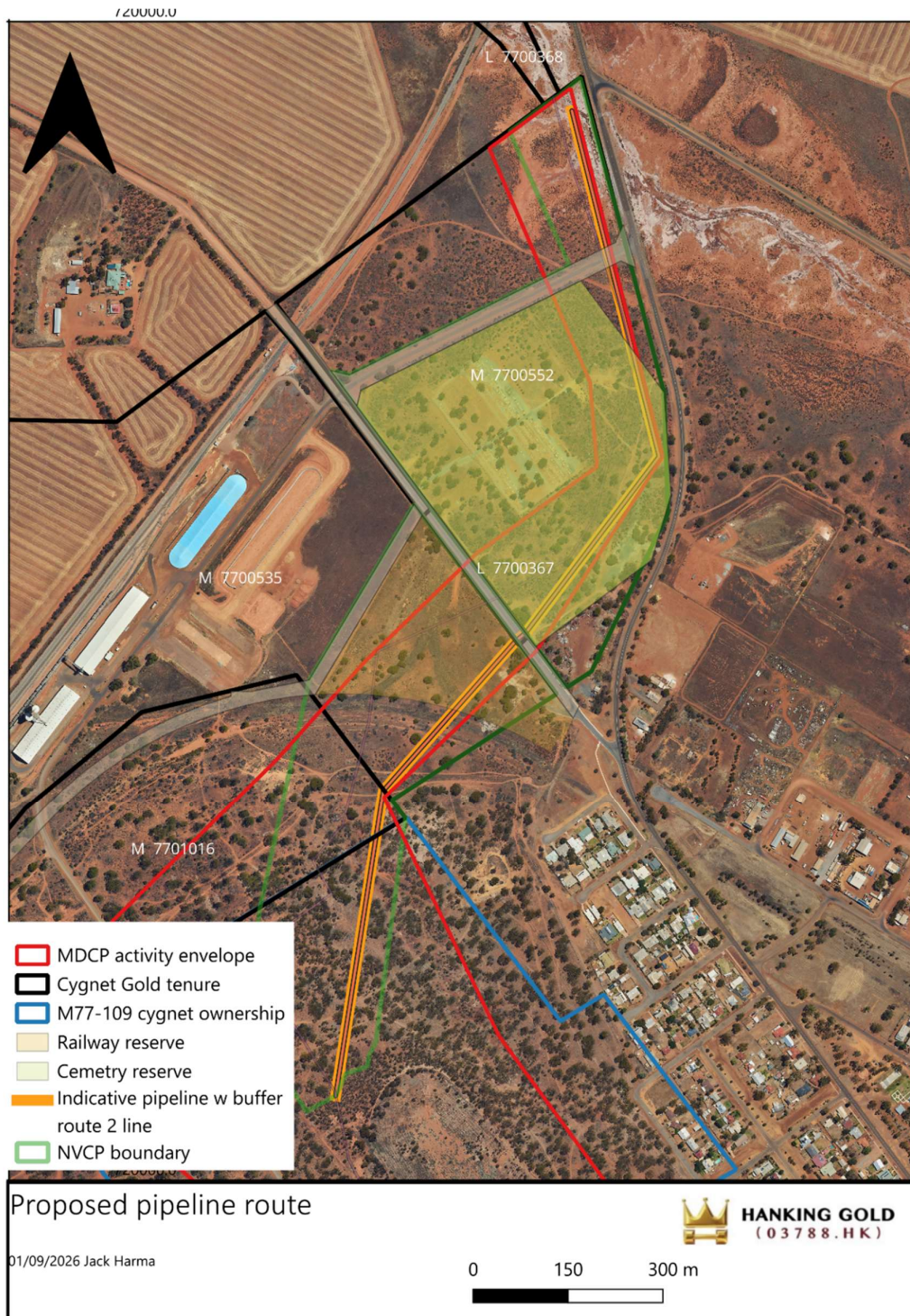


Figure 1: Proposed pipeline route starting from the Turkey Nest/Dam

This route was selected as;

- It is generally a direct route,
- It traverses all granted Hanking tenure (including the pending miscellaneous tenement over Beaton Rd (L77/367),
- It bypasses the cemetery on the eastern side where surface drainage moves typically northwards and away from the cemetery towards Lake Koorkoordine, and
- The pipeline sits within the Native Vegetation Clearing Permit (NVCP) footprint and the Mining Proposal (MDCP) activity envelope (Both a DWER and DMPE requirement).

2. PIPELINE SPECIFICATIONS

Hanking sought technical advice from dewatering consultants NPE in 2025 to assist in a design for the pumping and pipeline. The proposed pipeline will be constructed from HDPE pipe with a pressure rating of 10 (PN10). The pipe will have a nominal outside diameter of 160mm (DN160).

Table 1: Indicative pipeline specifications

Location	Golden Pig to Lake Koorkoordine
Engineering Design	NPE
Length	Approx 2800m
Diameter	160mm O.D, 141mm I. D
Material	PN10
Flow rate	40L/s maximum
Spill Detection	Telemetry
Spill Containment	Bunded with sumps (Table 2)
Inspection Regime	6- hourly during regular operations

From figure 2 below it can be noted that the pipeline path is 'downhill' for the entirety of the route. As such, Hanking will construct 2 containment sumps along the route with the first prior to crossing Beaton Rd, and then again prior to crossing Three Boys Rd. The size and nature of the bunds have been calculated in Table 2. The pipeline will sit within a bund/swale with a 4-meter access track running the length of the pipe. This will allow the regular 6 hourly inspections once in operation. Furthermore, telemetry will be installed at both the Turkey Nest and as part of the pipeline. This will ensure if there is a discrepancy with volumes going through the pipe at the start and the finish, (a leak occurs), the pumping is stopped automatically. The dewatering of the main underground volume will occur over an approximately 18-month period. Following this, only ad hoc dewatering will be required from the operations.

All mature eucalyptus trees (and vegetation in general) will be avoided where possible. Hanking will endeavor to utilize existing disturbed areas for the pipeline.

Should further information be required, please contact:
 Jack Harma – Environmental Manager 0428 820 494

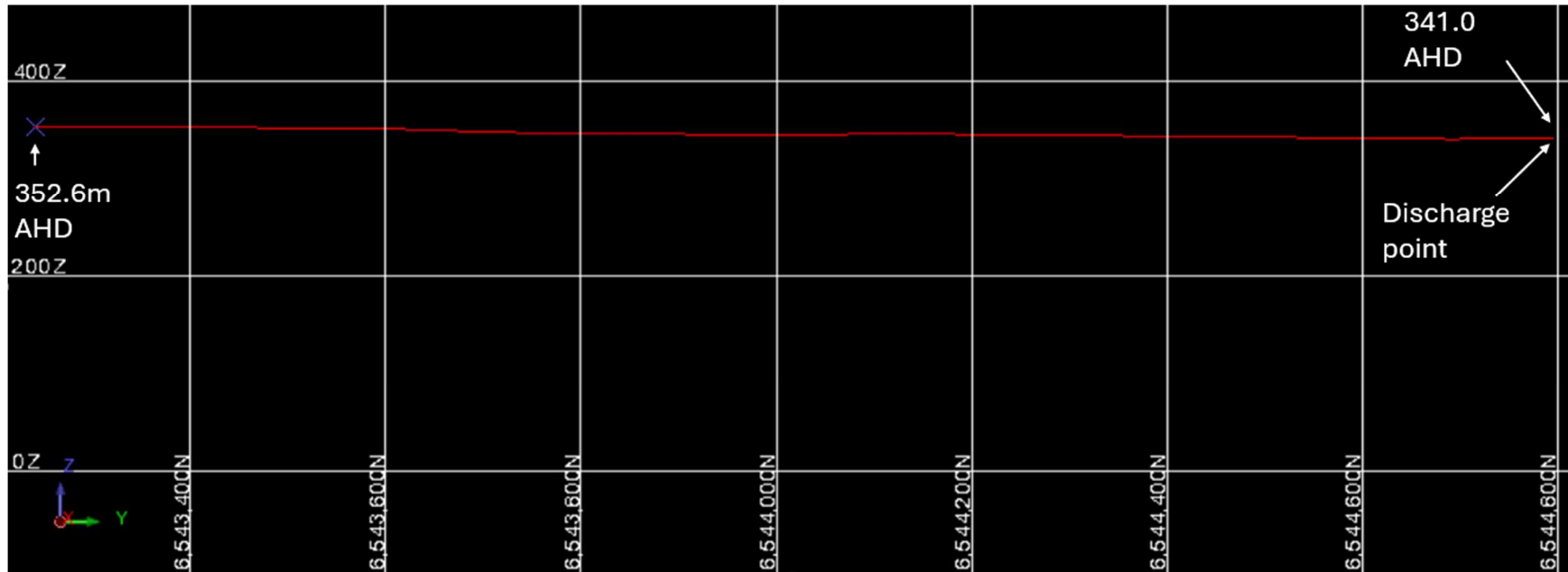


Figure 2: Elevation schematic of the pipeline from the Golden Pig Turkey Nest/Dam to the discharge point

Table 2: Sump calculations from the Turkey Nest/Dam to the discharge point

Design Parameter	Symbol	Calculation	Sump A (800m mark before Beaton Rd)	Sump B (Before Three boys Rd)
Pipe design flow (maximum)		Q _{max}	40 Ls-1	40 Ls-1
Telemetry Trigger (+/-20%)		Q _{leak} = Q _{max} x 0.2	8 Ls-1	8 Ls-1
Normal Inspection frequency		t	6 hourly	6 hourly
Abnormal Inspection frequency		t _a	12 hourly	12 hourly
50%. AEP over 12-hour duration (annual exceedance probability, BOM)		R	30.7mm	30.7mm
Length of pipeline in catchment		L	800m	680m
Width of pipeline catchment (including road camber)		W	4m	4m
Internal Diameter of pipe		D	141mm	141mm
Containment volume required for pipeline leak without triggering telemetry	V _{leak}	$V_{leak} = \frac{Q_{leak} \times L}{3600 \times t_a}$	345.6 m ³	345.6 m ³
Containment volume required for rainfall and catchment (assumes a runoff coefficient of 1.0)	V _{rain}	$V_{rain} = \frac{(L \times 1000) \times R \times W}{1000}$	98.2m ³	83.5 m ³
Containment volume required to capture pipeline contents (assumes telemetry has stopped pumps and pipe contents is allowed to drain freely)	V _{pipe}	$V_{pipe} = L \times \frac{\pi D^2}{4} \times 1000$	12.43 m ³	10.56 m ³
Total Design Sump Containment Volume	V_{total}	V_{total} = V_{leak} + V_{rain} + V_{pipe}	456.23 m³	439.66 m³
Nominal Sump Dimension (assuming 1 meter deep (H) and square)	L x W x H	$L=W=\sqrt{(V_{total}/H)}$	21.36 m x 21.36 m	20.97 m x 20.97 m
Nominal Sump Dimension (assuming 2 meter deep (H) and square)	L x W x H	$L=W=\sqrt{(V_{total}/H)}$	15.1 m x 15.1 m	14.83 m x 14.83 m

Application for new permit or referral to clear native vegetation

This is the form to submit a referral of proposed clearing or apply for a clearing permit under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act).

Before you submit this form, please check you have completed all the fields for the form type and fully prepared any required supporting documents (maps etc.). The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) or Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration (DMPE) will return/decline any forms that are not correctly completed.

To find out more about the stages of assessment for clearing permit forms, see the [Procedure: Native vegetation clearing permits](#).

Part 1 – Form type

Select your form type. Note: Where appropriate in this form, and unless stated otherwise, the terms 'application' and 'applicant' also mean 'referral' and 'referrer' respectively.	☐ Referral of proposed clearing (section 51DA of the EP Act) ☐ Application for an area permit (section 51E of the EP Act) ☒ Application for a purpose permit (section 51E of the EP Act)
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Which department are you submitting this form to? If the clearing is for mineral and petroleum activities authorised under the <i>Mining Act 1978</i>, the various petroleum Acts, and/or a State Agreement with areas covered by either mineral or petroleum tenure granted under one of the abovementioned Acts, select 'Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration'. For all other clearing activities, select 'Department of Water and Environmental Regulation'.	☒ Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration ☐ Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
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Part 2 – Applicant details

2.1 Applicant name

For area permits: If granted, the name(s) of (all) landowner(s) will be listed as 'permit holders' on the permit. For purpose permits: If granted, the name(s) of (all) applicant(s) will go on the permit.	☐ Applying as an individual – complete the following:	
	Title	☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Other:
	Name(s)	
	☒ Applying as a body corporate or other entity formed at law – complete the following:	
	Name	Forrestania Resources Ltd
	Australian Company Number (ACN)	647 899 698
☐ Applying as a government entity (e.g. government department, local government authority, or other statutory body)		
Name		

2.2 Applicant contact details

Provide the contact details for the above (primary contact).

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2.3 Applicant contact postal details

Provide the postal address for the above individual, body corporate or local government authority (primary contact).

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2.4 Applicant contact – registered business address

If applying as a company, incorporated body, local government authority or public authority, please also supply the registered business office address.

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2.5 Electronic correspondence consent

DWER/DMPE prefer to send all correspondence via email. We request that you consent to receiving all correspondence relating to instruments and notices under Part V of the EP Act via email. Please indicate your consent in this section of the form.

I consent that all written correspondence between myself (the applicant) and DWER/DMPE (as applicable) about the subject of this form will be exclusively via email, using the email address provided above.	☒ Yes ☐ No
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2.6 Contact details for enquiries

If different from the applicant's contact details, enter the contact details of a person with whom DWER/DMPE should liaise with (e.g. a consultant).

Same as applicant's contact details	☐ Yes ☒ No
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If 'No' – complete the following:

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Part 3 – Land details

- You must accurately describe the location of the land where your clearing is proposed.
- Provide copies of associated documents registered against the Certificate of Title (limitations, interests, encumbrances or notifications) where the clearing may impact them (i.e. caveats within freehold Lots).
- If you have a large number of properties, please provide the relevant details for each property in a separately attached supporting document.

I have a large number of properties and have given the relevant details in an attached supporting document.

☐ Yes – skip to Part 4 ☒ No

If 'No' – complete the following:

Land description Provide the following details, as applicable, for all properties: – volume and folio number – lot or location number(s) – crown lease or reserve number – pastoral lease number – mining tenement number	M 77/1256 and L 77/223		
Street address – Line 1			
Street address – Line 2			
Suburb			
State		Postcode	
Local government area(s)			
Land zoning			

Part 4 – Relationship to landowner

Tell us which of the following options best describes you as the person completing and submitting this form. If you are filling out this form on behalf of the applicant, answer this question as though you are the applicant.

Proof of ownership may include:

- a certificate of title
- a pastoral or mining lease
- public authority that has care, control or management of the land
- other form of lease, land tenure or specific arrangement.

Relationship to landowner (select one of the following options)	Complete the following
☒ I am the landowner	☒ Attach proof of ownership
☐ I am lodging a form on behalf of the landowner (e.g. a consultant)	☐ Attach proof of ownership
☐ I am acting on the landowner's behalf and will be jointly responsible for the clearing permit (i.e. joint form)	☐ Attach proof of ownership ☐ Attach a letter, in which the landowner authorises you to act on their behalf and acknowledge they will be jointly responsible for the clearing permit
☐ I am likely to become the landowner	☐ Attach evidence of the pending transfer of ownership, including details of current proprietor on certificate of title, and/or contract of sale ('offer and acceptance')
☐ I will undertake the clearing activities with the landowner's authority and will be the permit holder	☐ Attach proof of ownership ☐ Attach a letter, in which the landowner authorises you to access and clear native vegetation within the property(ies) as detailed in section 3.1 (if the applicant is not the landowner)
☐ I am a person with multiple land parcels within which clearing is proposed	☐ Attach proof of ownership and/or ☐ Attach letters, in which the landowner authorises you to access and clear native vegetation within the properties as detailed in section 3.1 (if the applicant is not the landowner)
☐ I will undertake the clearing activities through the exercise of power conferred by different legislation (e.g. the <i>Energy Operators (Powers) Act 1979</i>)	☐ Provide relevant legislative details:

Part 5 – Proposed clearing

5.1 Maps and/or spatial data

Select which map type(s) you will attach with your form. Note: DWER/DMPE will decline/return forms (as applicable) if you do not provide sufficient information for this question.	☒ An ESRI shapefile with the following properties (preferred) • Geometry type: polygon shape • Coordinate system: Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) 2020 (geographic latitude/longitude) • Datum: GDA 2020 ☐ An aerial photograph or map with a north arrow, clearly marking the proposed clearing area Note: • An ESRI shapefile must use one of the following filename extensions: .shp, .shx, .dbf, and/or .prj • You must provide an ESRI shapefile if the form requires an assessment under an <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth) (EPBC Act) accredited process. See Part 8 of this form for more information.
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5.2 Size

- If you propose to clear a patch(es) of vegetation, enter a hectare value for the total size of the area (mark number of trees as zero). For example, “clearing of 5 hectares”.
- If you propose to clear only individual trees (i.e. the shrubs, grasses, groundcover plants will remain intact), provide the number of trees. For example, “clearing of 10 trees”. If any shrubs, grasses, and/or groundcover plants **may** be damaged in the clearing process, enter the total area only.
- If you propose to clear an area of native vegetation within a larger footprint, enter the hectare value for the total size of the area to be cleared (mark number of trees as zero) and the size of the footprint. For example, 5 hectares of clearing within a 10-hectare footprint. This option is only available for purpose permit applications.
- Enter values for **both** number of trees and the size of the area **only if** you are clearing individual trees in one area **and** a patch of vegetation in a different area.
- Please note the following area conversions/calculations:

1 hectare = 10,000 m ²	Area of circle = 3.14 x radius ²
1 acre = 0.4 hectares/4,000 m ²	Area of a rectangle = length x width
1 tree = 0.01 hectares/100 m ²	Area of a triangle = ½ length x perpendicular height

Total area of clearing proposed (hectares)	139 ha
Footprint of clearing (hectares) (purpose permit only)	
Number of individual trees to be cleared	

Note: Calculate the area of a tree based on the area encompassed by the tree's drip line; that being the outermost circumference of the tree's canopy.

5.3 Purpose

Provide the reason for proposed clearing (e.g. road construction, grazing and pasture, hazard reduction, horticulture, timber harvesting etc.). If applicable, provide any additional project overview or explain in detail the activities on the property (e.g. provide context of work proposed and describe how clearing will contribute to overall work activities onsite etc.).	Refer to the attached Native Vegetation Clearing Permit supporting document for the British Hill Gold Project.
Specify what the final land use will be after clearing	Refer to the attached Native Vegetation Clearing Permit supporting document for the British Hill Gold Project.

5.4 Method

Proposed method of clearing (i.e. burning, cutting, draining, flooding, grazing, mechanical clearing/bulldozing or other – specify)	Mechanical clearing/bulldozing.
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5.5 Timeframe

Period within which you propose to do the clearing (e.g. 1/7/2022 to 30/8/2024)	Start date: 01/11/2026 End date: 01/11/2030
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Note: The clearing referral process is not suitable for any clearing that is expected to take longer than two years.

5.6 Pre-application scoping

Historic clearing of native vegetation in the Swan Coastal Plain and Avon Wheatbelt [Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia](#) (IBRA) bioregions has been extensive. DWER/DMPE strongly recommends a pre-application meeting if you propose to clear native vegetation within these bioregions.

Do you propose to clear native vegetation within the Swan Coastal Plain or Avon Wheatbelt bioregions?	☐ Yes – complete section below			
	☐ I have had a pre-application meeting with DWER/DMPE			
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Insert date of meeting and officer name(s):</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Insert date of meeting and officer name(s):		☐ I have contacted DWER/DMPE in relation to a pre-application meeting and been advised that a meeting is unnecessary in this case.
Insert date of meeting and officer name(s):				

	Insert date of conversation and officer name(s):	
	☐ I have not had a pre-application meeting with DWER/DMPE. I understand that this may increase the likelihood of requests for further information and/or delays in assessment. X No – proceed to next question.	

Part 6 – Mitigation hierarchy

6.1 Avoidance and mitigation

Explain how you have, or will, put avoidance and mitigation measures in place to eliminate, reduce, or otherwise mitigate the need for and scale of the proposed clearing of native vegetation.

Attach supporting documents to substantiate your explanation.

Your explanation should demonstrate you have planned the project so that the least clearing possible is to be undertaken. The following questions may help you frame your explanation:

- Why did you select this location and amount of clearing?
- What alternatives to clearing – e.g. engineering solutions – did you consider? (Attach design drawings where applicable)
- What changes, if any, did you make to the location or amount of clearing to reduce the impacts of the clearing?

Note: If you do not demonstrate adequate efforts to avoid and mitigate clearing, DWER/DMPE will ask you to do so during the validation of this application. Offsets will only be considered by DWER/DMPE as a last resort, once avoidance and minimisation measures have been clearly demonstrated.

Provide the avoidance details (e.g. retention of vegetation on property)	Refer to the attached Native Vegetation Clearing Permit supporting document for the British Hill Gold Project.
Provide the mitigation details (e.g. management of weed spread, rehabilitation)	Refer to the attached Native Vegetation Clearing Permit supporting document for the British Hill Gold Project.

6.2 Offsets

Do you want to submit a clearing offset proposal with your form?	☐ Yes ☒ No
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For further information, see DWER's [guidance on the assessment bilateral agreement](#).

Do you want your proposed clearing action assessed in accordance with, or	☐ Yes
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Executive Summary

Forrestania Resources Ltd (Forrestania) is proposing to develop the British Hill Gold Project (the Project), located approximately 73 km southeast of Southern Cross and 44 km south of Marvel Loch, in the Eastern Goldfields region of Western Australia. Within the proposed Permit Area of 381 ha, up to 139 ha of native vegetation is proposed to be cleared.

Stage 1 of the Project involves exploration drilling, development of an open pit mine, associated waste rock landform (WRL) and supporting infrastructure, with ore to be crushed and transported off-site for processing. Mining and associated disturbance activities are proposed within the existing granted mining tenure associated with the Project.

An assessment against the ten clearing principles was undertaken based on information collected from site specific flora and fauna surveys conducted for the Project. The indicative clearing footprint for the proposed infrastructure has been developed to ensure impacts to sensitive environmental values are avoided or minimised.

The assessment of the proposed clearing against the ten clearing principles determined that the proposed clearing of up to 139 ha for the Project will not be or is unlikely to be at variance with the ten clearing principles. Appropriate environmental management measures will be implemented to ensure potential direct and indirect impacts associated with the clearing are avoided or minimised where practicable.

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1. Introduction

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Stage 1 of the Project involves exploration drilling, development of an open pit mine, construction of a waste rock landform (WRL) and other supporting infrastructure, with ore to be crushed and transported off-site for processing. All land disturbance activities are proposed within the existing granted mining tenure held by Forrestania.

The Project is situated within a historically prospective gold mining region and contains several known gold deposits that have been subject to previous exploration and mining activities.

This report has been prepared to support the application for a Native Vegetation Clearing Permit (NVCP) and provides:

- A description of the proposed clearing and disturbance footprint.
- An assessment of the proposed clearing against the ten clearing principles.
- A summary of environmental management measures to avoid, minimise and mitigate potential impacts of land clearing.

The assessment draws on environmental studies undertaken within M77/1256 and L77/223.

2. Background

2.1 Location

The Project is situated approximately 73 km southeast of Southern Cross and 44 km south of Marvel Loch in Western Australia in the Shire of Yilgarn (Figure 1).

The Project is accessed by a private, unsealed road, approximately 3.5 km from the Marvel Loch-Forrestania Road. Ore will be transported from the Project via site access roads, then transported off-site to the Lake Johnston Processing Plant approximately 100 km southeast of British Hill for processing.

2.2 Tenure

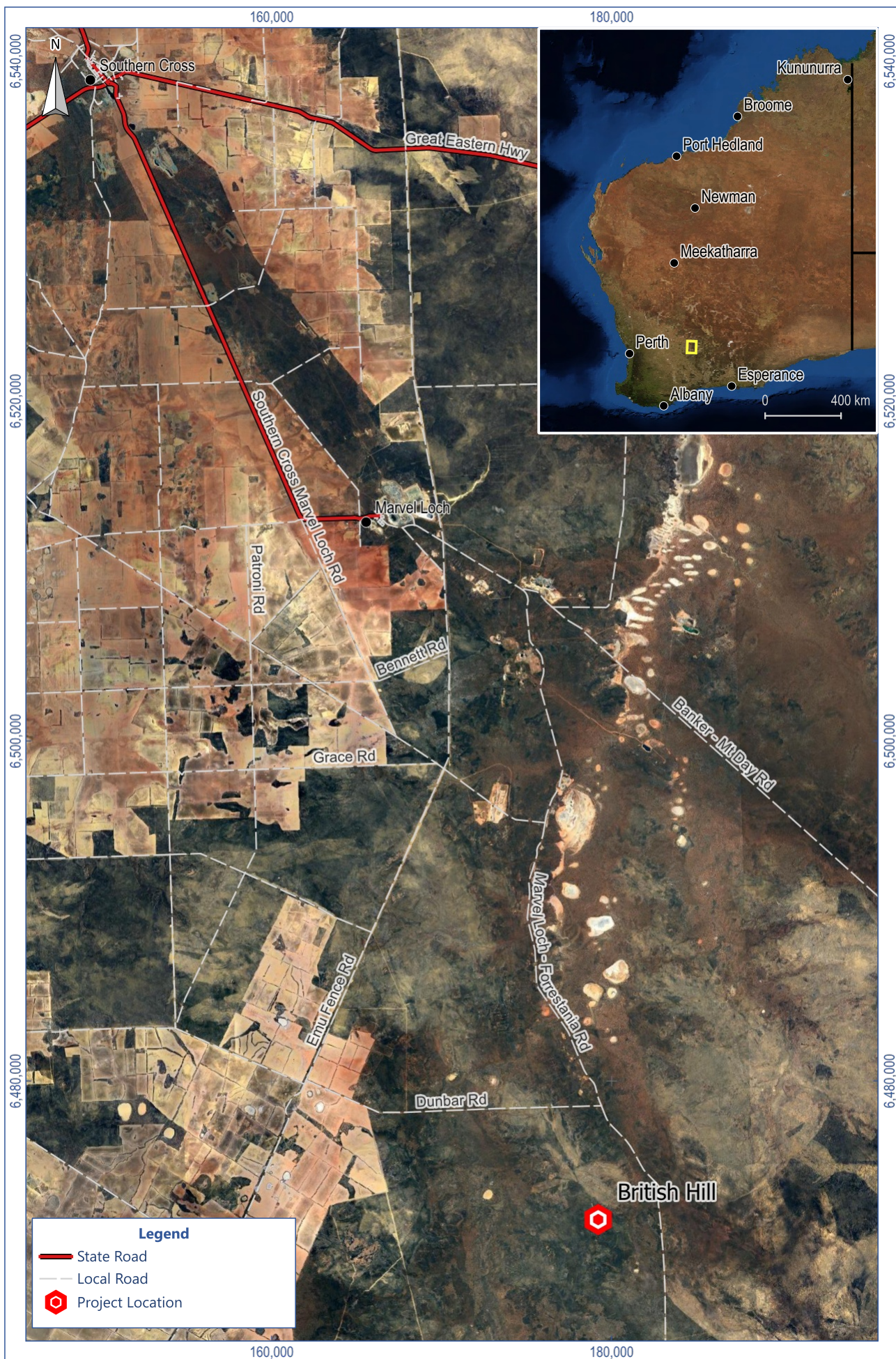
The Project is located within M77/1256 and L77/223. Both tenements are held by IMD Gold Mines which is a fully owned subsidiary of Forrestania Resources Ltd.

Miscellaneous Lease L77/223 contains an access road joining the Project to the Marvel Loch-Forrestania Road to allow transport of ore off site for processing. Native vegetation clearing is required to widen the road for traffic management purposes.

A summary of tenements relevant to this application is provided in Table 1 with a tenement plan shown in Figure 2 which also shows the proposed Purpose Permit Area (PPA). Evidence of tenure is provided in Appendix A.

Table 1: British Hill Project Tenements

Tenement	Tenement Holder	Area (ha)	Granted	Expiry
M77/1256	IMD Gold Mines Pty Ltd	998.475	01/08/2011	31/07/2032
L77/223	IMD Gold Mines Pty Ltd	32.00	18/10/2011	17/10/2032

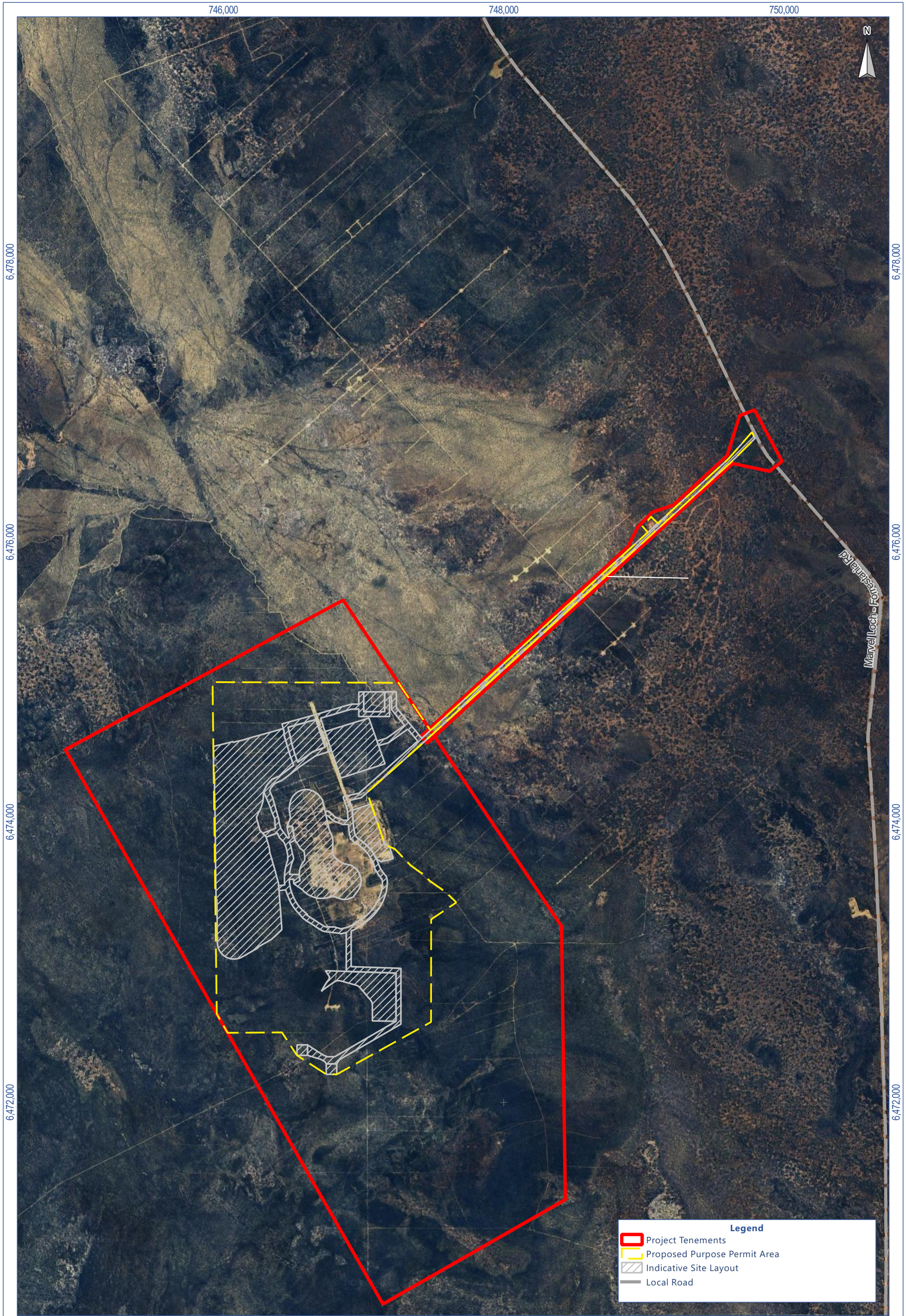


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Figure 1
Project Location

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**Figure 2
Tenement Plan**



3. Environmental Setting

The Project is located in the Eastern Goldfields region which experiences an arid to semi-arid climate characterised by hot, dry summers and cool winters.

Southern Cross Airfield Weather Station (ID: 12320) is the closest representative Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) weather station (73 km northwest of the Project) (BoM, 2026). The mean annual minimum temperature is 16.8°C, normally in July, and the mean annual maximum temperature is 34.9°C, normally in January (Chart 1).

Annual rainfall is low and highly variable, with no consistently wet season and occasional months recording little to no rainfall (Chart 1). The average rainfall is 304.5 mm/year, with the lowest recorded annual rainfall at 151.4 mm/year and the highest recorded at 551.8 mm/year (BoM, 2026).

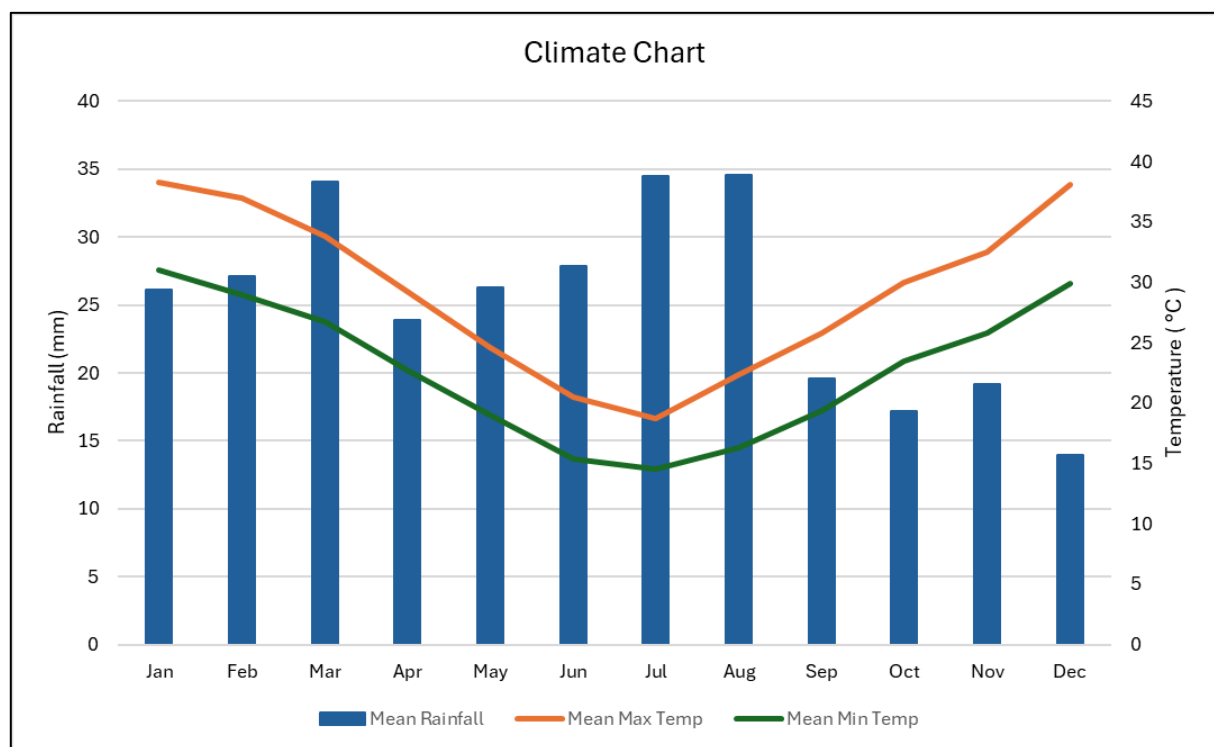


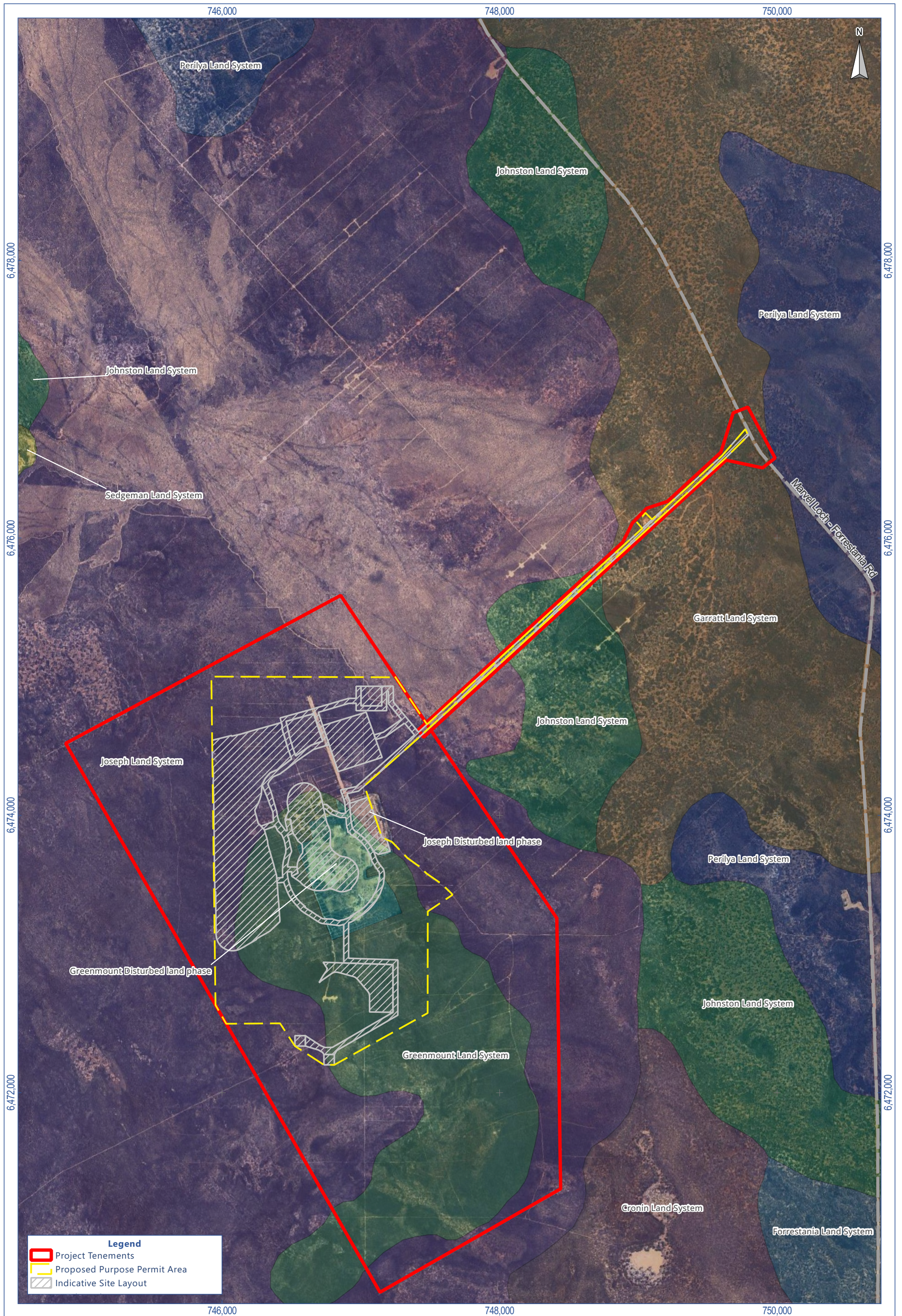
Chart 1: Climate Data for Southern Cross Airfield (1950 - 2026) (BoM, 2026)

3.1 Soils and Landforms

The soils and landforms of tenements M77/1256 and L77/223 were determined using information from a soil and landform assessment conducted by Mine Earth (Mine Earth, 2020) as well as data extracted from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) Natural Resources Information mapping tool (DPIRD, 2025). Characteristics of the land systems and soil types are described in Table 2 and shown in Figure 3.

Table 2: Soil Landform Units in M77/1256 and L77/223

Soil Landform Unit	Landforms	Major Soil Types and % of Mapped Area (DPIRD Soil Group)	Infrastructure Within Land System	Area Within Tenements (ha)
Greenmount (260Gr)	• Rounded low greenstone hills and rolling rises. • Erosional surfaces. • Rounded and weathered, low hills and rolling rises. • Hillcrests occasionally forming ridges or breakaways.	• Loamy gravel (1215) - 40%. • Red shallow loamy duplex (1634) - 20%. • Alkaline red shallow loamy duplex (1624) - 15%. • Very shallow soil (1306) - 10%. • Others - 15%.	• Pit. • WRL. • Topsoil Stockpiles. • Access Roads.	346.6
Johnston Land System	• Low rises and infrequent low breakaways. • Gently inclined colluvial slopes and undulating plains. • Sand sheets. • Alluvial fans. • Granite pediments and seepines. • Non-directional, narrow unchanneled drainage tracts. • Sheetwash interfluvies.	• Alkaline red shallow loamy duplex (1624) - 69% • Red shallow sand (1406) - 15% • Red shallow loamy duplex (1634) - 10% • Others - 6%	• Access Road.	6.4
Joseph (260Jo)	• Level to undulating sandplains. • Sand dunes. • Swales. • Granite outcrops.	• Yellow Deep Sands (1489) - 60%. • Shallow Sandy Gravels (1202) - 20%. • Red Loamy Earths (1673) - 15%. • Others - 5%.	• Pit. • ROM. • WRL. • Topsoil Stockpiles.	602.0
Perilya Land System	• Footslopes and rolling rises. • Rise crests and low ridges. • Narrow drainage tracts.	• Calcareous loamy earth (1666) - 45%. • Red shallow loamy duplex (1634) - 25%. • Alkaline red shallow loamy duplex - (1624) - 20%. • Bare rock (1304) - 5%. • Calcareous gravelly shallow loam (1601) - 5%.	• Access Road.	0.2



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Figure 3
Land Systems and Soils



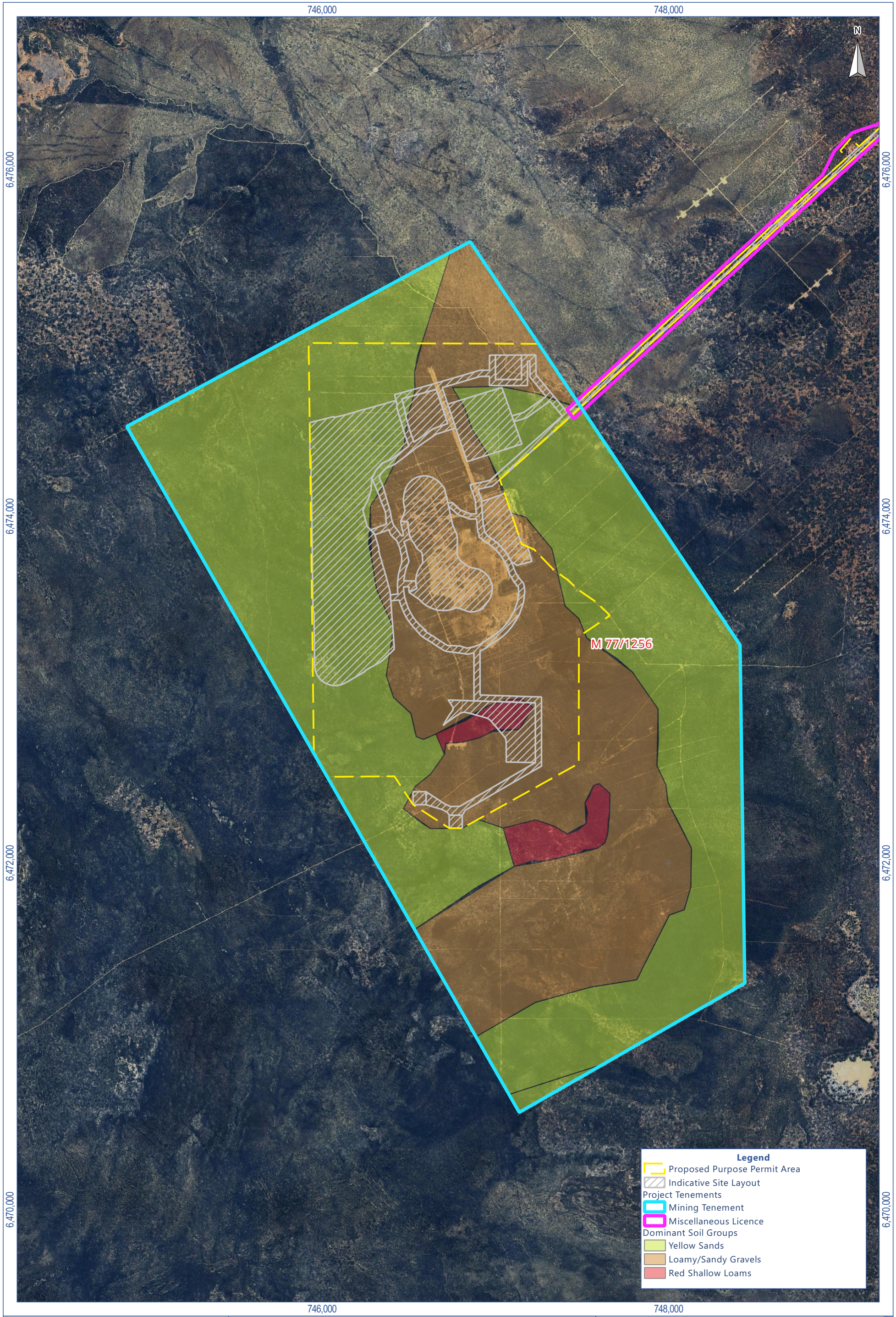
Mine Earth completed a baseline soil and landform assessment for mining tenement M77/1256 (Mine Earth, 2020). Soil and subsoil profiles from 13 locations were sampled in this assessment, with dominant soil groups determined, as shown in Figure 4. Key findings from the soil assessment included:

- Three landform types were identified:
 - Sandy slopes.
 - Lateritic hills.
 - Valley floor.
- All three landforms are not considered significant with respect to (EPA, 2018) criteria for the following reasons:
 - Landforms are widely represented locally and regionally.
 - Landforms have been subjected to geological exploration and are thus not considered pristine.
 - Landforms are not of any known ecological, scientific or cultural significance.
 - The proposed disturbance area is <390 ha, which represents a very minor area with respect to the distribution of these landforms regionally.
- Three soil types were identified which included:
 - Yellow Sands (DPIRD Soil Group 1407).
 - Loamy/Sandy Gravels (DPIRD Soil Group 1202, 1203, 1215).
 - Red Shallow Loams (DPIRD Soil Group 1605, 1606, 1610).

Key physical and chemical parameters of soils from M77/1256 included:

- Soils were typically coarse grained and gravel rich, particularly in the lateritic hills landform. Subsoils of the red shallow loams had higher clay contents (20 - 30%) and were classed as sandy clay loams texturally.
- Soils were typically non-dispersive (Emerson Class value ≥ 3). The exception was subsoils of red shallow loams within the valley floor landforms which had Emerson Class values of 1 and clay contents >20% indicating a risk of clay dispersion.
- Yellow sands and sandy/loamy gravels were free draining. Subsoils of the red shallow loams soil type had the highest capacity to retain water.
- The vast majority of soils were non-saline. Some higher EC values (circa 100 mS/m) were observed in the subsoils of sandy/loamy gravels which may be a function of previous drilling and mining activities.

- pH values ranged from 4.8 - 8.5 across the three soil types. The majority of soils had pH values in the acidic to circumneutral range, with some highly alkaline soil observed which may be reflective of calcrete deposits.
- All three soil types had low exchangeable cation concentrations across both surface and subsoils. All soils, however, also had low exchangeable sodium percentages (ESP) which indicates that soils are unlikely to be sodic.
- The organic matter content of the soil samples was low, as is typical of most highly weathered soils in the Goldfields area, ranging between 0.18% and 1.05%.



Legend

- Proposed Purpose Permit Area
- Indicative Site Layout
- Project Tenements
- Mining Tenement
- Miscellaneous Licence
- Dominant Soil Groups
- Yellow Sands
- Loamy/Sandy Gravels
- Red Shallow Loams

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Figure 4
Dominant Soil Groups

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3.2 Flora and Vegetation

The Project is located within the Yilgarn/Southern Cross region of Western Australia, situated within the Avon Wheatbelt (AVW) Interim Biogeographical Regionalisation for Australia (IBRA) region and the Merredin (AVW01) subregion. It is approximately 2 km from the Coolgardie (COO) IBRA region (DCCEEW, 2025). Some degree of floristic commonality is expected given the close proximity of the neighbouring Coolgardie IBRA region and Southern Cross (COO02) IBRA subregion.

A number of flora and vegetation surveys have been conducted for the Project with these listed in Table 3. The most recent survey was conducted in March 2026 by Mattiske Consulting, noting that it considers the results of previous surveys (Appendix B).

Table 3: Baseline Flora and Vegetation Surveys

Survey / Study	Company	Date
Level 2 Flora & Vegetation Survey of British Hill	Botanica Consulting	June 2011
Level 2 Flora and Vegetation Survey of British Hill Haul Access Road and Proposed Leach Pad Area	Rapallo Environmental	May 2012
British Hill Detailed Flora and Vegetation Assessment	Western Botanical	July 2020
Desktop Environmental Assessment of British Hill Project	Botanica Consulting	June 2025
Detailed Flora and Vegetation Assessment, British Hill Gold Project	Mattiske Consulting	March 2026

3.2.1 Vegetation Communities

The pre-European vegetation spatial mapping dataset (DPIRD, 2021) identified one vegetation association as occurring within the Project area (Table 4).

Table 4: Pre-European Vegetation Associations Recorded Within the British Hill Project

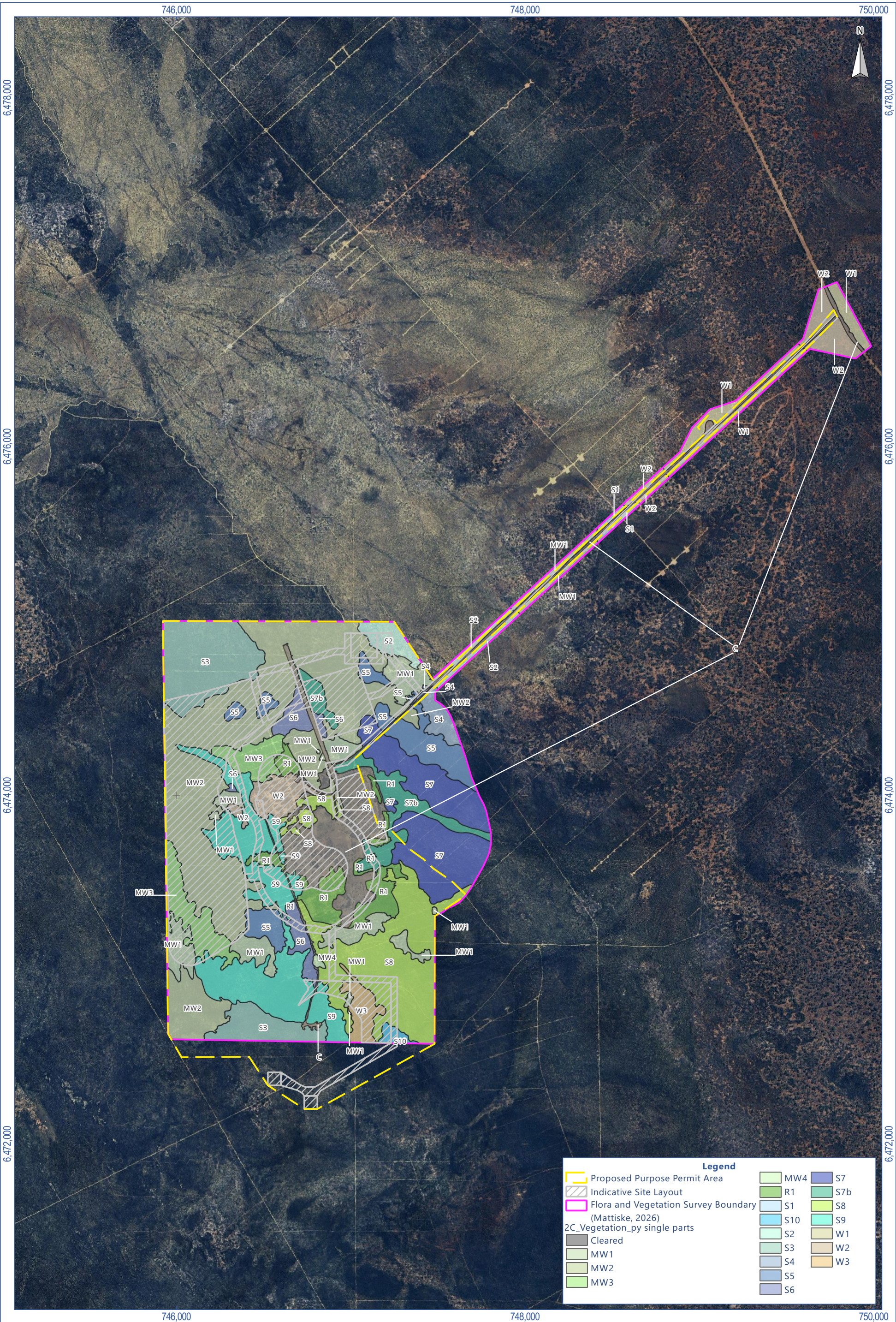
Code	Description	Extent Within Coolgardie IBRA (ha)	% Remaining Within Coolgardie IBRA
1068	<i>Eucalyptus longicornis</i> , <i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> , <i>Eucalyptus salubris</i> over <i>Melaleuca lateriflora</i> , <i>Melaleuca pauperiflora</i>	193,988	54%

Mattiske Consulting identified and mapped 19 vegetation communities across the survey area of 424.8 ha. The vegetation communities were, in general, either Eucalypt woodlands with an understorey of *Melaleuca* shrubs, *Allocasuarina* dominated shrublands with diverse Myrtaceae and Proteaceae species, or variable shrublands. The mapped vegetation communities and cleared area are summarised in Table 5 and shown in Figure 5.

Vegetation condition ranged from degraded to pristine according to the Keighery scale.

Table 5: Mapped Vegetation Communities

Vegetation Community	Description	Mapped Extent (ha / %)	Extent Within PPA (ha / %)	Condition
MW1	<i>Eucalyptus transcontinentalis</i> , <i>Eucalyptus eremophila</i> , <i>Eucalyptus sheathiana</i> mid open mallee woodland over <i>Melaleuca lateriflora</i> , <i>Melaleuca hamata</i> , <i>Daviesia argillacea</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Grevillea huegelii</i> , <i>Westringia cephalantha</i> , <i>Olearia muelleri</i> low sparse shrubland.	24.79 (5.84%)	22.47 (6.37%)	Very Good
MW2	<i>Eucalyptus sheathiana</i> , <i>Eucalyptus rigidula</i> , <i>Eucalyptus burracoppinensis</i> low mallee woodland over <i>Hakea multilineata</i> , <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Allocasuarina spinosissima</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Melaleuca cordata</i> , <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Melaleuca calyptroides</i> low sparse shrubland.	97.52 (22.96%)	96.85 (27.48%)	Excellent
MW3	<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp. low open mallee woodland over <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Melaleuca hamata</i> , <i>Callitris preissii</i> mid sparse shrubland over <i>Dodonaea amblyophylla</i> , <i>Hibbertia exasperata</i> low sparse shrubland.	16.04 (3.78%)	16.04 (4.55%)	Very Good
MW4	<i>Eucalyptus rigidula</i> , <i>Eucalyptus calycogona</i> subsp. <i>calycogona</i> , <i>Eucalyptus eremophila</i> mallee woodland over <i>Olearia muelleri</i> , <i>Acacia hemiteles</i> isolated shrubs over <i>Austrostipa hemipogon</i> , <i>Waitzia acuminata</i> , <i>Rytidosperma caespitosum</i> isolated forbs.	0.36 (0.09%)	0.36 (0.10%)	Good
R1	Regrowth of <i>Eucalyptus burracoppinensis</i> low isolated mallee trees over <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Grevillea paradoxa</i> , <i>Hakea multilineata</i> sparse shrubland over <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Baeckea elderiana</i> , <i>Melaleuca cordata</i> low sparse shrubland.	15.0 (3.53%)	14.35 (4.07%)	Degraded
S1	<i>Acacia yorkakinensis</i> , <i>Allocasuarina spinosissima</i> , <i>Persoonia striata</i> tall open shrubland over <i>Callitris preissii</i> , <i>Leptospermopsis erubescens</i> , <i>Baeckea elderiana</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Melaleuca cordata</i> , <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Euryomyrtus maidenii</i> low sparse shrubland.	1.48 (0.35%)	0.49 (0.14%)	Excellent
S2	<i>Eucalyptus burracoppinensis</i> low open mallee woodland over <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Hakea multilineata</i> , <i>Baeckea elderiana</i> mid sparse shrubland over <i>Acacia prairii</i> , <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Gastrolobium floribundum</i> low sparse shrubland.	7.81 (1.84%)	5.58 (1.58%)	Excellent
S3	<i>Eucalyptus burracoppinensis</i> low open mallee woodland over <i>Allocasuarina spinosissima</i> , <i>Callitris preissii</i> <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> mid sparse shrubland over <i>Baeckea elderiana</i> , <i>Euryomyrtus maidenii</i> , <i>Phebalium filifolium</i> low sparse shrubland.	32.43 (7.64%)	32.43 (9.20%)	Pristine
S4	<i>Eucalyptus capillosa</i> low mallee woodland over <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Melaleuca hamata</i> , <i>Callitris canescens</i> , mid open shrubland over <i>Phebalium tuberosum</i> , <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Hibbertia eatoniae</i> low sparse shrubland.	3.89 (0.92%)	0.29 (0.08%)	Excellent
S5	<i>Eucalyptus burracoppinensis</i> low mallee woodland over <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Allocasuarina spinosissima</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Persoonia coriacea</i> , <i>Hibbertia eatoniae</i> low sparse shrubland.	17.89 (4.21%)	9.12 (2.59%)	Pristine
S6	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp. isolated clumps of mallee trees over <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Allocasuarina spinosissima</i> , <i>Callitris canescens</i> mid sparse shrubland over <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Leucopogon</i> sp. outer wheatbelt (M. Hislop 30), <i>Phebalium tuberosum</i> low sparse shrubland.	7.71 (1.81%)	7.70 (2.18%)	Excellent
S7	<i>Eucalyptus rigidula</i> low open mallee woodland over <i>Hakea multilineata</i> , <i>Allocasuarina spinosissima</i> , <i>Callitris preissii</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Phebalium filifolium</i> , <i>Melaleuca calyptroides</i> low open shrubland.	34.6 (8.15%)	6.64 (1.88%)	Pristine
S7b	<i>Eucalyptus rigidula</i> low open mallee woodland over <i>Allocasuarina spinosissima</i> , <i>Callitris preissii</i> , <i>Hakea erecta</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Beyeria sulcata</i> var. <i>brevipes</i> , <i>Melaleuca johnsonii</i> low sparse shrubland.	13.56 (3.19%)	6.39 (1.81%)	Very good
S8	<i>Eucalyptus burracoppinensis</i> , <i>Eucalyptus</i> spp. low isolated clumps of mallee trees over <i>Acacia lineolata</i> subsp. <i>lineolata</i> , <i>Hakea multilineata</i> , <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Grevillea paradoxa</i> , <i>Phebalium tuberosum</i> low sparse shrubland.	42.23 (9.94%)	41.89 (11.88%)	Excellent
S9	<i>Eucalyptus burracoppinensis</i> low open mallee woodland over <i>Baeckea elderiana</i> , <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Melaleuca cordata</i> mid sparse shrubland over <i>Grevillea paradoxa</i> , <i>Drummondia wilsonii</i> (P1), <i>Hibbertia eatoniae</i> low sparse shrubland.	41.16 (9.69%)	41.16 (11.68%)	Excellent
S10	<i>Eucalyptus capillosa</i> mid mallee woodland over <i>Allocasuarina campestris</i> , <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Calothamnus gilesii</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Hibbertia eatoniae</i> , <i>Westringia cephalantha</i> var. <i>cephalantha</i> , <i>Dodonaea caespitosa</i> low open shrubland.	1.45 (0.34%)	1.45 (0.41%)	Excellent
W1	<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> , <i>Eucalyptus</i> sp., <i>Eucalyptus sheathiana</i> mid open woodland over <i>Santalum acuminatum</i> , <i>Melaleuca pauperiflora</i> subsp. <i>fastigiata</i> , <i>Acacia merrallii</i> mid sparse shrubland over <i>Acacia hemiteles</i> , <i>Eremophila ionantha</i> , <i>Daviesia argillacea</i> low sparse shrubland.	10.09 (2.37%)	2.26 (0.64%)	Pristine
W2	<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> , <i>Eucalyptus salubris</i> mid open woodland over <i>Melaleuca pauperiflora</i> subsp. <i>fastigiata</i> , <i>Eremophila ionantha</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Eremophila decipiens</i> subsp. <i>decipiens</i> , <i>Acacia merrallii</i> sparse shrubland.	15.15 (3.57%)	8.24 (2.34%)	Excellent
W3	<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> low woodland over <i>Melaleuca</i> spp., <i>Eremophila drummondii</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Olearia muelleri</i> , <i>Acacia erinacea</i> low sparse shrubland.	5.25 (1.23%)	5.25 (1.49%)	Pristine
Cleared	No native vegetation.	36.38 (8.56%)	33.53 (9.51%)	Cleared
Not Surveyed	Not surveyed.	-	28.46	Unknown



3.2.2 Significant Flora Species

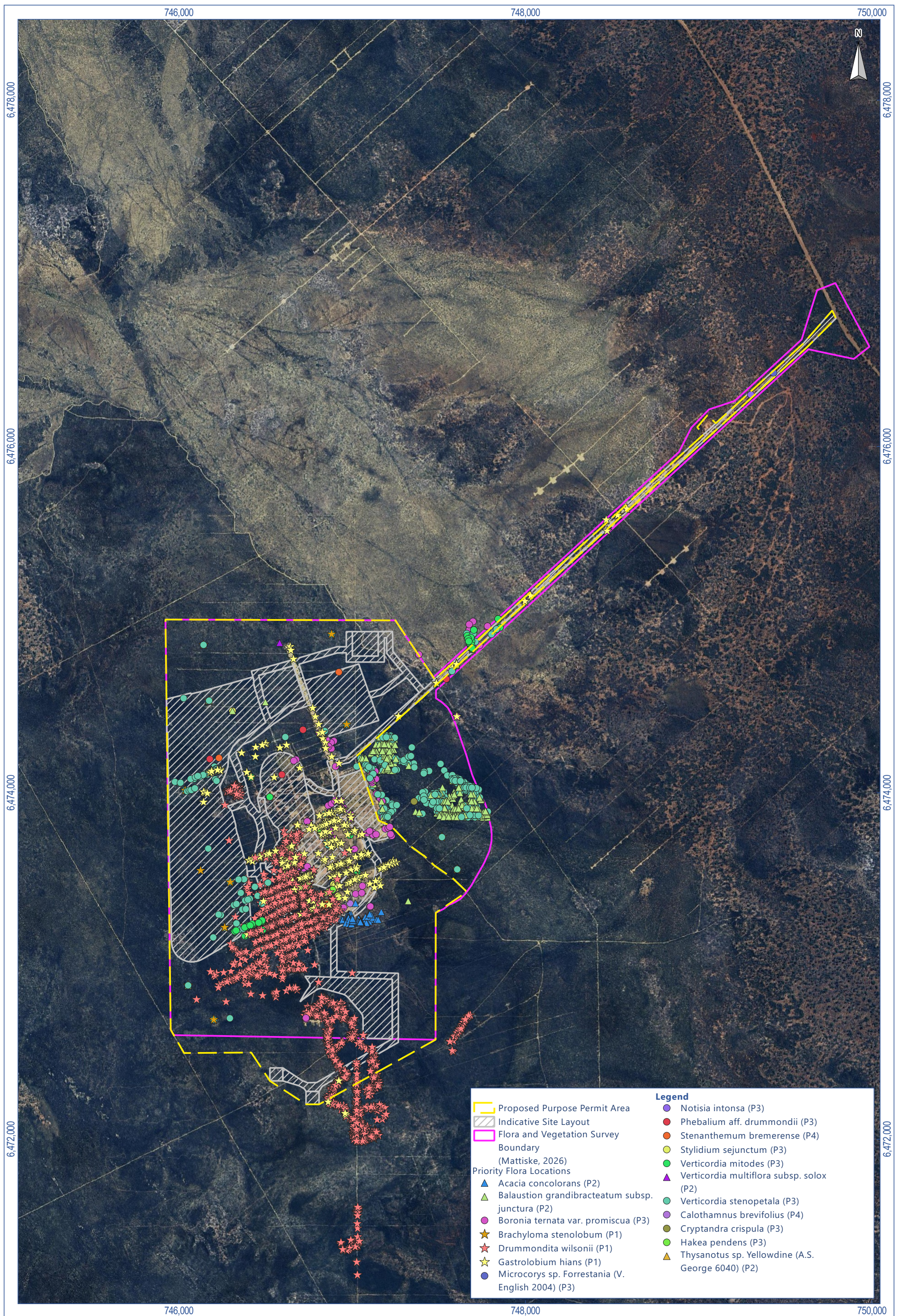
Mattiske identified 221 vascular plant taxa representing 91 genera across 38 families within the survey area. The most diverse families were Myrtaceae (60 species), Fabaceae (31 species), Proteaceae (23 species) and Asteraceae (10 species).

No Threatened flora pursuant to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) or *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act) were identified.

Eighteen Priority flora species were recorded within the survey area with these listed in Table 6 and shown in Figure 6. All Priority flora is known to occur within the wider area.

Table 6: Priority Flora Recorded in the Project Tenements

Species	Total Known Records	No. of Individuals in Surveyed Project Area	No. of Individuals Within PPA	No. of Individuals Within Proposed Clearing Area
<i>Acacia concolorans</i> (P2)	525	525	525	0
<i>Balaustion grandibracteatum</i> subsp. <i>junctura</i> (P2)	304,539	2,423	41	24
<i>Boronia ternata</i> var. <i>promiscua</i> (P3)	63,761	1,426	328	220
<i>Brachyloma stenolobum</i> (P1)	13,128	37	31	8
<i>Calothamnus brevifolius</i> (P4)	1	1	1	0
<i>Cryptandra crispula</i> (P3)	5	5	0	0
<i>Drummondita wilsonii</i> (P1)	7,324	7,324	6,805	2,113
<i>Gastrolobium hians</i> (P1)	865	865	755	289
<i>Hakea pendens</i> (P3)	10,801	2	2	0
<i>Microcorys</i> sp. Forrestania (V. English 2004) (P4)	387,874	1	0	0
<i>Notisia intonsa</i> (P3)	1	1	1	1
<i>Phebalium</i> aff. <i>drummondii</i> (P3)	66	66	65	55
<i>Stenanthemum bremerense</i> (P4)	14	14	14	4
<i>Stylidium sejunctum</i> (P3)	2,264	33	33	0
<i>Thysanotus</i> sp. Yellowdine (A.S. George 6040) (P2)	1	1	0	0
<i>Verticordia mitodes</i> (P3)	4,496	664	284	246
<i>Verticordia multiflora</i> subsp. <i>solox</i> (P2)	2	2	2	1
<i>Verticordia stenopetala</i> (P3)	49,637	2,926	501	0



3.2.3 Weeds

Two introduced flora species were recorded within the survey area - *Lysimachia arvensis* and *Centaurea melitensis*. Neither species are listed as a Declared Pest on the Western Australian Organism List (WAOL) under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* (BAM Act) or as a Weed of National Significance.

3.2.4 Threatened and Priority Ecological Communities

No Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) was identified in the survey area or in a 150 km buffer around the survey area.

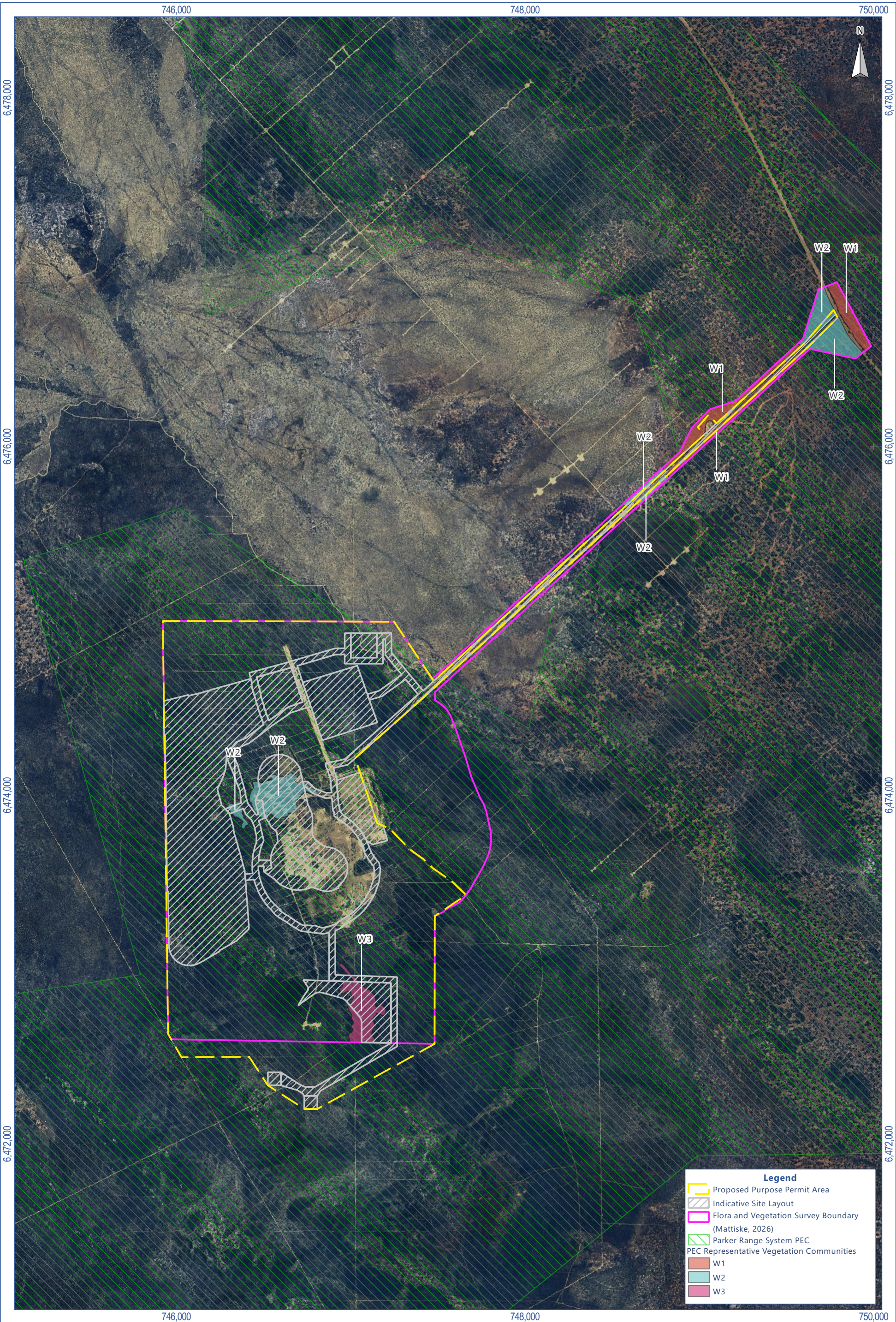
Approximately 373.28 ha of the PPA is located within the Plant Assemblages of the Parker Range System Priority Ecological Community (PEC) which is listed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) as Priority 3 (iii) Vulnerable. DBCA mapping indicates the PEC has an area of 41,725.99 ha.

Mattiske compared the vegetation community data to quadrats defining the Parker Range PEC. From this it was determined that Vegetation Communities W1, W2 and W3 are statistically significantly similar to the PEC. In general, the PEC community types likely present within the survey area are those occurring on broad flats with *Eucalyptus salmonophloia* and *E. salubris* woodlands. These three communities represent 7.17% of the survey area. About 15.03 ha of the 30.49 ha of the mapped area of these communities is present within the PPA. These occurrences are fragmented and small in footprint area.

The extent of the three vegetation communities present within the survey area and PPA is summarised in Table 7 and shown in Figure 7.

Table 7: Extent of Vegetation Communities Representative of the Parker Range PEC

Vegetation Community	Description	Mapped Area (ha)	Extent Within PPA (ha/%)
W1	<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> , <i>Eucalyptus</i> sp., <i>Eucalyptus sheathiana</i> mid open woodland over <i>Santalum acuminatum</i> , <i>Melaleuca pauperiflora</i> subsp. <i>fastigiata</i> , <i>Acacia merrallii</i> mid sparse shrubland over <i>Acacia hemiteles</i> , <i>Eremophila ionantha</i> , <i>Daviesia argillacea</i> low sparse shrubland.	10.09	2.05 (0.64%)
W2	<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> , <i>Eucalyptus salubris</i> mid open woodland over <i>Melaleuca pauperiflora</i> subsp. <i>fastigiata</i> , <i>Eremophila ionantha</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Eremophila decipiens</i> subsp. <i>decipiens</i> , <i>Acacia merrallii</i> sparse shrubland.	15.15	7.73 (2.34%)
W3	<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> low woodland over <i>Melaleuca</i> spp., <i>Eremophila drummondii</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Olearia muelleri</i> , <i>Acacia erinacea</i> low sparse shrubland.	5.25	5.25 (1.49%)
Total		30.49	15.03



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**Figure 7
Parker Range System PEC and
Representative Vegetation
Communities**



3.2.5 Environmentally Sensitive Areas and Conservation Reserves

The PPA is not located within an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) or DBCA managed lands but is adjacent to the Jilbadji Nature Reserve which is a conservation area.

There are no wetlands of international importance (Ramsar Wetlands) or national importance (Australian Nature Conservation Agency Wetlands) within or in proximity to the PPA.

3.2.6 Groundwater Dependant Ecosystems

In accordance with the BoM Atlas of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE) database (BoM, 2025), there are no known or potential aquatic GDEs within the PPA and low potential for terrestrial GDEs to occur.

3.3 Fauna

A number of fauna surveys have been conducted within the Project area, with the most recent survey being by Terrestrial Ecosystems in 2025/2026. These are listed in Table 8. The Terrestrial Ecosystems Report considers the results of previous surveys and is provided in Appendix D.

Table 8: Baseline Fauna Surveys

Survey / Study	Company	Date
Level 1 Fauna Survey of British Hill Project Area for Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	Rapallo	2012
Level 1 Vertebrate Fauna Risk Assessment for the British Hill Gold Deposit	Terrestrial Ecosystems	2016
Contextual information and management of potential impacts on conservation significant fauna during the development and operations of the British Hill mine	Terrestrial Ecosystems	2020
Basic and Targeted Vertebrate Fauna Survey, British Hill Gold Project	Terrestrial Ecosystems	2026
British Hill Malleefowl Mound Survey Memorandum	MBS Environmental	2026

3.3.1 Fauna Habitat

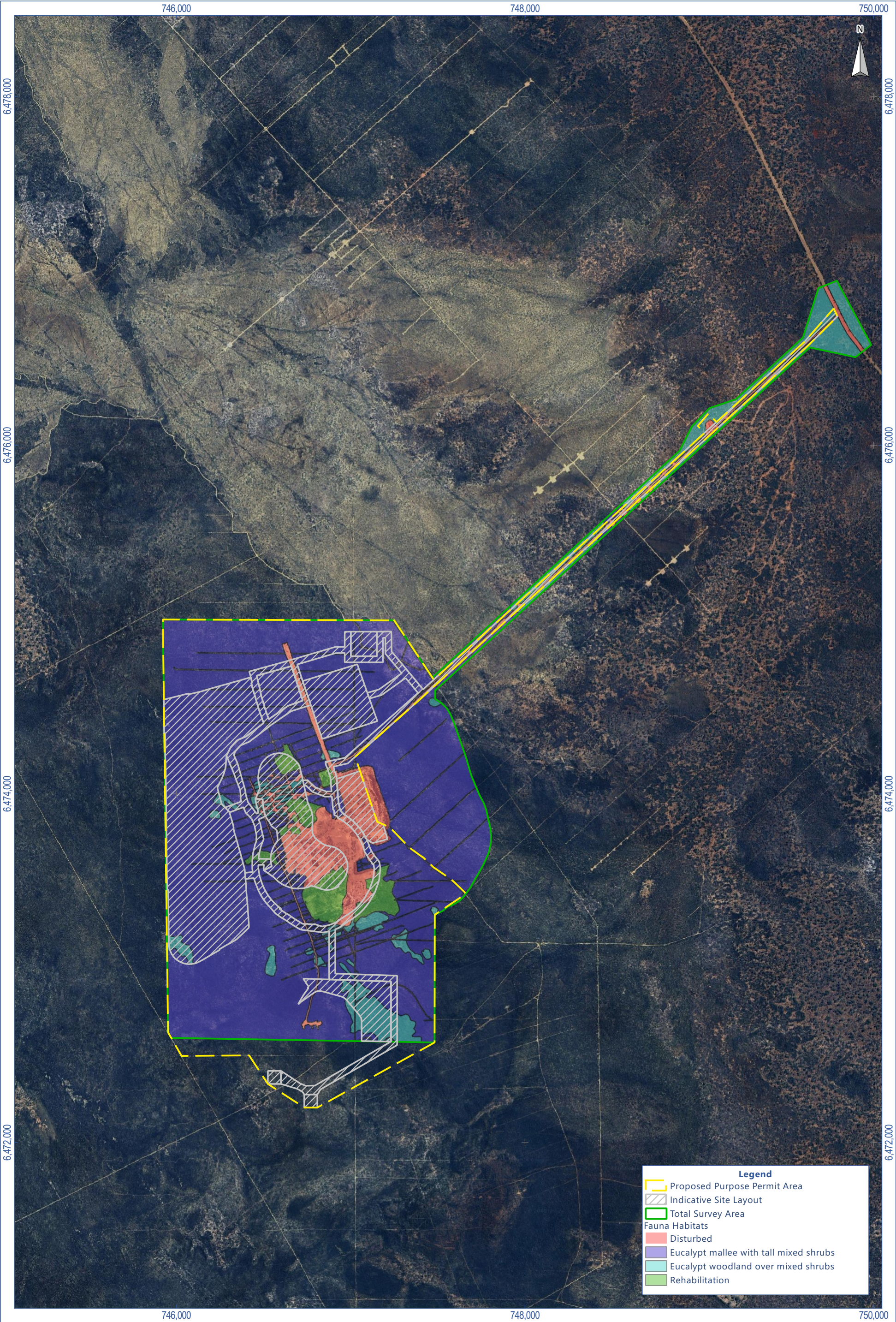
Based on vegetation types and associated landforms identified during the surveys, two broad scale terrestrial fauna habitats have been defined - Eucalyptus mallee with tall mixed shrubs (*Allocasuarina* and *Acacias*); and Eucalyptus woodland over mixed shrubs. Disturbed and rehabilitated areas were identified separately to these two habitat types. The fauna habitat types in the survey area are summarised in Table 9 and are shown in Figure 8.

Table 9: Extent of Fauna Habitats (ha)

Habitat Type	Mapped Extent (ha)	Within PPA (ha)	Within Clearing Area (ha)
Eucalyptus mallee with tall mixed shrubs (<i>Allocasuarina</i> and <i>Acacia</i>)	317.66	267.38	107.68
Eucalyptus woodland over mixed shrubs.	40.12	22.89	14.19
Not surveyed	-	28.68	4.06
Sub-total	357.78	318.73	125.93
Disturbed	51.69	46.83	28.27
Rehabilitated	15.22	15.22	6.01
Total	424.69	380.78	160.21

The quality of the fauna habitat in the study area ranged from degraded (e.g. vegetation cleared, previous exploration activity and tracks) to very good. The uncleared fauna habitat in the study area was assessed to be generally in good to very good condition.

Terrestrial Ecosystems considered that fauna habitats represented in the study area are abundant and in similar condition to adjacent areas. Therefore, the fauna assemblage in the study area can be considered to be similar to that in neighbouring areas.



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**Figure 8
Fauna Habitat Types**



3.3.2 Significant Fauna

Database searches (Dandjoo, MNES and Atlas of Living Australia) identified 158 terrestrial vertebrate fauna taxa near the survey area, consisting of 82 bird, 25 mammal, 46 reptile and five amphibian taxa.

The fauna species that have special status in either State or Commonwealth government legislation or are on the DBCA Priority species list and are potentially present in the vicinity of the survey area are listed in Table 10. Although they were recorded in the search of the MNES online database, migratory species (i.e. Curlew Sandpiper, *Calidris ferruginea*; Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, *Calidris acuminata*; Common Sandpiper, *Actitis hypoleucos*; Pectoral Sandpiper, *Calidris melanotos*) that typically would be found around the edge of salt lakes, clay pans, estuaries and marshes have been excluded from Table 10 as there is no suitable habitat within the PPA or nearby.

Table 10: Potential Significant Fauna within 40 km of the Project

Significant Species	Conservation Status		Likelihood of Presence
	EPBC Act	BC Act	
Birds			
Southern Whiteface <i>Aphelocephala leucopsis</i>	VU	VU	Not recorded in the recent survey, but it is potentially present in the survey area.
Fork-tailed Swift <i>Apus pacificus</i>	MI	MI	May infrequently be seen flying in the region.
Grey Falcon <i>Falco hypoleucos</i>	VU	VU	Unlikely to be present.
Peregrine Falcon <i>Falco peregrinus</i>	-	OS	May be seen infrequently in the survey area.
Malleefowl <i>Leipoa ocellata</i>	VU	VU	Malleefowl mounds were recorded in 2016, and a bird was recorded on a camera trap in 2025/2026 in the PPA, but not in the proposed clearing area.
Grey Wagtail <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	MI	MI	Highly unlikely to be in the survey area.
Yellow Wagtail <i>Motacilla flava</i>	MI	MI	Highly unlikely to be seen in the survey area.
Night Parrot <i>Pezoporus occidentalis</i>	CE	CE	Not present in the survey area due to a lack of suitable habitat.
Western Rosella <i>Platycercus icterotis xanthogenys</i>	-	P4	Potentially in the survey area.
Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo <i>Zanda latirostris</i>	EN	EN	Outside its typical geographical range.
Mammals			
Chuditch <i>Dasyurus geoffroii</i>	VU	VU	Was present in 2016 survey area but was not recorded in 2025/2026.
Numbat <i>Myrmecobius fasciatus</i>	VU	VU	No longer present in the region.
Western Brush Wallaby <i>Notamacropus irma</i>	-	P4	Recorded in 2016 and 2025/26.

Significant Species	Conservation Status		Likelihood of Presence
	EPBC Act	BC Act	
Central Long-eared Bat <i>Nyctophilus major tor</i>	-	P3	Potentially in the survey area.
Red-tailed Phascogale <i>Phascogale calura</i>	VU	CD	Not present in the area. Preferred habitat of woodlands of wandoo, rock sheoak, swamp sheoak and York Gum not present.
Reptiles			
Southern Death Adder <i>Acanthophis antarcticus</i>	-	P3	Very low possibility that present in survey area.
Woma <i>Aspidites ramsayi</i>	-	P1	Very low possibility present in survey area.

Four Threatened species of fauna (Chuditch, Malleefowl, Western Brush Wallaby and Southern Whiteface) were identified as potentially being present in the survey area.

3.3.2.1 Chuditch

Chuditch was recorded in 2016 in 13 of the 25 camera traps, but not in any of the 40 camera traps deployed in the 2025/26 survey. The 2016 records were predominantly in a rocky area in the southern part of the survey area. Terrestrial Ecosystems suggested that the Chuditch were concentrated around the hill in the southeast corner and foraged widely from that area. Most of the anthropogenic activity occurred before the 2016 survey, so it is unlikely to be the primary driver of the local extinction of Chuditch. Terrestrial Ecosystems noted an abundance of feral cats during the 2026 survey and it is highly probable they have contributed to the localised decline of the Chuditch. Where possible, areas of previous Chuditch sightings have been excluded from the PPA. It is possible that Chuditch have disappeared from the study area, or that their density is now very low.

3.3.2.2 Malleefowl

Malleefowl are highly sensitive to habitat disturbance, with threats including vegetation clearing, altered fire regimes, and predation by introduced species such as foxes and cats. Mound condition (active, inactive, or abandoned) is a key indicator of local habitat use and reproductive activity. It is therefore an important consideration in environmental impact assessment and management planning.

The project area is acknowledged to support suitable habitat for Malleefowl. Previous assessments have recognised that the species is likely to occur at low abundance within the broader area, with no recorded breeding activity observed for approximately 5 to 10 years.

In 2019, Terrestrial Ecosystems conducted a targeted assessment of potential Malleefowl mound locations using photogrammetry and LiDAR. This investigation identified 22 possible mound sites. Subsequent ground verification confirmed that eight mounds were recognisable as inactive Malleefowl mounds. The remaining possible mounds were considered to be either anthropogenic disturbances, an abundance of rocky material near the surface or bare ground devoid of trees.

During the 2025 fauna assessment by Terrestrial Ecosystems, one additional Malleefowl mound was located that was not present in 2019. This mound was assessed to be inactive. Each of the mounds previously identified were revisited in March 2026 by MBS Environmental to verify the status of each. The status was assessed using the Malleefowl Monitoring Programs classification system. Each was classified as inactive (Appendix E).

The locations of the Malleefowl mounds are shown in Figure 9. One of the nine inactive mounds is in the proposed clearing area.

3.3.2.3 *Western Brush Wallaby*

The Western Brush Wallaby's (*Notamacropus irma*) is listed as Priority 4. Its preferred habitat includes open forest or woodland, particularly favouring open, seasonally wet flats with low grasses and open scrubby thickets. It is also found in some areas of mallee and heathland.

Western Brush Wallabies were recorded in 2016 and 2025/2026. It appeared relatively abundant (i.e. 19 of 40 camera traps in 2025/2026) and widespread in the vegetated areas.

3.3.2.4 *Southern Whiteface*

The Southern Whiteface has been recorded in multiple fauna surveys in the adjacent sub-bioregion, so it is potentially present in the survey area, although the survey area is on the southern fringe of its known geographical distribution. An avifauna search of the survey area in 2026 did not record evidence of Southern Whiteface, and the dense *Acacia* shrubs may not be this bird's preferred habitat.



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Figure 9
Location of Malleefowl Mounds
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3.4 Groundwater and Surface Water

3.4.1 Local Groundwater

The Project is located within the Westonia Groundwater Sub-Area of the Westonia Groundwater Area. Groundwater resources within the subarea comprise alluvium, calcrete, palaeochannel and fractured rock aquifers. The closest palaeo-tributary is located approximately 3 km west of the Project tenements.

Groundwater Resource Management conducted a hydrogeological study of the Project area to gain an understanding of the hydrogeological context (Appendix C). Results of the study included:

- Groundwater occurrences within the tenements are likely to be limited mainly to fractured bedrock aquifers and the relatively thin alluvium and calcrete.
- The groundwater table is approximately 43 m below ground level.
- Groundwater is characterised by a sodium-chloride chemistry and is saline, with Total Dissolved Solids concentrations ranging from approximately 13,000 to 29,000 mg/L, and is slightly alkaline to circumneutral, with pH values ranging from 6.6 to 6.8.
- Concentrations of metals are generally low; however elevated iron and manganese concentrations were recorded.
- Data suggest the bedrock surrounding the proposed pit exhibits low hydraulic conductivity, with an estimated bulk hydraulic conductivity of approximately 0.01 m/day.

3.4.2 Surface Water

Hydrologia completed a hydrology assessment in 2020 to characterise baseline hydrology and develop a concept for site stormwater management for the Project. This is included as Appendix F.

The Project is located within the far eastern part of the Avon basin. The PPA is located across a low north-south trending ridge that separates two catchments draining towards a salt lake system to the north.

There are no defined natural drainage lines in the PPA, with runoff generally occurring as sheet flow to the west and east. Defined drainage lines form further to the north close to the salt lake system and in areas with more relief. The access road crosses a broad, shallow valley with a catchment area of approximately 96 km². The local catchment area of the PPA is approximately 4 km².

Hydrologia concluded that potential impacts associated with increased stormwater runoff generated by the Project can be managed through appropriate onsite drainage infrastructure and controlled release rates that do not increase downstream flows.

Surface water drainage is shown in Figure 10.

The Project is located in the Outer Avon Surface Water Management Area (DWER-041). It is not located within a proclaimed Surface Water Area under the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1991* (RIWI Act).

3.4.3 Flood Modelling

There is little flood risk for the pit or infrastructure in the vicinity of the pit as the site is located on a ridgeline with little catchment and no defined drainage lines.

Ponding and shallow stormwater flow could affect parts of the access road after heavy rain. Ponding and flow are likely to be shallow and low velocity, so there is little risk to the safety of traffic on the road. However excessive ponding could impact on road trafficability.



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Figure 10

Surface Water Drainage

4. Proposed Land Clearing

The Project will require the clearing of up to 139 ha of native vegetation within the PPA of 381 ha to establish:

- One open pit.
- A waste rock landform (WRL).
- Exploration drilling.
- Supporting infrastructure and access roads.

Clearing is anticipated to commence in Q4 2026 to enable construction of proposed infrastructure.

A shapefile is provided for the PPA.

5. Assessment of Clearing Principles

5.1 Native Vegetation Clearing Principles

Clearing applications are assessed against the 10 principles outlined in Schedule 5 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. These principles aim to ensure that all potential impacts resulting from removal of native vegetation are assessed in an integrated method and consistently applied to all lands throughout Western Australia. The principles address the four environmental areas of biodiversity significance, land degradation, conservation estate and ground and surface water quality.

The following sections discuss the potential impacts associated with clearing for the Project. A summary of the outcomes of the assessment against the 10 Clearing Principles is provided in Table 11.

Table 11: Summary of Clearing Assessment Against Clearing Principles

Principle Number	Clearing Principle	Outcome
A	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises a high level of biological diversity.	Unlikely to be at variance
B	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a significant habitat for fauna indigenous to Western Australia.	Unlikely to be at variance
C	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it includes or is necessary for the continued existence of threatened flora.	Not at variance
D	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of or is necessary for the maintenance of a TEC.	Not at variance
E	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is significant as a remnant of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared.	Not at variance
F	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland.	Not at variance
G	Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause appreciable land degradation.	Unlikely to be at variance
H	Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to have an impact on the environmental values of any adjacent or nearby conservation areas.	Not at variance
I	Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause deterioration in the quality of surface or underground water.	Not at variance
J	Native vegetation should not be cleared if clearing the vegetation is likely to cause, or exacerbate, the incidence of flooding.	Not at variance

5.2 Biodiversity

Clearing Principle A: Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises a high level of biological diversity.

5.2.1 Potential Impacts

Impacts to the biological diversity of native vegetation associated with clearing for the Project are limited to localised flora/habitat loss from clearing in the PPA as well as the potential spread of existing weed species and the introduction of new weed species into the area.

Potential impacts to vegetation communities within the proposed disturbance area are detailed in Table 12. From this it can be seen that clearing is proposed in 17 of the 18 vegetation communities. The greatest area of clearing is for vegetation community MW2 where clearing of 62.62 ha (64.2% of the mapped area of the community) is proposed. Approximately 13.4% (21.4 ha) of the proposed project footprint is located on existing cleared land.

Table 12: Potential Impacts to Vegetation Communities

Vegetation Community	Description	Mapped Area (ha)	Area Within PPA (ha)	Proposed Clearing Area (ha)	% Mapped Area Impacted
MW1	<i>Eucalyptus transcontinentalis</i> , <i>Eucalyptus eremophila</i> , <i>Eucalyptus sheathiana</i> mid open mallee woodland over <i>Melaleuca lateriflora</i> , <i>Melaleuca hamata</i> , <i>Daviesia argillacea</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Grevillea huegelii</i> , <i>Westringia cephalantha</i> , <i>Olearia muelleri</i> low sparse shrubland.	24.79	22.47	6.95	28.0
MW2	<i>Eucalyptus sheathiana</i> , <i>Eucalyptus rigidula</i> , <i>Eucalyptus burracoppinensis</i> low mallee woodland over <i>Hakea multilineata</i> , <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Allocasuarina spinosissima</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Melaleuca cordata</i> , <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Melaleuca calyptroides</i> low sparse shrubland.	97.52	96.85	62.62	64.2
MW3	<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp. low open mallee woodland over <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Melaleuca hamata</i> , <i>Callitris preissii</i> mid sparse shrubland over <i>Dodonaea amblyophylla</i> , <i>Hibbertia exasperata</i> low sparse shrubland.	16.04	16.04	10.87	67.8
MW4	<i>Eucalyptus rigidula</i> , <i>Eucalyptus calycogona</i> subsp. <i>calycogona</i> , <i>Eucalyptus eremophila</i> mallee woodland over <i>Olearia muelleri</i> , <i>Acacia hemiteles</i> isolated shrubs over <i>Austrostipa hemipogon</i> , <i>Waitzia acuminata</i> , <i>Rytidosperma caespitosum</i> isolated forbs.	0.36	0.36	0.00	0.00
R1	Regrowth of <i>Eucalyptus burracoppinensis</i> low isolated mallee trees over <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Grevillea paradoxa</i> , <i>Hakea multilineata</i> sparse shrubland over <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Baeckea elderiana</i> , <i>Melaleuca cordata</i> low sparse shrubland.	15.00	14.35	4.93	32.9
S1	<i>Acacia yorkkrakenensis</i> , <i>Allocasuarina spinosissima</i> , <i>Persoonia striata</i> tall open shrubland over <i>Callitris preissii</i> , <i>Leptospermopsis erubescens</i> , <i>Baeckea elderiana</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Melaleuca cordata</i> , <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Euryomyrtus maidenii</i> low sparse shrubland.	1.48	0.49	0.49	33.1
S2	<i>Eucalyptus burracoppinensis</i> low open mallee woodland over <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Hakea multilineata</i> , <i>Baeckea elderiana</i> mid sparse shrubland over <i>Acacia prainii</i> , <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Gastrolobium floribundum</i> low sparse shrubland.	7.81	5.58	2.23	28.6
S3	<i>Eucalyptus burracoppinensis</i> low open mallee woodland over <i>Allocasuarina spinosissima</i> , <i>Callitris preissii</i> . <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> mid sparse shrubland over <i>Baeckea elderiana</i> , <i>Euryomyrtus maidenii</i> , <i>Phebalium filifolium</i> low sparse shrubland.	32.43	32.43	2.57	7.9
S4	<i>Eucalyptus capillosa</i> low mallee woodland over <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Melaleuca hamata</i> , <i>Callitris canescens</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Phebalium tuberculosum</i> , <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Hibbertia eatoniae</i> low sparse shrubland.	3.89	0.29	0.23	5.9
S5	<i>Eucalyptus burracoppinensis</i> low mallee woodland over <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Allocasuarina spinosissima</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Persoonia coriacea</i> , <i>Hibbertia eatoniae</i> low sparse shrubland.	17.89	9.12	3.14	17.6
S6	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp. isolated clumps of mallee trees over <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Allocasuarina spinosissima</i> , <i>Callitris canescens</i> mid sparse shrubland over <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Leucopogon</i> sp. outer wheatbelt (M. Hislop 30), <i>Phebalium tuberculosum</i> low sparse shrubland.	7.70	7.70	2.14	27.8
S7	<i>Eucalyptus rigidula</i> low open mallee woodland over <i>Hakea multilineata</i> , <i>Allocasuarina spinosissima</i> , <i>Callitris preissii</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Phebalium filifolium</i> , <i>Melaleuca calyptroides</i> low open shrubland.	34.60	6.64	0.84	2.4
S7b	<i>Eucalyptus rigidula</i> low open mallee woodland over <i>Allocasuarina spinosissima</i> , <i>Callitris preissii</i> , <i>Hakea erecta</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Beyeria sulcata</i> var. <i>brevipes</i> , <i>Melaleuca johnsonii</i> low sparse shrubland.	13.56	6.39	3.37	24.8
S8	<i>Eucalyptus burracoppinensis</i> , <i>Eucalyptus</i> spp. low isolated clumps of mallee trees over <i>Acacia lineolata</i> subsp. <i>lineolata</i> , <i>Hakea multilineata</i> , <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Grevillea paradoxa</i> , <i>Phebalium tuberculosum</i> low sparse shrubland.	42.23	41.89	9.05	21.4
S9	<i>Eucalyptus burracoppinensis</i> low open mallee woodland over <i>Baeckea elderiana</i> , <i>Thryptomene kochii</i> , <i>Melaleuca cordata</i> mid sparse shrubland over <i>Grevillea paradoxa</i> , <i>Drummondita wilsonii</i> (P1), <i>Hibbertia eatoniae</i> low sparse shrubland.	41.16	41.16	11.39	27.7
S10	<i>Eucalyptus capillosa</i> mid mallee woodland over <i>Allocasuarina campestris</i> , <i>Allocasuarina acutivalvis</i> , <i>Calothamnus gilesii</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Hibbertia eatoniae</i> , <i>Westringia cephalantha</i> var. <i>cephalantha</i> , <i>Dodonaea caespitosa</i> low open shrubland.	1.45	1.45	0.94	64.8
W1	<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> , <i>Eucalyptus</i> sp., <i>Eucalyptus sheathiana</i> mid open woodland over <i>Santalum acuminatum</i> , <i>Melaleuca pauperiflora</i> subsp. <i>fastigiata</i> , <i>Acacia merrallii</i> mid sparse shrubland over <i>Acacia hemiteles</i> , <i>Eremophila ionantha</i> , <i>Daviesia argillacea</i> low sparse shrubland.	10.09	2.26	1.92	19.0
W2	<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> , <i>Eucalyptus salubris</i> mid open woodland over <i>Melaleuca pauperiflora</i> subsp. <i>fastigiata</i> , <i>Eremophila ionantha</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Eremophila decipiens</i> subsp. <i>decipiens</i> , <i>Acacia merrallii</i> sparse shrubland.	15.15	8.24	7.09	46.8
W3	<i>Eucalyptus salmonophloia</i> low woodland over <i>Melaleuca</i> spp., <i>Eremophila drummondii</i> mid open shrubland over <i>Olearia muelleri</i> , <i>Acacia erinacea</i> low sparse shrubland.	5.25	5.25	4.02	76.6
Not surveyed	Not surveyed but supports native vegetation.	-	28.46	4.04	-
Total Native Vegetation		388.40	347.42	138.83	34.7
Cleared	No native vegetation	36.38	33.55	21.40	58.8
Total Including Cleared Areas		424.78	380.97	160.23	37.7

The proposed clearing of 139 ha equates to about 0.33% of the mapped extent of the Parker Range PEC based on DBCA mapping of the PEC extent. Impacts on the three vegetation communities present in the Project area considered representative of the Parker Range PEC (W1, W2 and W3) have been avoided where practicable. The proposed take of each of these communities is shown in Table 13. These three communities represent 7.17% of the survey area. About 15.03 ha of the 30.49 ha of the mapped area of these communities is present within the PPA with 12.37 ha proposed to be cleared. The largest area of take is in community W2 within the proposed pit area noting this has already been extensively disturbed by historic exploration and mining activities and is in a more degraded condition than the majority of the mapped area of this community which is in the northern part of the site access road at its intersection with the public road.

Given the large area of the PEC outside of the Project and the small area and fragmented nature of the three vegetation communities considered to be representative of the PEC within the PPA, the proposed clearing will not adversely impact on the extent of the Parker Range PEC.

Table 13: Proposed Impacts on Vegetation Communities Representative of the Parker Range PEC

Vegetation Community	Mapped Area (ha/%)	Extent Within PPA (ha/%)	Proposed Clearing Area (ha)	% Take of Mapped Area
W1	10.09	2.26	1.72	19.0
W2	15.15	8.24	6.6	46.8
W3	5.25	5.25	4.05	76.6
Total	30.49	15.75	12.37	40.6

Indirect impacts to conservation flora from land clearing include dust, particulate matter deposition, microclimate changes, and spreading of exotic (weed) species by earth moving equipment. These indirect impacts may negatively impact vegetation and flora species. Impacts on significant flora species are addressed in Section 5.4.

Terrestrial Ecosystems (Appendix D) identified four fauna species of conservation significance which were either recorded in the project area or have the potential to utilise the Project area:

- Southern Whiteface (*Aphelocephala leucopsis*) - Vulnerable under the *BC Act 2016* and *EPBC Act 1999*:
 - Not recorded during the surveys but may potentially occur in the Project area noting that it is on the southern edge of the species geographical distribution.
 - If present, the Southern Whiteface would move to adjacent areas if disturbed. Vegetation clearing in the PPA, particularly when similar habitats exist in neighbouring areas, is considered unlikely to significantly affect this species.
- Chuditch (*Dasyurus geoffroii*) - Vulnerable under the *BC Act 2016* and *EPBC Act 1999*:
 - This species was recorded in the 2016 survey, but not in 2025/26 survey.
 - If they are now locally extinct, feral cat abundance is likely a major contributing factor.

- If present, the Chuditch would likely move to adjacent areas if disturbed. Vegetation clearing in the PPA, particularly when similar habitats exist in neighbouring areas, is considered unlikely to significantly affect this species.
- Malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*) - Vulnerable under the *BC Act 2016* and *EPBC Act 1999*:
 - Eight inactive mounds were identified in the 2019 targeted survey and an additional inactive mound was identified in the 2025/26 survey by Terrestrial Ecosystems. The status of the mounds was reassessed in March 2026 by MBS Environmental. All nine are considered to be inactive.
 - Of the nine identified inactive mounds, one is located within the proposed clearing area.
- Western Brush Wallaby (*Notamacropus irma*) - Priority 4 under the *BC Act 2016*:
 - As in 2016, Western Brush Wallabies appear relatively abundant (i.e. 19 of 40 camera traps in 2025/2026) and widespread in the vegetated areas.
 - If present, the Western Brush Wallaby would move to adjacent areas if disturbed. Vegetation clearing in the PPA, particularly when similar habitats exist in neighbouring areas, is considered unlikely to significantly affect this species.

5.2.2 Management and Mitigation

The PPA and indicative clearing footprint were designed to minimise environmental impact to vegetation communities, and conservation significant flora and fauna species as much as practicable, including making use of previously cleared areas.

Management and mitigation measures to reduce impacts on biological diversity comprise:

- Clearing of vegetation communities considered representative of the Parker Range PEC have been avoided and minimised where practicable.
- Clearing of vegetation will be kept to the minimum required for the Project.
- Utilising existing disturbed areas to minimise disturbance of fauna habitat where practicable.
- Managing clearing via the internal GDP Procedure.
- Clearly delineating the clearing area to ensure only that required for a safe working area is cleared.
- Implement a procedure to record the amount of clearing undertaken and report the cumulative total in the Annual Environmental Report (AER) and Mine Rehabilitation Fund (MRF) reporting.
- Vehicle and equipment hygiene procedures will be implemented to minimise entry of weed and soil-borne diseases.
- Dust control measures will be conducted as required.
- Stockpiling stripped topsoil and vegetation for use in future rehabilitation activities.

- Implementing speed limits to minimise dust emissions and to minimise the risk of fauna injury or death due during land clearing activities.
- All personnel will participate in a site induction which will include detail on the importance of flora and fauna management.

5.2.3 Outcome

Given the widespread and common nature of vegetation communities and fauna habitat in the region, the Project is not considered to comprise a high level of biological diversity. Therefore, the proposed clearing is unlikely to be at variance with Clearing Principle A.

5.3 Significant Fauna Habitat

Clearing Principle B: Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a significant habitat for fauna indigenous to Western Australia.

5.3.1 Potential Impacts

The proposed extent of potential impacts to fauna habitats are summarised in Table 14.

Table 14: Potential Impacts to Fauna Habitat

Habitat Type	Mapped Extent (ha)	Within PPA (ha)	Within Clearing Area (ha)	Within Clearing Area (%)
Eucalyptus mallee with tall mixed shrubs (<i>Allocasuarina</i> and <i>Acacias</i>)	317.66	267.38	107.68	33.90
Eucalyptus woodland over mixed shrubs.	40.12	22.89	14.19	35.40
Not surveyed (vegetated)	-	28.46	4.04	14.20 of PPA
Sub-total	357.78	318.73	125.91	35.20
Disturbed	51.69	46.83	28.29	54.70
Rehabilitated	15.22	15.22	6.01	39.50
Total	424.69	381	160.4	37.77

From this it can be seen that the majority of the proposed clearing will occur in the Eucalyptus mallee with tall mixed shrubs (*Allocasuarina* and *Acacias*) habitat type. This is considered to be locally and regionally common.

Of the 381 ha PPA, 28.46 ha (7.5%) has not been surveyed, with 4.04 ha located within the proposed clearing area. This unsurveyed portion is considered likely to be an extension of the two existing fauna habitats, which are locally and regionally common.

The Project area does not provide an important ecological linkage or a fauna movement corridor, as the surrounding bioregion is mainly intact.

5.3.2 Management and Mitigation

The main risk to fauna and habitat is loss or fragmentation of habitat through clearing activities. Management measures to reduce impacts on fauna and habitat comprise:

- Clearing of areas containing Malleefowl mounds have been avoided and minimised where practicable.
- In accordance with standard Malleefowl management measures, mounds will be assumed to be active unless assessed otherwise by a suitably qualified and experienced person.
- Ground disturbance will be avoided within 50 m of inactive mounds and 200 m of active mounds.
- During the breeding season (September to March), no ground-disturbing activities will be undertaken within 200 m of either active or inactive mounds.
- Clearing of vegetation will be kept to the minimum required for the Project.
- Utilising existing disturbed areas to minimise disturbance of fauna habitat where practicable.
- Managing clearing via the GDP Procedure.
- Clearly delineating the clearing area with to ensure only that required for a safe working area is cleared.
- Implement a procedure to record the amount of clearing undertaken and report the cumulative total in the Annual Environmental Report (AER) and Mine Rehabilitation Fund (MRF) reporting.
- Dust control measures will be conducted as required.
- Stockpiling stripped topsoil and vegetation for use in future rehabilitation activities.
- Implementing speed limits to minimise dust emissions and to minimise the risk of fauna injury or death due during land clearing activities.
- All personnel will participate in a site induction which will include detail on the importance of flora and fauna management.

5.3.3 Outcome

Given the widespread and common nature of fauna habitats locally and regionally, the Project will not remove fauna habitat necessary for the maintenance of significant fauna indigenous to Western Australia.

Therefore, the proposed clearing is unlikely to be at variance with Clearing Principle B.

5.4 Threatened Flora

Clearing Principle C: Native vegetation should not be cleared if it includes, or is necessary for the continued existence of rare (threatened) flora.

5.4.1 Potential Impacts

Direct impacts relate to removal of Threatened flora as a result of clearing. Indirect impacts to significant flora include dust, particulate matter deposition, microclimate changes, and the spread of exotic (weed) species by earth moving equipment. These indirect impacts may negatively impact the significant flora species.

No Threatened flora species were recorded in the survey area.

As summarised in Table 6, 18 Priority flora species were identified in the survey area. Of these, 15 species are located within the PPA and 10 species are located within the proposed clearing area. The proposed extent of potential impacts to each significant flora species is detailed in Table 15.

From this it can be seen that clearing will directly affect:

- Three Priority 1 species.
- Two Priority 2 species. Impacts on two Priority 2 species were completely avoided.
- Four Priority 3 species. Impacts on five Priority 3 species were completely avoided.
- One Priority 4 species. Impacts on one Priority 4 species was completely avoided.

It is noted that there is very little publicly available data regarding known population and abundance numbers for many of the Priority flora species. Information on population and abundance for areas outside of the Project area was obtained from the Atlas of Living Australia, DBCA flora search results, Flora Base, and relevant reports (Botanica Consulting, 2021; JBS&G, 2025). The absence of this data makes impact assessment imperfect and the percentage impacts for each species listed in Table 15 is as such likely to be overstated.

For the Priority 1 flora species, the maximum percentage take based on publicly available data will be 31.4% for *Gastrolobium hians*. Mattiske in the 2026 assessment noted that:

- *Gastrolobium hians* is known from fifteen records approximately 150 km east of the Survey Area. The records in the Survey Area are a considerable range extension for the species.
- *Gastrolobium hians* within the Survey Area requires closer taxonomic review with the benefit of flowers as only sterile material was observed during the survey, and it may be readily confused with *Gastrolobium floribundum*, which is common and widespread.

A conservative approach has been taken in this application assuming all occurrences noted in the Mattiske 2026 are in fact *Gastrolobium hians*.

Direct take of the other two Priority 1 species will be about 25.0% for *Drummondita wilsonii* and <0.1% for *Brachyloma stenolobum*. Little data is publicly available regarding known locations and populations of *Drummondita wilsonii*. Western Botanical 2020 states that it is a geosporous re-seeder

species, seeds being stored in the soil for many years and being stimulated to germinate following fire or soil disturbance. It was commonly seen in previously cleared tracks and in rehabilitation areas within the British Hill study area on lateritic gravelly soil. Project design has aimed to minimise disturbance of this species, however given its presence in previously disturbed areas, this conflicts with broader native vegetation conservation objectives.

Four locations of *Phebalium* aff. *Drummondii* have been recorded within the Project area with two of these proposed to be taken. One is located within pit footprint and the other is within the WRL with both locations unable to be avoided. There is little public information regarding locations and abundance of this species in areas outside of the Project area. A conservative approach has been taken by using location numbers in Florabase and ALA as known records despite some of the individual records noting "multiple plants present". It is estimated that about 66.3% of the known records of *Phebalium* aff. *drummondii* (P3) will result from the proposed clearing. Western Botanical in the 2020 Assessment of the Project area noted that the identity of this *Phebalium*, as with many *Phebalium* species, is difficult to confirm without flowers and fruits and the taxonomic treatment of the entire genus is lacking. Two other more common species of *Phebalium* are known to be present within the Project area and its surrounds (*Phebalium filifolium* short leaf form and *Phebalium tuberosum* short leaf form).

Table 15: Potential Impacts to Priority Flora

Species	No. of Known Records Outside of Survey Area	No. of Individuals in Survey Area	No. of Individuals Within PPA	No. of Individuals Within Proposed Clearing Area and % Take
<i>Acacia concolorans</i> (P2)	11,507	525	525	0
<i>Balaustion grandibracteatum</i> subsp. <i>junctiona</i> (P2)	304,774	2,423	41	24 (0.01%)
<i>Boronia ternata</i> var. <i>promiscua</i> (P3)	63,771	1,426	328	220 (0.3%)
<i>Brachyloma stenolobum</i> (P1)	13,286	37	31	8 (0.06%)
<i>Calothamnus brevifolius</i> (P4)	26	1	1	0
<i>Cryptandra crispula</i> (P3)	56	5	0	0
<i>Drummondita wilsonii</i> (P1)	1,112	7,324	6,805	2,113 (25.0%)
<i>Gastrolobium hians</i> (P1)	55 ⁺	865	755	289 (31.4%)
<i>Hakea pendens</i> (P3)	5,045	2	2	0
<i>Microcorys</i> sp. Forrestania (V. English 2004) (P4)	35,692	1	0	0
<i>Notisia intonsa</i> (P3)	16	1	1	1 (5.9%)
<i>Phebalium</i> aff. <i>drummondii</i> (P3)	17	66	65	55 (66.3%)
<i>Stenanthemum bremerense</i> (P4)	619	14	14	4 (0.6%)
<i>Stylidium sejunctum</i> (P3)	8,848	33	33	0
<i>Thysanotus</i> sp. Yellowdine (A.S. George 6040) (P2)	15	1	0	0
<i>Verticordia mitodes</i> (P3)	4,496	664	284	246 (4.8%)
<i>Verticordia multiflora</i> subsp. <i>solox</i> (P2)	140 ⁺	2	2	1 (0.7%)
<i>Verticordia stenopetala</i> (P3)	50,934	2,926	501	0

+Based on DBCA search records with 100 km radius.

*Atlas of Living Australia has 5 records including one record where >50 plants were recorded. No other records of abundance are publicly available.

5.4.2 Management and Mitigation

In recognition of the high density of significant flora populations in the eastern part of M77/1256, the PPA was developed to exclude this area and the WRL was located on the western side of the open pit to minimise the impact on significant flora. The PPA and proposed clearing area were further refined to exclude as many significant flora populations as practicable.

Management and mitigation measures to reduce impacts on Priority flora species comprise:

- Clearing of vegetation will be kept to the minimum required for the Project.
- Utilising existing disturbed areas where possible.
- Managing clearing via the GDP Procedure.
- Clearly delineating the clearing area to ensure only that required for a safe working area is cleared.
- Implement a procedure to record the amount of clearing undertaken and report the cumulative total in the Annual Environmental Report (AER) and Mine Rehabilitation Fund (MRF) reporting.
- Vehicle and equipment hygiene procedures will be implemented to minimise entry of weed and soil borne diseases.
- Dust control measures will be conducted as required.
- Stockpiling stripped topsoil and vegetation for use in future rehabilitation activities.
- Progressively rehabilitating disturbed areas on completion of Project activities.
- Implementing speed limits to minimise dust emissions and to minimise the risk of fauna injury or death due to vehicle traffic.
- All personnel will undertake a site induction which will include detail on the importance of flora and fauna management.

5.4.3 Outcome

Given the low numbers of individual conservation significant flora species, and no rare (threatened) flora species being recorded in the survey area, the Project is not considered to compromise the continued existence of rare (threatened) flora. Therefore, the proposed clearing is not at variance with Clearing Principle C.

5.5 Threatened Ecological Communities

Clearing Principle D: Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a threatened ecological community.

No TECs as listed under either the EPBC Act or BC Act have been identified within the PPA (Appendix B). No TECs are known within a 40 km radius of the PPA.

As the clearing will not impact any areas of a TEC overall, the Project is not at variance with Clearing Principle D.

5.6 Remnant Vegetation

Clearing Principle E: Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is significant as a remnant of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared.

The EPA uses a standard level of native vegetation retention of at least 30% of the pre-clearing extent of an ecological community as a benchmark. The levels of native vegetation retention have most recently been recognised in the National Objectives and Targets for Biodiversity Conservation 2001-2005, which recognised that the retention of 30%, or more, of the pre-clearing extent of an ecological community is necessary if Australia's biological diversity is to be protected (Environment Australia, 2001).

The pre-European vegetation types occurring in the PPA (Coolgardie) has 54% of its pre-European extent remaining at a State level and within the Shire of Yilgarn (Table 4).

Based on the above, the proposed clearing is not at variance with Clearing Principle E.

5.7 Watercourse or Wetland Environments

Clearing Principle F: Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland.

There are no Ramsar wetlands or wetlands of national importance (ANCA Wetlands) within the PPA or within a 40 km radius.

There are no permanent water features or ephemeral drainage lines within the PPA.

As the clearing will not impact wetlands or drainage lines within the PPA, the Project is considered not to be at variance with Clearing Principle F.

5.8 Land Degradation

Clearing Principle G: Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause appreciable land degradation.

Vegetation communities within the amended PPA were assessed to range from 'pristine' to 'degraded' condition (Appendix B). Existing land degradation is mostly attributed to clearing for access tracks, historical mining and exploration activities. The presence of weeds in disturbed areas and along tracks also contributes to existing land degradation.

Soils within the PPA are mapped as Yellow Sands, Loamy/Sandy Gravels and Red Shallow Loams. The proposed disturbance occurs within Yellow Sands and Loamy/Sandy Gravels, both of which are free draining. Soils are typically coarse grained and gravel rich, particularly in the lateritic hills landform. Soils are typically non-dispersive (Emerson Class value ≥ 3). Most soils and subsoils within the project area are suitable for stripping, stockpiling, and reuse as required (Appendix F).

5.8.1 Potential Impacts

Potential sources of land degradation from clearing activities include:

- Wind and mechanical erosion during vegetation and topsoil stripping activities.
- Wind and water erosion of topsoil stockpiles and cleared areas.
- Water erosion due to changes in surface water flow.
- Soil compaction.
- Soil contamination i.e. machinery failure during land clearing.
- Introduction and/or spread of weeds.

5.8.2 Management and Mitigation

Minimisation of land degradation will be achieved by applying recognised clearing and rehabilitation methods.

Management and mitigation strategies to achieve this include:

- Minimising the area requiring vegetation clearing.
- Managing clearing via the GDP Procedure.
- Confining vehicle movements to defined roads and tracks.
- Conducting topsoil stripping activities during periods of low winds.
- Stockpiling topsoil and vegetation for later use in rehabilitation away from the path of drainage lines.
- Storing hydrocarbons in bunded areas and applying spill response procedures.
- Scarifying or deep ripping (as appropriate) compacted tracks and roads as part of rehabilitation.
- Establishment of surface water management infrastructure to direct surface water flow to natural drainage channels.
- Dust suppression via water cart during land clearing where practicable.

In the context of the local land systems, intact vegetation on a regional scale and existing level of localised land degradation, the scale of disturbance from the proposed clearing is not anticipated to increase overall land degradation. As such, the proposed clearing is considered unlikely to be at variance with Clearing Principle G.

5.9 Conservation Estate

Clearing Principle H: Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to have an impact on the environmental values of any adjacent or nearby conservation area.

Jilbadji Nature Reserve is located adjacent to (east) the Project. The boundary is the eastern side of the existing public Marvel Loch-Forrestania Road. The existing site access road will continue to join into the public road. No clearing to the east of the public road in Jilbadji Nature Reserve will occur. The mining area is about 3.7 km west of Jilbadji Nature Reserve.

Based on the above, clearing for the Project will not be at variance with Clearing Principle H.

5.10 Surface and Groundwater Quality

Clearing Principle I: Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause deterioration in the quality of surface or underground water.

5.10.1 Potential Impacts

Surface water quality has the potential to be affected by increased sedimentation caused through clearing and soil disturbance and removal of vegetation that acts to bind soil, including riparian vegetation.

Hydrocarbon spills may occur from earth moving machinery used for land clearing activities. Uncontained spills may affect both surface and/or groundwater quality.

There are no defined natural drainage lines in the PPA, with runoff generally occurring as sheet flow to the west and east. The site access road crosses a broad, shallow valley with a catchment area of approximately 96 km². The local catchment area of the PPA is approximately 4 km².

Potential impacts associated with increased stormwater runoff generated by the Project can be managed through appropriate onsite drainage infrastructure that do not increase downstream flows. The potential for contamination of stormwater from sediment originating from cleared areas is considered low.

The Project is not located within a proclaimed Surface Water Area under the RIWI Act.

Groundwater occurrences within the PPA are limited mainly to fractured bedrock aquifers and the relatively thin alluvium and calcrete. The water table is located approximately 43 mbgl across the PPA. Permeability of the mine area has been assessed as low meaning recharge from sheetflow after rainfall events will be low.

In accordance with the BoM Atlas of Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE) database, there are no known or potential aquatic GDEs within the PPA and low potential for terrestrial GDEs to occur.

Land clearing is considered unlikely to adversely impact on surface or groundwater quality.

5.10.2 Management and Mitigation

Management measures to prevent impacts to surface and groundwater quality include:

- Existing disturbed areas will be used where possible.

- Managing clearing via the GDP Procedure (Appendix D).
- Clearing and construction will be scheduled outside of peak rainfall events to avoid times of high surface flows and reduce the risk of erosion and elevated turbidity from disturbed areas.
- Where necessary, suitable floodways, drains and culverts will be installed to transfer flow past infrastructure and return it to its natural flow path.
- Hydrocarbons will be stored in bunded areas. Spill kits will be maintained to allow containment and treatment of spillages of hydrocarbons from clearing equipment hose failures or leaks.
- Progressive rehabilitation of completed areas to minimise active areas exposed where possible.
- Forrestania will operate in compliance with future obligations under RIWI Act 5C licence and GLOS to manage potential impacts to groundwater and surface water.

5.10.3 Outcome

Impacts to surface water and groundwater quality from the proposed clearing are not anticipated to be significant. Localised, short term impacts on surface water quality during clearing works can be managed using standard erosion and sediment control mitigation measures.

Based on the above, clearing for the Project will not adversely impact ground or surface water quality and is not at variance with Clearing Principle I.

5.11 Flooding Potential

Clearing Principle J: Native vegetation should not be cleared if clearing the vegetation is likely to cause, or exacerbate, the incidence of flooding.

There is little flood risk for the pit or infrastructure in the vicinity of the pit as the site is located on a low ridgeline with little catchment and no defined drainage lines.

Ponding and shallow stormwater flow could affect parts of the access road after heavy rain. Ponding and flow are likely to be shallow and low velocity, so there is little risk to the safety of traffic on the road. Given the road is pre-existing and the clearing relates to minor areas of widening to improve safety and trafficability for ore trucks, changes to flooding potential are considered to be insignificant.

Based on the above, there is considered to be low potential for localised flooding as a result of land clearing and as such the Project is not at variance with Clearing Principle J.

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APPENDIX A: **EVIDENCE OF TENURE**

APPENDIX A



APPENDIX B:
DETAILED FLORA AND
VEGETATION ASSESSMENT,
BRITISH HILL GOLD PROJECT -
MATTISKE CONSULTING, 2026

APPENDIX C:
GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY
REPORT - GROUNDWATER
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, 2020

APPENDIX C



APPENDIX D:
BASIC AND TARGETED
VERTEBRATE FAUNA SURVEY -
TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS, 2026

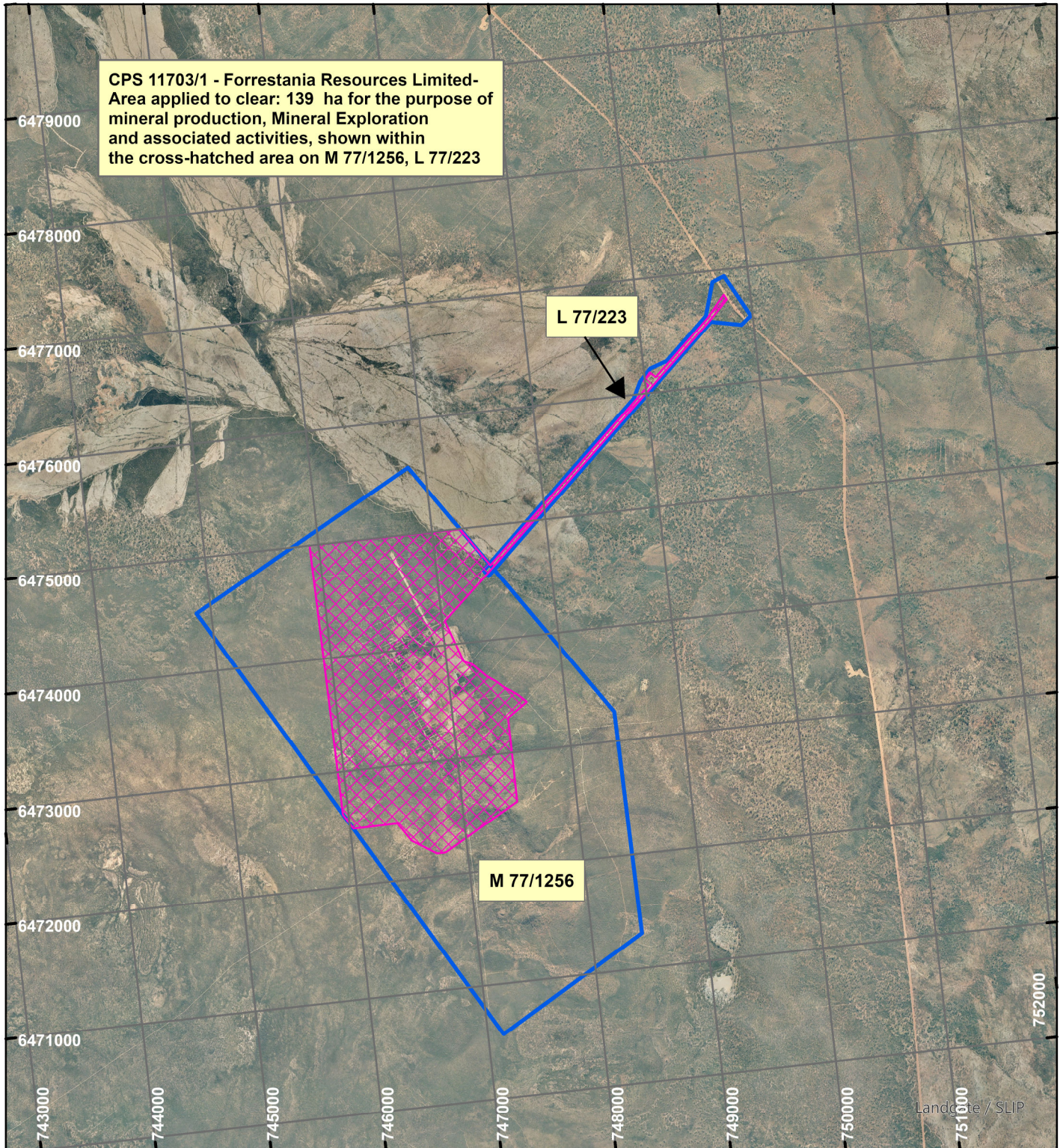
APPENDIX E:
BRITISH HILL MALLEEFOWL
MOUND SURVEY MEMORANDUM
- MBS ENVIRONMENTAL, 2026

APPENDIX F:
SURFACE HYDROLOGY REPORT -
HYDROLOGIA, 2020

APPENDIX F



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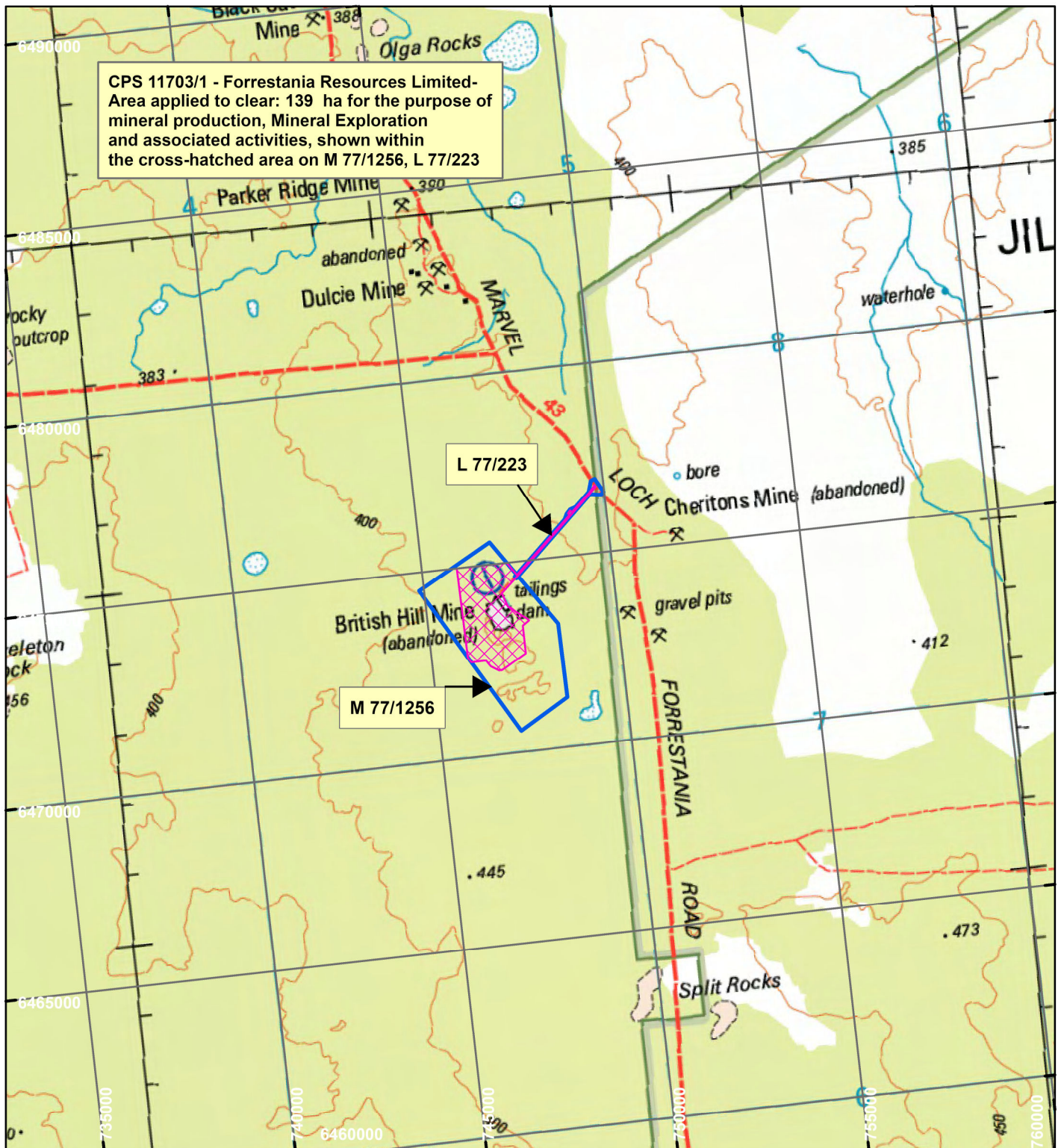
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SHIRE OF YILGARN

MONTHLY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS





MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
(Containing the required statement of financial activity and statement of financial position)
For the period ended 31 August 2026

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

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SHIRE OF YILGARN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2026

Note	Adopted Budget Estimates (a) \$	YTD Budget Estimates (b) \$	YTD Actual (c) \$	Variance* \$ (c) - (b) \$	Variance* % ((c) - (b))/(b) %	Var.
OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Revenue from operating activities						
General rates	5,055,613	5,145,613	5,164,009	18,396	0.36%	
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2,700,201	321,055	230,300	(90,755)	(28.27%)	▼
Fees and charges	2,201,672	1,241,428	1,236,556	(4,872)	(0.39%)	
Service charges	91,537	23,309	7,643	(15,666)	(67.21%)	▼
Interest revenue	1,003,427	168,486	159,039	(9,447)	(5.61%)	
Other revenue	687,800	155,626	100,676	(54,950)	(35.31%)	▼
Profit on asset disposals	52,279	0	30,179	30,179	0.00%	
	11,792,529	7,055,517	6,928,402	(127,115)	(1.80%)	
Expenditure from operating activities						
Employee costs	(5,538,626)	(924,466)	(757,393)	167,073	18.07%	▲
Materials and contracts	(3,126,071)	(764,161)	(596,274)	167,887	21.97%	▲
Utility charges	(960,362)	(161,233)	(56,817)	104,416	64.76%	▲
Depreciation	(5,366,485)	(894,396)	(749)	893,647	99.92%	▲
Finance costs	(52,366)	(26)	(49)	(23)	(88.46%)	
Insurance	(401,915)	(208,387)	(203,804)	4,583	2.20%	
Other expenditure	(1,015,298)	(202,327)	(167,962)	34,365	16.98%	▲
Loss on asset disposals	(135,307)	0	0	0	0.00%	
	(16,596,430)	(3,154,996)	(1,783,048)	1,371,948	43.48%	
Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities	2(c) 5,466,876	894,396	(29,430)	(923,826)	(103.29%)	▼
Amount attributable to operating activities	662,975	4,794,917	5,115,924	321,007	6.69%	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Inflows from investing activities						
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	5,030,052	1,924,920	588,167	(1,336,753)	(69.44%)	▼
Proceeds from disposal of assets	580,000	160,000	175,000	15,000	9.38%	
	5,610,052	2,084,920	763,167	(1,321,753)	(63.40%)	
Outflows from investing activities						
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(3,891,049)	(318,114)	(32,316)	285,798	89.84%	▲
Acquisition of infrastructure	(9,687,223)	(586,664)	(404,128)	182,536	31.11%	▲
	(13,578,272)	(904,778)	(436,444)	468,334	51.76%	
Amount attributable to investing activities	(7,968,220)	1,180,142	326,723	(853,419)	(72.31%)	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Inflows from financing activities						
Transfer from reserves	1,909,168	0	0	0	0.00%	
	1,909,168	0	0	0	0.00%	
Outflows from financing activities						
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities	(533)	(533)	(533)	0	0.00%	
Repayment of borrowings	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Transfer to reserves	(749,092)	(62,163)	(324,667)	(262,504)	(422.28%)	▼
	(749,625)	(62,696)	(325,200)	(262,504)	(418.69%)	
Amount attributable to financing activities	1,159,543	(62,696)	(325,200)	(262,504)	(418.69%)	
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT						
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	2(a) 4,694,100	4,694,100	6,619,140	1,925,040	41.01%	▲
Amount attributable to operating activities	662,975	4,794,917	5,115,924	321,007	6.69%	
Amount attributable to investing activities	(7,968,220)	1,180,142	326,723	(853,419)	(72.31%)	▼
Amount attributable to financing activities	1,159,543	(62,696)	(325,200)	(262,504)	(418.69%)	▼
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	(1,451,602)	10,606,463	11,736,587	1,130,124	10.66%	▲

KEY INFORMATION

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

▲ Indicates a variance with a positive impact on the financial position.

▼ Indicates a variance with a negative impact on the financial position.

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

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

SHIRE OF YILGARN
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2026

	Actual 30 June 2026	Actual as at 31 August 2026
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	21,426,557	21,091,903
Trade and other receivables	1,152,225	6,400,339
Inventories	107,599	90,127
Contract assets	175,005	175,005
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	22,861,386	27,757,374
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade and other receivables	56,596	55,542
Other financial assets	155,178	155,178
Property, plant and equipment	42,169,041	42,202,256
Infrastructure	459,827,057	460,425,744
Right-of-use assets	13,648	12,900
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	502,221,520	502,851,620
TOTAL ASSETS	525,082,906	530,608,994
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	820,995	275,642
Lease liabilities	5,478	4,415
Borrowings	202,412	202,412
Employee related provisions	483,964	483,964
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,512,849	966,433
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Lease liabilities	6,340	6,340
Borrowings	1,354,723	1,354,723
Employee related provisions	133,751	133,751
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,494,814	1,494,814
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,007,663	2,461,247
NET ASSETS	522,075,243	528,147,747
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	76,738,291	82,486,128
Reserve accounts	14,937,287	15,261,954
Revaluation surplus	430,399,665	430,399,665
TOTAL EQUITY	522,075,243	528,147,747

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

SHIRE OF YILGARN
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2026

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

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

Local Government Act 1995 requirements

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

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

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

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

PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 03 September 2026

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING ENTITY

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

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Material accounting policies utilised in the preparation of these statements are as described within the 2024-25 Annual Budget. Please refer to the adopted budget document for details of these policies.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

As with all estimates, the use of different assumptions could lead to material changes in the amounts reported in the financial report.

The following are estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year and further information on their nature and impact can be found in the relevant note:

- Fair value measurement of assets carried at reportable value including:
 - Property, plant and equipment
 - Infrastructure
- Impairment losses of non-financial assets
- Expected credit losses on financial assets
- Measurement of employee benefits
- Estimation uncertainties and judgements made in relation to lease accounting

SHIRE OF YILGARN
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2026

2 NET CURRENT ASSETS INFORMATION

		Adopted Budget Opening	Actual as at	Actual as at
		1 July 2026	30 June 2026	31 August 2026
		\$	\$	\$
(a) Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents		14,484,970	21,426,557	21,091,903
Trade and other receivables		902,883	1,152,225	6,400,339
Inventories		42,599	107,599	90,127
Contract assets		0	175,005	175,005
		15,430,452	22,861,386	27,757,374
Less: current liabilities				
Trade and other payables		(912,801)	(820,995)	(275,642)
Lease liabilities		(11,402)	(5,478)	(4,415)
Borrowings		(202,413)	(202,412)	(202,412)
Employee related provisions		(483,964)	(483,964)	(483,964)
		(1,610,580)	(1,512,849)	(966,433)
Net current assets		13,819,872	21,348,537	26,790,941
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	2(b)	(13,820,676)	(14,729,397)	(15,054,354)
Closing funding surplus / (deficit)		(804)	6,619,140	11,736,587
(b) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency				
Adjustments to net current assets				
Less: Reserve accounts		(14,406,211)	(14,937,287)	(15,261,954)
- Non-cash Liabilities recognised during the year				
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at the end of the year				
- Current portion of lease liabilities		11,402	5,478	5,188
- Current portion of borrowings		202,413	202,412	202,412
- Current portion of employee entitlements		371,720	0	
Total adjustments to net current assets	2(a)	(13,820,676)	(14,729,397)	(15,054,354)
		Adopted Budget Estimates	YTD Budget Estimates	YTD Actual
		30 June 2027	31 August 2026	31 August 2026
		\$	\$	\$
(c) Amounts excluded from operating activities				
Adjustments to operating activities				
Less: Profit on asset disposals		(52,279)	0	(30,179)
Add: Loss on asset disposals		135,307	0	0
Add: Depreciation		5,366,485	894,396	749
Movement in current employee provisions associated with restricted cash				
- Employee provisions		17,363		0
Total non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		5,466,876	894,396	(29,430)

CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

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

SHIRE OF YILGARN
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2026

3 EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL VARIANCES

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

The material variance adopted by Council for the 2026-27 year is \$10,000 and 10.00% whichever is the greater.

Description	Var. \$ \$	Var. % %	
Revenue from operating activities			
Grants, subsidies and contributions	(90,755)	(28.27%)	▼
Timing of Grants received to Budget, Predominantly the Grants Commission			
Other revenue	(54,950)	(35.31%)	▼
Budgeted Community Development funding from Outback Carbon has not yet been Received			
Expenditure from operating activities			
Employee costs	167,073	18.07%	▲
Budget was set on a monthly basis. Monthly accounts are prepared on a pay cycle basis, as such 2 days of employee costs are not included			
Materials and contracts	167,887	21.97%	▲
Variance due to timing of general expenditure including Antares St CBD Redevelopment. Urban Stormwater Drainage Tourism Committee expenditure and other consultants, and general works.			
Utility charges	104,416	64.76%	▲
Timing of Receipt and Processing of Utility Invoices			
Depreciation	893,647	99.92%	▲
Prior Year has not been rollover as awaiting Infrastructure revaluations and audit, will be caught up in next few months			
Inflows from investing activities			
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	(1,336,753)	(69.44%)	▼
Variance due to timing of grants namely Roads to Recovery, Road Grants and Secondary Road Network Predominantly Budgeted in 2027			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	285,798	89.84%	▲
Variance due to timing of acquisitions			
Acquisition of infrastructure	182,536	31.11%	▲
Timing of Road Expenditure of Approx. \$119k, Town Entry Statement and			

SHIRE OF YILGARN
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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BASIS OF PREPARATION - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Supplementary information is presented for information purposes. The information does not comply with the disclosure requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards.

SHIRE OF YILGARN
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2026

1 KEY INFORMATION

Funding Surplus or Deficit Components

Funding surplus / (deficit)				
	Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
Opening	\$4.69 M	\$4.69 M	\$6.62 M	\$1.93 M
Closing	(\$1.45 M)	\$10.61 M	\$11.74 M	\$1.13 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Cash and cash equivalents		
	\$21.09 M	% of total
Unrestricted Cash	\$6.03 M	28.6%
Restricted Cash	\$15.06 M	71.4%

Refer to 3 - Cash and Financial Assets

Payables		
	\$0.28 M	% Outstanding
Trade Payables	\$0.00 M	
0 to 30 Days	\$0.00 M	100.0%
Over 30 Days	\$0.00 M	0.0%
Over 90 Days	\$0.00 M	0.0%

Refer to 9 - Payables

Receivables		
	\$1.04 M	% Collected
Rates Receivable	\$5.36 M	2.3%
Trade Receivable	\$1.04 M	% Outstanding
Over 30 Days	\$0.45 M	46.4%
Over 90 Days	\$0.00 M	0.4%

Refer to 7 - Receivables

Key Operating Activities

Amount attributable to operating activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
\$0.66 M	\$4.79 M	\$5.12 M	\$0.32 M

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Rates Revenue		
	\$5.16 M	% Variance
YTD Actual	\$5.15 M	0.4%
YTD Budget		

Grants and Contributions		
	\$0.23 M	% Variance
YTD Actual	\$0.32 M	(28.3%)
YTD Budget		

Refer to 13 - Grants and Contributions

Fees and Charges		
	\$1.24 M	% Variance
YTD Actual	\$1.24 M	(0.4%)
YTD Budget		

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Key Investing Activities

Amount attributable to investing activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
(\$7.97 M)	\$1.18 M	\$0.33 M	(\$0.85 M)

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Proceeds on sale		
	\$0.18 M	%
YTD Actual	\$0.58 M	(69.8%)
Adopted Budget		

Refer to 6 - Disposal of Assets

Asset Acquisition		
	\$0.40 M	% Spent
YTD Actual	\$9.69 M	(95.8%)
Adopted Budget		

Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions

Capital Grants		
	\$0.59 M	% Received
YTD Actual	\$5.03 M	(88.3%)
Adopted Budget		

Refer to 5 - Capital Acquisitions

Key Financing Activities

Amount attributable to financing activities			
Adopted Budget	YTD Budget (a)	YTD Actual (b)	Var. \$ (b)-(a)
\$1.16 M	(\$0.06 M)	(\$0.33 M)	(\$0.26 M)

Refer to Statement of Financial Activity

Borrowings	
Principal repayments	\$0.00 M
Interest expense	\$0.00 M
Principal due	\$1.56 M

Refer to 10 - Borrowings

Reserves	
Reserves balance	\$15.26 M
Net Movement	\$0.32 M

Refer to 4 - Cash Reserves

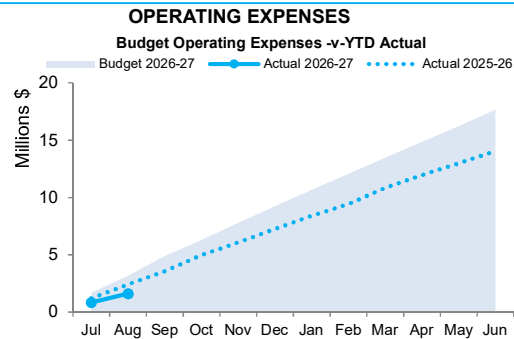
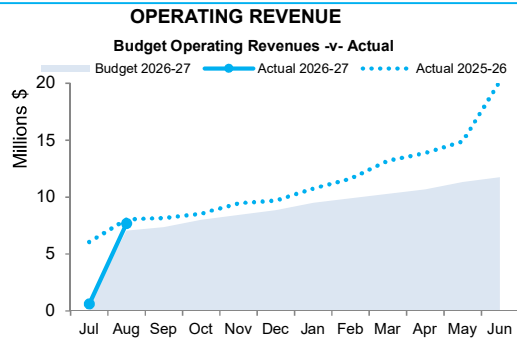
Lease Liability	
Principal repayments	(\$0.00 M)
Interest expense	\$0.00 M
Principal due	\$0.01 M

Refer to Note 11 - Lease Liabilities

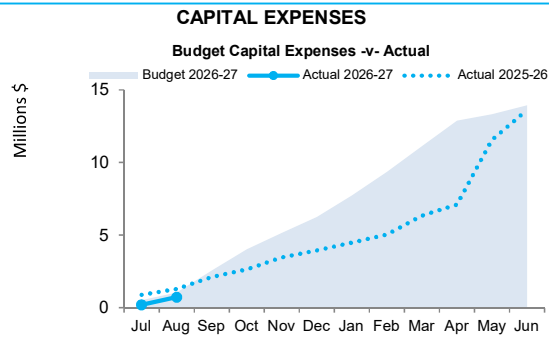
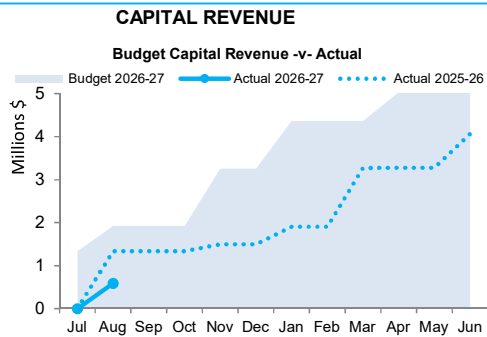
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2 KEY INFORMATION - GRAPHICAL

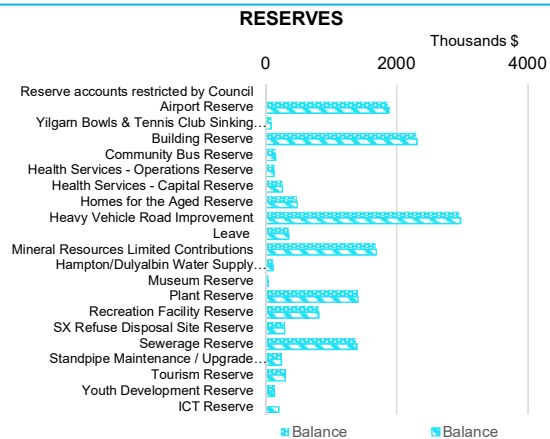
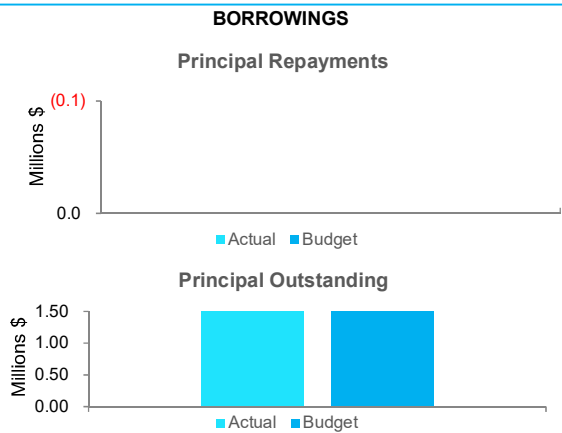
OPERATING ACTIVITIES



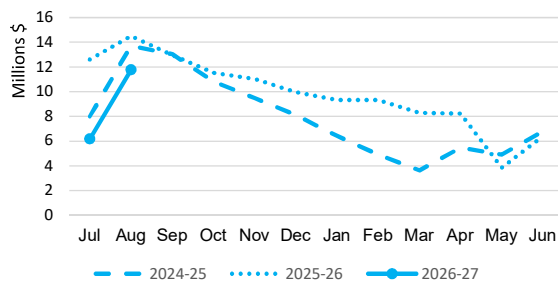
INVESTING ACTIVITIES



FINANCING ACTIVITIES



Closing funding surplus / (deficit)



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

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3 CASH AND FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTISED COST

Description	Classification	Unrestricted	Reserve Accounts	Total	Trust	Institution	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
		\$	\$	\$	\$			
Cash on hand		1,350		1,350				
Muni funds - bank working account	Cash and cash equivalents	253,700		253,700		WBC	0.00%	
Muni funds - at call account	Cash and cash equivalents	2,030,194		2,030,194		WBC	0.45%	
Muni funds - investment account (31 days)	Cash and cash equivalents	3,700,000		3,700,000		WBC	4.00%	(rolling 31 day)
Reserve funds - investment account (90 days)	Cash and cash equivalents	0	15,061,954	15,061,954		WBC	4.15%	(rolling 90 day)
Trust Account	Cash and cash equivalents	44,705		44,705	44,705	WBC	0.00%	
Total		6,029,949	15,061,954	21,091,903	44,705			
Comprising								
Cash and cash equivalents		6,029,949	15,061,954	21,091,903	44,705			
		6,029,949	15,061,954	21,091,903	44,705			

KEY INFORMATION

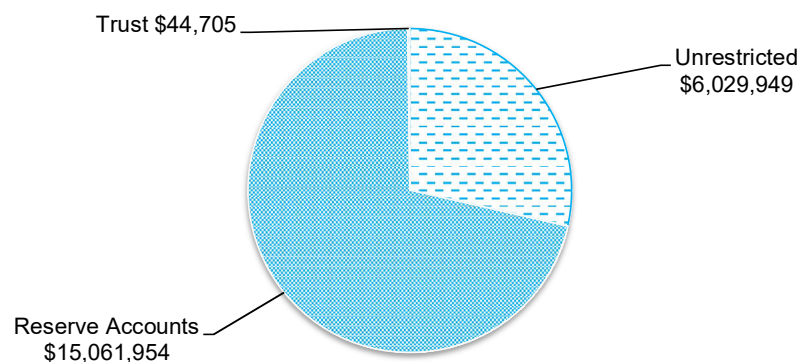
Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of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

Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of net current assets.

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

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

Financial assets at amortised cost held with registered financial institutions are listed in this note other financial assets at amortised cost are provided in Note 8 - Other assets.



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4 RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Reserve account name	Budget					Actual YTD				
	Opening	Transfers	Transfers	Transfers	Closing	Opening	Transfers	Transfers	Transfers	Closing
	Balance	In Interest	In Principal	Out Principal	Balance	Balance	In Interest	In Principal	Out (-)	Balance
	\$	\$	(+)	(-)	\$	\$	\$	(+)	\$	\$
Reserve accounts restricted by Council										
Airport Reserve	1,865,003	91,385	0	(1,100,000)	856,388	1,865,003	15,565	0	0	1,880,568
Yilgarn Bowls & Tennis Club Sinking Fund Reserve	85,776	10,870	0	0	96,646	85,776	716	0	0	86,492
Building Reserve	2,290,786	112,248	0	(589,168)	1,813,866	2,290,786	19,119	0	0	2,309,905
Community Bus Reserve	153,947	7,543	0	0	161,490	153,947	1,285	0	0	155,232
Health Services - Operations Reserve	129,963	6,368	0	0	136,331	129,963	1,085	0	0	131,048
Health Services - Capital Reserve	253,111	12,402	0	0	265,513	253,111	2,112	0	0	255,223
Homes for the Aged Reserve	479,325	23,487	0	0	502,812	479,325	4,000	0	0	483,325
Heavy Vehicle Road Improvement	2,948,303	144,467	429,000	0	3,521,770	2,948,303	24,606	0	0	2,972,909
Leave	354,357	17,363	0	0	371,720	354,357	2,957	0	0	357,314
Mineral Resources Limited Contributions	1,671,348	81,896	0	(220,000)	1,533,244	1,671,348	13,949	0	0	1,685,297
Hampton/Dulyalbin Water Supply Reserve	114,641	13,117	0	0	127,758	114,641	957	0	0	115,598
Museum Reserve	41,164	5,017	0	0	46,181	41,164	344	0	0	41,508
Plant Reserve	1,398,790	68,541	0	0	1,467,331	1,398,790	11,674	0	0	1,410,464
Recreation Facility Reserve	807,031	39,545	0	0	846,576	807,031	6,736	0	0	813,767
SX Refuse Disposal Site Reserve	289,721	14,196	0	0	303,917	289,721	2,418	0	0	292,139
Sewerage Reserve	1,379,511	67,596	0	0	1,447,107	1,379,511	11,513	0	0	1,391,024
Standpipe Maintenance / Upgrade Reserve	238,690	11,696	0	0	250,386	238,690	1,992	0	0	240,682
Tourism Reserve	302,802	14,837	0	0	317,639	302,802	2,528	0	0	305,330
Youth Development Reserve	133,018	6,518	0	0	139,536	133,018	1,111	0	0	134,129
ICT Reserve	0	0	200,000	0	200,000	0	200,000	0	0	200,000
	14,937,287	749,092	629,000	(1,909,168)	14,406,211	14,937,287	324,667	0	0	15,261,954

5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS

Capital acquisitions	Adopted		YTD Actual	YTD Variance
	Budget	YTD Budget		
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Buildings	2,228,799	36,242	19,433	(16,809)
Plant and equipment	1,662,250	281,872	12,883	(268,989)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	3,891,049	318,114	32,316	(285,798)
Infrastructure - roads	8,164,589	554,564	403,730	(150,834)
Infrastructure Other	1,522,634	32,100	398	(31,702)
Acquisition of infrastructure	9,687,223	586,664	404,128	(182,536)
Total capital acquisitions	13,578,272	904,778	436,444	(468,334)
Capital Acquisitions Funded By:				
Capital grants and contributions	5,030,052	1,924,920	588,167	(1,336,753)
Other (disposals & C/Fwd.)	580,000	160,000	175,000	15,000
Reserve accounts				
Reserve account - by council - Heavy Vehicle Road Improvement	0	0	0	0
Contribution - operations	6,059,052	(1,180,142)	(326,723)	853,419
Capital funding total	13,578,272	904,778	436,444	(468,334)

KEY INFORMATION

Initial recognition

An item of property, plant and equipment or infrastructure that qualifies for recognition as an asset is measured at its cost.

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

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

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

Individual assets that are land, buildings and infrastructure acquired between scheduled revaluation dates of the asset class in accordance with the Shire's revaluation policy, are recognised at cost and disclosed as being at reportable value.

Measurement after recognition

Plant and equipment including furniture and equipment and right-of-use assets (other than vested improvements) are measured using the cost model as required under *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(2)*. Assets held under the cost model are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses being their reportable value.

Reportable Value

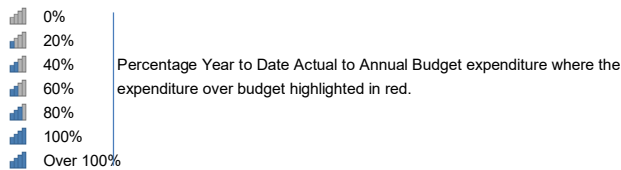
In accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(2)*, the carrying amount of non-financial assets that are land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment, investment properties, infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls.

Reportable value is for the purpose of *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(4)* is the fair value of the asset at its last valuation date minus (to the extent applicable) the accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses in respect of the non-financial asset subsequent to its last valuation date.

5 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS (CONTINUED) - DETAILED

Capital expenditure total

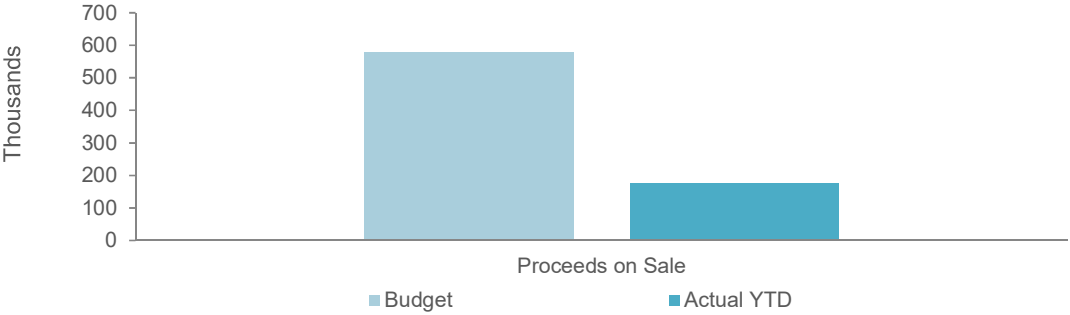
Level of completion indicators



A/c Number	Account Description	Adopted		31 August 2026	YTD Variance	Annual Variance
		Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Under/(Over)	Under/(Over)
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
LAND & BUILDINGS						
E09710	Housing Construction - 10 Leo St	770,418	0	6,993	(6,993)	763,425
E08350	Senior Citizens Centre - Replce Aircons	18,500	0	0	0	18,500
J09750	37 Taurus St - Fence replacement and Retaining Wall	55,000	0	243	(243)	54,757
J09751	120 Antares St - Land & Buildings Capital	31,238	0	0	0	31,238
J09752	6 Libra Pl - Solar Battery	15,000	0	0	0	15,000
J09764	2 Libra Place - Vanities and Shower Screens	26,715	0	181	(181)	26,534
J09754	3 Libra Pl - Main Bathroom Renovaton	50,422	0	5,292	(5,292)	45,130
J09770	11 Libra Pl - Solar Power	25,000	0	0	0	25,000
J09755	35 Taurus St - Fence replacement and Retaining Wall	40,000	0	0	0	40,000
J09756	11 Andromeda Ct - Airconditioners ns Solwar Power and Battery	33,500	0	0	0	33,500
J09760	1/50 Antares St - Internal Paint	5,500	0	0	0	5,500
J09763	4/50 Antares St - Solar Power and Battery Storage	25,000	0	0	0	25,000
J11150	SX Community Centre - Roof repairs	10,000	1,666	6,724	(5,058)	3,276
SPRT10	SX Sporting Complex - Solar Panels and replace Indoor Netball Court flooring	180,000	0	0	0	180,000
J11152	Marvel Loch Hall - Demolition	150,000	0	0	0	150,000
J11153	Bullfinch Community Centre - Upgrade Power Disribution Boad	15,000	2,500	0	2,500	15,000
J11158	Mt Hampton Hall - lubstall 3 Tanks and Pads with pump and plumbing	15,048	2,504	0	2,504	15,048
E11250	Swimming Pool - Install Solar Panels	35,000	5,832	0	5,832	35,000
J13203	Caravan Park Improvements - Land & Buildings Capital	667,458	13,740	0	13,740	667,458
J14604	Depot - Yard Surfaces - Wash Bay	60,000	10,000	0	10,000	60,000
Total Land and Buildings		2,228,799	36,242	19,433	16,809	2,209,366
PLANT & EQUIPMENT						
E10353	SX Sewerage Scheme - Pumps, Crane aand Sewer Snake	49,500	8,250	0	8,250	49,500
E10451	Marvel Loch Sewerage Scheme - Pumps	10,500	1,750	0	1,750	10,500
J13206	Caravan Park - Furniture & Equipment General	0	0	285	(285)	(285)
E11357	Parks & Gardens - Plant and Equipment	60,000	10,000	0	10,000	60,000
E07453	Medical Services - PC and UPS	7,500	7,500	5,391	2,109	2,109
E14650	Admin Centre - replace 3 Airconditoners	8,500	0	7,207	(7,207)	1,293
E14653	Digital Infrastructure- Uprade Free Public Wifi	6,250	1,040	0	1,040	6,250
E12350	Purchase of Plant an Equipment - Depot	1,355,000	225,832	0	225,832	1,355,000
E14655	Admin Server and Chambers AV	105,000	17,500	0	17,500	105,000
E14656	Asset - 2135 - Toyota RAV4	60,000	10,000	0	10,000	60,000
Total Plant and Equipment		1,662,250	281,872	12,883	268,989	1,649,367
INFRASTRUCTURE- OTHER						
E10350	SX Sewerage Scheme - Access Chamber Upgrades	17,500	2,916	0	2,916	17,500
E10450	Marvel Loch Sewerage Scheme - Access Chamber Upgrades	10,500	1,750	0	1,750	10,500
E11346	Parks & Gardens - Rotary Park Lighting and Decorative Fire Tower	31,000	5,166	0	5,166	31,000
J11330	Playground Equipment - Constellation Park	55,134	9,186	0	9,186	55,134
J11346	Yilgarn Bowls & Tennis Club - Replace Shade Structure over playground	70,000	11,666	0	11,666	70,000
AERO1	Airport Airconditoners	8,500	1,416	0	1,416	8,500
AERO6	Stage one - Airstrip upgrades	1,100,000	0	64	(64)	1,099,936
E13254	Tourism & Area Promotion - Entry Staement and Lake Kooroordine Walkway	230,000	0	334	(334)	229,666
Total Infrastructure - Other		1,522,634	32,100	398	31,702	1,522,236
INFRASTRUCTURE- ROADS						
RRG33	R2030 - Cramphorne Road - Construct & Seal - SLK 16.75 -21.81 (26/27)	1,636,551	0	62,439	(62,439)	1,574,112
RRG34	R2030 - Koolyanobbing Rd - 14mm Bitumen Reseal - SLK 2.10 -11.00 (26/27)	492,221	0	0	0	492,221
R2R49	R2R - Bodallin South Road - Construct & Seal - SLK 10.40-12.00 (26/27)	442,611	0	3,000	(3,000)	439,611
R2R50	R2R - Emu Fence Road - Gravel Sheetting - SLK 96.00-114.00 (26/27)	449,995	0	915	(915)	449,080
R2R51	R2R - Corinthia West Road - Gravel Sheetting - SLK 11.00-19.00 (26/27)	420,006	0	14,718	(14,718)	405,288
R2R52	R2R - Cockatoo Tank Road - Gravel Sheetting - SLK 7.00-14.00 (26/27)	410,037	0	0	0	410,037
CRF02	CRF - Beaton Road - Gravel Sheet - SLK 12.00 - 18.48 (26/27)	350,017	0	998	(998)	349,019
J12101	Concrete Footpath - Spica Street - Southern Cross	300,000	50,000	2,689	47,311	297,311
RRU47	RRU - Southern Cross South Road - Gravel Sheetting - Slk 43.00-50.00 (26/27)	416,446	0	10,911	(10,911)	405,535
RRU48	RRU - Dulyalbin Road - Gravel Sheetting - Slk 5.00-10.00 (26/27)	311,589	207,722	2,197	205,525	309,392
RRU49	RRU - Panizza Road - 14mm Reseal - Slk 11.74-13.74 (26/27)	107,136	0	0	0	107,136
RRU50	RRU - MRL Agreement - Emu Fence Pavement Failures & Needed Reseal	1,220,000	0	0	0	1,220,000
RRU51	RRU - Annual Allocation - Replace / Repair Failed or Undersized Culverts - Various Locations	200,000	33,332	1,450	31,882	198,550
TRU14	Tru - Altair St - Reseal - Slk 0.00 - 1.50 (24/25 & 25/26)	120,528	0	4,760	(4,760)	115,768
TRU16	Tru - Canopus Street - Reseal - Slk 0.00 - 1.10 (25/26)	117,180	0	4,760	(4,760)	112,420
HVRUF1	Hvruf - Dulyalbin Road - Gravel Sheetting - Slk 35.00 - 43.00 (25/26)	395,272	263,510	226,472	37,038	168,800
HVRUF2	Hvruf - Koolyanobbing & Three Boys Rd - Pavement Repairs & Asphalt Overlays (25/26 & 26/27)	775,000	0	68,422	(68,422)	706,578
Total Infrastructure - Roads		8,164,589	554,564	403,730	150,834	7,760,859
TOTAL CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS		13,578,272	904,778	436,444	468,334	13,141,828

6 DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

Asset Ref.	Asset description	Budget				YTD Actual			
		Net Book	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)	Net Book	Proceeds	Profit	(Loss)
		Value				Value			
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant and equipment									
	Asset - 2034 GRADER - 2018 CATERPILLAR 12M	234,667	140,000	0	-94,667	0	0	0	0
	Asset - 2023 PRIME MOVER - 2018 MACK GRANITE 8X4 RIGID 435 M	88,940	120,000	31,060	0	0	0	0	0
	Asset - 2128 ALLROADS SIDETIPPING TRAILER "A" SECTION	91,139	70,000	0	-21,139	0	0	0	0
	Asset - 2134 FORD RANGER DOUBLE CAB	61,933	50,000	0	-11,933	0	0	0	0
	Asset - 2115 TANDEM DOLLY	41,012	40,000	0	-1,012	0	0	0	0
	Asset - 2019 GRADER - 2017 CATERPILLAR 12	138,781	160,000	21,219	0	144,821	175,000	30,179	0
		656,472	580,000	52,279	(128,751)	144,821	175,000	30,179	0



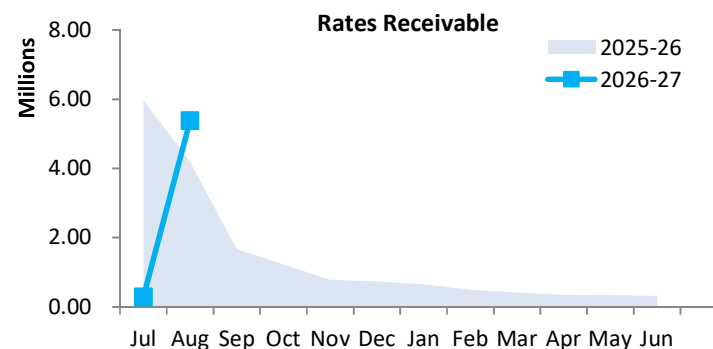
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7 RECEIVABLES

Rates receivable

	30 Jun 2026	31 Aug 2026
	\$	\$
Opening arrears previous year	310,001	318,696
Levied this year	4,559,283	5,164,009
Less - collections to date	(4,550,588)	(125,623)
Net rates collectable	318,696	5,357,082
% Collected	93.5%	2.3%



Receivables - general

	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Receivables - general	0	526,329	275,814	175,856	3,983	981,982
Percentage	0.0%	53.6%	28.1%	17.9%	0.4%	
Balance per trial balance						
Trade receivables						981,982
GST receivable						49,432
Allowance for credit losses of rates and statutory receivables						(8,656)
Total receivables general outstanding						1,043,257

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

KEY INFORMATION

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

Trade receivables are recognised at original invoice amount less any allowances for uncollectable amounts (i.e. impairment).

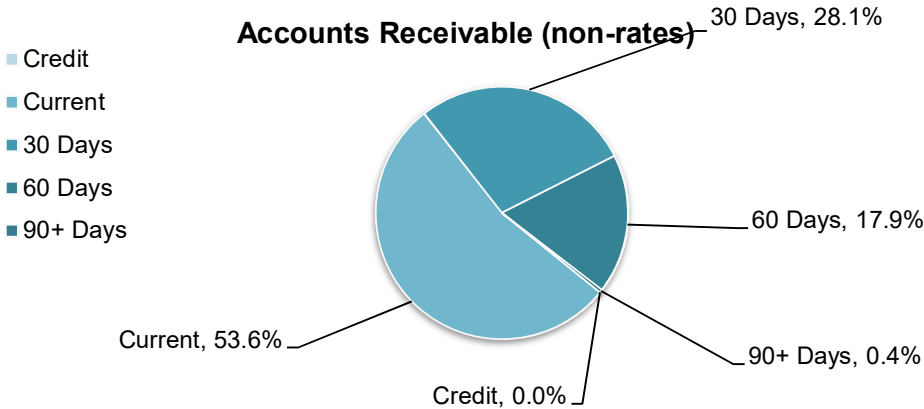
The carrying amount of net trade receivables is equivalent to fair value as it is due for settlement within 30 days.

7 RECEIVABLES

Classification and subsequent measurement

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

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



8 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

	Opening Balance 1 July 2026	Asset Increase	Asset Reduction	Closing Balance 31 August 2026
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other current assets				
Inventory				
Fuel	107,599	(17,472)		90,127
Contract assets				
Contract assets	175,005	0	0	175,005
Total other current assets	282,604	(17,472)	0	265,132
Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)				

KEY INFORMATION

Inventory

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

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

Contract assets

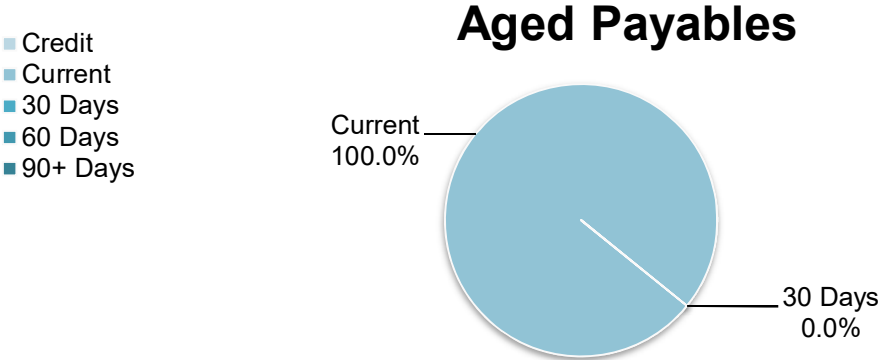
A contract asset is the right to consideration in exchange for goods or services the entity has transferred to a customer when that right is conditioned on something other than the passage of time.

9 PAYABLES

Payables - general	Credit	Current	30 Days	60 Days	90+ Days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Payables - general	0	791	0	0	0	791
Percentage	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Balance per trial balance						
Sundry creditors						791
Prepaid Rates						45,380
ATO liabilities						136,206
Bonds & Retained Funds						13,393
Trust Funds						57,920
Total payables general outstanding						275,642
Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)						

KEY INFORMATION

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



10 BORROWINGS

Repayments - borrowings

Information on borrowings		New Loans			Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding		Interest Repayments	
Particulars	Loan No.	1 July 2026	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<i>WA Treasury</i>		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Southern Cross Swimming Pool	98	464,122	0	0	0	0	464,122	464,122	0	0
Southern Cross Recreation Centre Upgrade	99	1,093,013	0	0	0	0	1,093,013	1,093,013	0	23,595
Total		1,557,135	0	0	0	0	1,557,135	1,557,135	0	23,595
Current borrowings		202,412					202,412			
Non-current borrowings		1,354,723					1,354,723			
		1,557,135					1,557,135			

All debenture repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

KEY INFORMATION

The Shire has elected to recognise borrowing costs as an expense when incurred regardless of how the borrowings are applied.

Fair values of borrowings are not materially different to their carrying amounts, since the interest payable on those borrowings is either close to current market rates or the borrowings are of a short term nature.

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11 LEASE LIABILITIES

Movement in carrying amounts

Information on leases Particulars	1 July 2026	New Leases		Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding		Interest Repayments	
		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Canon Photocopier (back office)	464	0	0	(49)	(49)	415	415	11	6
Canon Photocopier (CRC)	11,354	0		(484)	(484)	10,870	10,870	12	7
Total	11,818	0	0	(533)	(533)	11,285	11,285	23	13
Current lease liabilities	5,478					4,415			
Non-current lease liabilities	6,340					6,340			
	11,818					10,755			

All lease repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

KEY INFORMATION

At inception of a contract, the Shire assesses if the contract contains or is a lease. A contract is or contains a lease, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. At the commencement date, a right of use asset is recognised at cost and lease liability at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at that date. The lease payments are discounted using that date. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease, if that rate can be readily determined. If that rate cannot be readily determined, the Shire uses its incremental borrowing rate.

All contracts classified as short-term leases (i.e. a lease with a remaining term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

12 OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

	Note	Opening Balance 1 July 2026	Liability transferred from/(to) non current	Liability Increase	Liability Reduction	Closing Balance 31 August 2026
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other current liabilities						
Other liabilities						
Capital grant/contributions liabilities		0	0	0	0	0
Unearned Revenue		0	0	0	0	0
Total other liabilities		0	0	0	0	0
Employee Related Provisions						
Provision for annual leave		294,210	0	0	0	294,210
Provision for long service leave		189,754	0	0	0	189,754
Total Provisions		483,964	0	0	0	483,964
Total other current liabilities		483,964	0	0	0	483,964

Amounts shown above include GST (where applicable)

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

KEY INFORMATION

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Shire has a present legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Employee Related Provisions

Short-term employee benefits

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

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

Other long-term employee benefits

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

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

Contract liabilities

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

Capital grant/contribution liabilities

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

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OPERATING ACTIVITIES

13 GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Unspent grant, subsidies and contributions liability					Grants, subsidies and contributions revenue		
	Liability	Increase in Liability	Decrease in Liability	Liability	Current Liability	Adopted Budget Revenue	YTD Budget	YTD Revenue
	1 July 2026	(As revenue)	(As revenue)	31 Aug 2026	31 Aug 2026	Revenue	Budget	Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants and subsidies								
Grants Commission General				0	0	480,582	120,145	128,708
Grants Commission Roads				0	0	380,248	95,062	50,338
ESL Operating Grant				0	0	69,500	69,500	17,375
CRC Professional Development & Training				0	0	2,500	416	0
DRD Grant Funding (CRC)				0	0	129,035	32,258	32,259
Grant Funding - Other				0	0	1,000	1,000	0
Grants - Urban Stormwater Drainage				0	0	12,300	0	0
Street Light - Operation Grant				0	0	14,340	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	1,089,505	318,381	228,680
Contributions								
Grant Funding - Other				0	0	10,696	2,674	1,621
	0	0	0	0	0	10,696	2,674	1,621
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	1,100,201	321,055	230,300

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INVESTING ACTIVITIES

14 CAPITAL GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Provider	Capital grant/contribution liabilities					Capital grants, subsidies and contributions revenue		
	Liability	Increase in Liability	Decrease in Liability	Liability	Current Liability	Adopted Budget	YTD	YTD Revenue
	1 July 2026		(As revenue)	31 Aug 2026	31 Aug 2026	Revenue	Budget	Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Capital grants and subsidies								
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI)				0	0	0	0	0
Grant Roads 2026				0	0	1,419,182	567,672	0
MRWA Direct Grant				0	0	588,167	588,167	588,167
Roads to Recovery (R2R)				0	0	1,722,703	689,081	0
Third Party Contributions				0	0	1,100,000	0	0
Commodity Route / Secondary Freight Network Funding				0	0	200,000	80,000	0
	0	0	0	0	0	5,030,052	1,924,920	588,167

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15 TRUST FUND

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

Description	Opening Balance 1 July 2026	Amount Received	Amount Paid	Closing Balance 31 August 2026
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Police Licensing	759			759
Builders Levy	20,710			20,710
Transwa Bookings	3,046			3,046
Housing Tenancy	2,280			2,280
Hall Hire	1,115			1,115
Security Key System	1,830			1,830
Clubs & Groups	(1,731)			(1,731)
Third Party Contributions	3,198			3,198
Rates Overpaid	11,714			11,714
Retention Monies	15,000			15,000
	57,920	0	0	57,920



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
15/07/2026	SURVEYMONKEY	SURVEYMONKEY ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 384.00
		TOTAL CEO CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS	\$ 384.00



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EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
14/07/2026	LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONALS	LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONALS ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 560.00
16/07/2026	SAFETY CULTURE	SAFETY CULTURE MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 31.90
18/07/2026	KINGSIZE MENWEAR	EMCS STAFF UNIFORMS	\$ 437.85
27/07/2026	THE CLUB HOTEL	COUNCILLOR REFRESHMENTS	\$ 30.00
30/07/2026	RURAL HEALTH WEST	REFUND FOR OVER CHARGE	(\$ 100.00)
01/08/2026	IINET	SHIRE MONTHLY NBN	\$ 79.99
TOTAL EMCS CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS			\$ 1,039.74
TOTAL CREDIT CARD PURCHASES FOR THE PERIOD			\$ 1,423.74



Shire of Yilgarn Fuel Card Purchases For the month ended 31 August 2026

FINANCE MANAGER - RAV4 - YL190			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
30/06/2026	BP SOUTHERN CROSS	6893 6102 SURCHARGE	\$ 1.61
30/06/2026	BP SOUTHERN CROSS	6893 6102 FUEL	\$ 56.57
30/06/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	6893 6102 TRANSACTION FEE	\$ 0.83
26/07/2026	AMPOL BENTLEY	6893 6102 FUEL	\$ 60.59
26/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	6893 6102 TRANSACTION FEE	\$ 0.83
31/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	6893 6102 CARD FEE	\$ 11.29
TOTAL FINANCE MANAGER PAYMENTS			\$ 131.72

ADMINISTRATION POOL VEHICLE - RANGER - YL285			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
16/07/2026	BP EXPRESS CURRAMBINE	8125 7262 SURCHARGE	\$ 2.02
16/07/2026	BP EXPRESS CURRAMBINE	8125 7262 FUEL	\$ 126.55
16/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	8125 7262 TRANSACTION FEE	\$ 0.83
31/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	8125 7262 CARD FEE	\$ 11.29
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION POOL VEHICLE PAYMENTS			\$ 140.69

WORKSHOP - VARIOUS PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
31/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	5294 7495 CARD FEE	\$ 11.29
TOTAL WORKSHOP PAYMENTS			\$ 11.29

COMMUNITY BUS - COASTER BUS - YL414			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
31/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	5521 9892 CARD FEE	\$ 11.29
TOTAL COMMUNITY BUS PAYMENTS			\$ 11.29



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PARKS AND GARDENS - VARIOUS EQUIPMENT			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
8/07/2026	DUNNINGS SOUTHERN CROSS	5701 7682 FUEL	\$ 92.59
8/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	5701 7682 TRANSACTION FEE	\$ 0.83
31/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	5701 7682 CARD FEE	\$ 11.29
TOTAL PARKS AND GARDENS PAYMENTS			\$ 104.71

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - PRADO - OYL			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
27/07/2026	ROUTE 94	5809 3955 FUEL	\$ 171.37
27/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	5809 3955 TRANSACTION FEE	\$ 0.83
31/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	5809 3955 CARD FEE	\$ 11.29
TOTAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PAYMENTS			\$ 183.49

EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES - TRITON - YL1			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
31/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	6339 6948 CARD FEE	\$ 11.29
TOTAL EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES PAYMENTS			\$ 11.29

WORKS SUPERVISOR - RANGER - YL333			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
31/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	6346 5230 CARD FEE	\$ 11.29
TOTAL WORKS SUPERVISOR PAYMENTS			\$ 11.29

EXECUTIVE MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE - RANGER - YL150			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
31/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	7746 1787 CARD FEE	\$ 11.29
TOTAL EXECUTIVE MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE PAYMENTS			\$ 11.29



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DEPOT ADMINISTRATION - HILUX - YL252			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
16/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	8141 6025 FUEL	\$ 72.15
16/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	8141 6025 TRANSACTION FEE	\$ 0.83
16/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	8141 6025 SURCHARGE	\$ 2.25
16/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	8141 6025 FUEL	\$ 90.37
16/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	8141 6025 TRANSACTION FEE	\$ 0.83
31/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	8141 6025 CARD FEE	\$ 11.29
TOTAL DEPOT ADMINISTRATION PAYMENTS			\$ 177.72
VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE - VFB1			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
31/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	5526 7685 CARD FEE	\$ 11.29
TOTAL VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE PAYMENTS			\$ 11.29
ASSET AND PROJECT MANAGER - RANGER - YL50			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
30/06/2026	BP MERREDIN ROADHOUSE	5808 4749 SURCHARGE	\$ 1.25
30/06/2026	BP MERREDIN ROADHOUSE	5808 4749 FUEL	\$ 50.02
30/06/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	5808 4749 TRANSACTION FEE	\$ 0.83
31/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	5808 4749 CARD FEE	\$ 11.29
TOTAL ASSET AND PROJECT MANAGER PAYMENTS			\$ 63.39
VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE - VFB2			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
31/07/2026	WEX AUSTRALIA	7629 4940 CARD FEE	\$ 11.29
TOTAL VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE PAYMENTS			\$ 11.29
TOTAL FUEL CARD PURCHASES FOR THE PERIOD			\$ 880.75



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EFT/CHQ	Date	Name	Description	Amount
EFT18446	07/08/2026	3SIXT AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES	PRIME MOVER 12V BATTERIES	\$ 1,355.79
EFT18447	07/08/2026	A.D. ENGINEERING INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	VMS TRAILER ANNUAL WAN SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 1,056.00
EFT18448	07/08/2026	AERODROME MANAGEMENT SERVICES PTY LTD	AERODROME MANAGEMENT SERVICES	\$ 4,432.08
EFT18449	07/08/2026	AFGRI EQUIPMENT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$ 1,852.73
EFT18450	07/08/2026	AMPAC DEBT RECOVERY PTY LTD	AMPAC DEBT RECOVERY SERVICES FOR UNPAID RATES	\$ 412.50
EFT18451	07/08/2026	EUROFINS ARL PTY LTD	SHIRE WATER SAMPLES	\$ 341.00
EFT18452	07/08/2026	ASTRA ELECTRICAL & AIR	CONSTELLATION PARK LIGHT REPLACEMENT	\$ 2,699.13
EFT18453	07/08/2026	AUSTRALIAN SERVICES UNION WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH	STAFF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 155.00
EFT18454	07/08/2026	AUSTRALIA POST	SHIRE MONTHLY POSTAL CHARGES	\$ 125.40
EFT18455	07/08/2026	STAFF	EMCS INTERNET REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 139.00
EFT18456	07/08/2026	CENTRAL EAST ACCOMMODATION & CARE ALLIANCE INC.	CEACA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION	\$ 16,500.00
EFT18457	07/08/2026	AUST GOVERNMENT CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY	STAFF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 684.33
EFT18458	07/08/2026	CHRISTOPHER MOORE	CARAVAN PARK GARDEN AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES	\$ 1,940.40
EFT18459	07/08/2026	CR CLOSE	COUNCILLOR MEALS REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 338.18
EFT18460	07/08/2026	COPIER SUPPORT	SHIRE ADMIN AND CRC MONTHLY PRINTING SERVICES	\$ 2,510.92
EFT18461	07/08/2026	COMBINED TYRES PTY LTD	PLANT AND EQUIPMENTREPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 12,578.87
EFT18462	07/08/2026	TEAM GLOBAL EXPRESS PTY LTD	SHIRE ADMIN AND DEPOT FREIGHT	\$ 452.35
EFT18463	07/08/2026	CSSTECH GROUP PTY LTD	SHIRE IT SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 1,760.00
EFT18464	07/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, LANDS AND HERITAGE	JILBADJI CROPPING LEASE	\$ 366.68
EFT18465	07/08/2026	E FIRE & SAFETY	SHIRE PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES FIRE EQUIPMENT SERVICING	\$ 4,237.20
EFT18466	07/08/2026	WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION	COUNCILLOR ELECTION EXPENSES	\$ 15,007.28
EFT18467	07/08/2026	FRONTLINE FIRE & RESCUE EQUIPMENT	SOUTH YILGARN FIRE TRUCK PARTS AND REPAIRS	\$ 25,627.93
EFT18468	07/08/2026	FORTUS GROUP PTY LTD	GRADER PARTS AND REPAIRS	\$ 2,376.00
EFT18469	07/08/2026	STAFF	DEPOT STAFF UNIFORM REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 99.44
EFT18470	07/08/2026	HEATLEY SALES PTY LTD	COUNCILLOR SHIRE OF YILGARN UNIFORM	\$ 266.46
EFT18471	07/08/2026	LOCAL COMMUNITY INSURANCE SERVICES	SHIRE ANNUAL PUBLIC AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 827.75
EFT18472	07/08/2026	KARIS MEDICAL GROUP	STAFF PRE-EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL	\$ 451.00
EFT18473	07/08/2026	LANDGATE	SHIRE LANDGATE SERVICES FOR PROPOSED SOUTHERN CROSS TOWN BOUNDARY CHANGE	\$ 2,177.60
EFT18474	07/08/2026	LGISWA	SHIRE ACTUAL WAGE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE 2026 FINANCIAL YEAR	\$ 15,951.46
EFT18475	07/08/2026	LIBERTY OIL RURAL PTY LTD	DEPOT BULK DIESEL PURCHASE	\$ 43,703.66
EFT18476	07/08/2026	WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION	SHIRE ANNUAL GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE GENERAL SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 1,870.00
EFT18477	07/08/2026	LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES ANALYTICAL COMMITTEE	SHIRE ANNUAL LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES ANALYTICAL COMMITTEE SAMPLING SCHEME	\$ 541.76
EFT18478	07/08/2026	OMNICOM MEDIA GROUP AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL	\$ 318.54
EFT18479	07/08/2026	MCLEODS LAWYERS PTY LTD	MCLEODS LAWYERS SETTLEMENT FEES	\$ 4,551.79
EFT18480	07/08/2026	ROYAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES PTY LTD	SHIRE ADMIN AND DEPOT MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$ 3,985.30
EFT18481	07/08/2026	PERFECT COMPUTER SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	MEDICAL CENTRE COMPUTER HARDWARE	\$ 6,015.00
EFT18482	07/08/2026	POOL & PUMP SERVICE & REPAIRS PTY LTD	SWIMMING POOL PUMP SERVICES	\$ 1,851.30
EFT18483	07/08/2026	WA CONTRACT RANGER SERVICES	SHIRE CONTRACT RANGER SERVICES	\$ 1,386.00
EFT18484	07/08/2026	ROOTS PLUMBING & GAS	SWIMMING POOL HWS REPLACEMENT	\$ 2,931.50
EFT18485	07/08/2026	YILGARN SHIRE SOCIAL CLUB	STAFF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 66.00
EFT18486	07/08/2026	1505SQUARE PTY LTD	SHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT	\$ 14,850.00
EFT18487	07/08/2026	SUPERLOOP LIMITED	SHIRE FACILITIES AND PROPERTIES MONTHLY NBN CHARGES	\$ 190.00



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EFT/CHQ	Date	Name	Description	Amount
EFT18488	07/08/2026	SUPAGAS PTY LTD	CARAVAN PARK BULK GAS SUPPLY	\$ 541.37
EFT18489	07/08/2026	SOUTHERN CROSS HARDWARE AND NEWS	SHIRE PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES MONTHLY PURCHASES	\$ 6,262.47
EFT18490	07/08/2026	SOUTHERN CROSS MOTOR MART	PARKS AND GARDENS EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$ 320.00
EFT18491	07/08/2026	SOUTHERN CROSS TYRE & AUTO SERVICES	SHIRE PLANT AND EQUIPMENT REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 5,351.60
EFT18492	07/08/2026	SYNERGY	SHIRE PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES ELECTRICITY USAGE	\$ 16,377.23
EFT18493	07/08/2026	TOTALLY WORKWEAR	DEPOT STAFF UNIFORM ORDERS	\$ 6,049.10
EFT18494	07/08/2026	T-QUIP	RIDE ON MOWER PARTS AND REPAIRS	\$ 824.02
EFT18495	07/08/2026	STAFF	FM INTERNET REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 74.99
EFT18496	07/08/2026	UNIFORM AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	DEPOT ADMIN UNIFORM ORDER	\$ 204.16
EFT18497	07/08/2026	NORTHAM MOTORS PTY LTD	LIGHT VEHICLE EQUIPMENT PARTS AND REPAIRS	\$ 929.78
EFT18498	07/08/2026	WB CONTRACTING	KOOLYANOBING ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING AND ROLLER HIRE	\$ 29,438.75
			LAKE SEABROOK ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING	\$ 19,492.00
			BEATON ROAD MULCHING	\$ 10,560.00
			CORINTHIA WEST ROAD MULCHING	\$ 2,200.00
			10 LEO STREET EXCAVATION WORKS	\$ 275.00
EFT18499	07/08/2026	WESTRAC PTY LTD	GRADER CUTTING EDGES	\$ 13,842.75
EFT18500	07/08/2026	TRANSWA PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY OF WA	TRANSWA TICKET SALES	\$ 619.59
EFT18501	07/08/2026	YILGARN AGENCIES	SHIRE PLANT AND EQUIPMENT REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,406.04
EFT18502	24/08/2026	ALINTA SALES PTY LTD	SHIRE PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES ELECTRICITY CHARGES	\$ 12,795.28
EFT18503	24/08/2026	APACHE INVESTMENTS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	CORINTHIA WEST ROAD GRAVEL PURCHASE FOR GRAVEL SHEETING	\$ 15,400.00
EFT18504	24/08/2026	ASTRA ELECTRICAL & AIR	SHIRE ADMIN OFFICE SUPPLY AND INSTALL 3 SPLIT SYSTEMS	\$ 14,060.91
EFT18505	24/08/2026	AUSTRALIAN SERVICES UNION WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH	STAFF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 155.00
EFT18506	24/08/2026	AVON WASTE	SHIRE MONTHLY RUBBISH COLLECTION	\$ 17,154.06
EFT18507	24/08/2026	CR BRADFORD	ORDINARY COUNCIL, SPECIAL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS	\$ 1,320.00
EFT18508	24/08/2026	BUNNINGS GROUP LTD	SHIRE PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REPAIRS	\$ 1,319.64
EFT18509	24/08/2026	CEMETERIES & CREMATORIA ASSOCIATION OF WA	CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	\$ 130.00
EFT18510	24/08/2026	C & F BUILDING APPROVALS	MOORINE ROCK BUILDING APPLICATIONS AND COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENTS	\$ 440.00
EFT18511	24/08/2026	AUST GOVERNMENT CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY	STAFF PAYROLL DEDUCTION	\$ 569.70
EFT18512	24/08/2026	CHRISTOPHER MOORE	CARAVAN PARK GARDEN AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,940.40
EFT18513	24/08/2026	CHRONICLE RIP PTY LTD	SOUTHERN CROSS CEMETERY MAPPING AND MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 8,889.10
EFT18514	24/08/2026	CIVIC LEGAL PTY LTD	SHIRE LEGAL ADVICE FOR KOOLYANOBING-SOUTHERN CROSS SOUTH ROAD CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 11,489.32
EFT18515	24/08/2026	CR CLOSE	ORDINARY COUNCIL, SPECIAL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS	\$ 1,540.00
EFT18516	24/08/2026	AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE	AUGUST 2026 BAS PAYMENT	\$ 54,641.00
EFT18517	24/08/2026	COPIER SUPPORT	SHIRE ADMIN AND CRC MONTHLY PRINTING SERVICES	\$ 2,352.11
EFT18518	24/08/2026	TEAM GLOBAL EXPRESS PTY LTD	DEPOT FREIGHT	\$ 937.81
EFT18519	24/08/2026	CSSTECH GROUP PTY LTD	SHIRE PHONE SYSTEM MONTHLY FEES	\$ 1,069.75
EFT18520	24/08/2026	DELNORTH PTY LTD	SHIRE ROAD MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES STEEL FLEX WHITE POSTS	\$ 19,607.50
EFT18521	24/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT INDUSTRY REGULATION AND SAFETY	SHIRE BUILDING SERVICES LEVY PAYMENT	\$ 90.90
EFT18522	24/08/2026	CR STEPHEN	ORDINARY COUNCIL, SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AND TRAVEL	\$ 919.60
EFT18523	24/08/2026	GOLDFIELDS GUTTER AND ROLLER SHUTTERS	COMMUNITY CENTRE GUTTER AND ROOF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 7,136.00
EFT18524	24/08/2026	GREAT EASTERN FREIGHTLINES	DEPOT AND SWIMMING POOL FREIGHT	\$ 118.80
EFT18525	24/08/2026	GREAT SOUTHERN LINE MARKING	ANTARES AND CANOPUS STREET THERMO PLASTIC LINE MARKING	\$ 3,685.00



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EFT18526	24/08/2026	HERSEY SAFETY PTY LTD	DEPOT MAINTENANCE AND PPE SUPPLIES	\$ 2,472.47
EFT18527	24/08/2026	JB HI-FI GROUP PTY LTD	STAFF SALARY SACRIFICE	\$ 3,799.20
EFT18528	24/08/2026	JPA PLANNING	SHIRE TOWN PLANNING SERVICES	\$ 2,082.61
EFT18529	24/08/2026	KK & LD KENT	BODALLIN SOUTH ROAD GRAVEL PURCHASE FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ 3,300.00
EFT18530	24/08/2026	LAKE JULIA FARMING CO	KOOLYANOBING AND THREE BOYS ROAD GRAVEL PURCHASE FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ 3,025.00
EFT18531	24/08/2026	LANDGATE	SHIRE INTERIM VALUATIONS	\$ 66.85
EFT18532	24/08/2026	LIBERTY OIL RURAL PTY LTD	PLANT AND VEHICLE BULK AD BLUE	\$ 1,380.00
EFT18533	24/08/2026	CR ROSE	ORDINARY COUNCIL, SPECIAL COUNCIL AND TRAVEL FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS	\$ 1,513.66
EFT18534	24/08/2026	COMFORT STYLE MERREDIN COMFORT STYLE	CARAVAN PARK SANDALWOOD LODGE FURNITURE	\$ 579.00
EFT18535	24/08/2026	STAFF	EHO STAFF REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEALS AND TRAVEL	\$ 129.44
EFT18536	24/08/2026	OCTAGON LIFTS PTY LTD	SPORT COMPLEX QUARTERLY LIFT SERVICE	\$ 2,145.00
EFT18537	24/08/2026	IXOM OPERATIONS PTY LTD	SWIMMING POOL AND SEWAGE CHLORINE CYLINDERS	\$ 2,451.72
EFT18538	24/08/2026	PANIZZA FARMING CO	SOUTHERN CROSS SOUTH ROAD GRAVEL PURCHASE FOR GRAVEL SHEETING	\$ 11,000.00
EFT18539	24/08/2026	PERFECT COMPUTER SOLUTIONS PTY LTD	MEDICAL CENTRE IT SUPPORT	\$ 306.00
EFT18540	24/08/2026	QUEST INNALOO	STAFF ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS FOR TRAINING	\$ 761.78
EFT18541	24/08/2026	WA CONTRACT RANGER SERVICES	SHIRE CONTRACT RANGER SERVICES	\$ 1,386.00
EFT18542	24/08/2026	ROOTS PLUMBING & GAS	COMMUNITY CENTRE WATER WORKS AND MATERIALS	\$ 3,492.50
EFT18543	24/08/2026	WESTERN ROADTRAIN 2.0 PTY LTD	DEPOT STAFF HR AUTO COURSE TRAINING	\$ 1,970.00
EFT18544	24/08/2026	SITE SPECIFIC SERVICES	PARKER ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING	\$ 3,795.00
			BEATON ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING	\$ 9,614.00
			GARRETT ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING	\$ 4,680.50
			PEARCE ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING	\$ 1,265.00
			MT ADAM ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING	\$ 253.00
EFT18545	24/08/2026	DAIMLER TRUCKS PERTH	FUSO TRUCK WINDSCREEN REPLACEMENT AND CALIBRATION	\$ 1,544.40
EFT18546	24/08/2026	YILGARN SHIRE SOCIAL CLUB	STAFF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 66.00
EFT18547	24/08/2026	SUPERLOOP LIMITED	SHIRE PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES NBN CHARGES	\$ 380.00
EFT18548	24/08/2026	SUPAGAS PTY LTD	SHIRE PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES GAS BOTTLE RENTAL CHARGES	\$ 1,862.97
EFT18549	24/08/2026	ACS SWAN EXPRESS PRINT	DEPOT VEHICLE PRESTART BOOKS	\$ 2,695.00
EFT18550	24/08/2026	AKINA SUPERMARKETS PTY LTD	SHIRE MONTHLY FOODWORKS PURCHASES	\$ 1,527.55
EFT18551	24/08/2026	SOUTHERN CROSS TYRE & AUTO SERVICES	FUSO TRUCK PARTS AND REPAIRS	\$ 1,309.90
EFT18552	24/08/2026	STAFF	DEPOT STAFF REIMBURSEMENT FOR UNIFORMS	\$ 304.84
EFT18553	24/08/2026	TOTALLY WORKWEAR	DEPOT STAFF UNIFORM ORDER	\$ 895.31
EFT18554	24/08/2026	WATER CORPORATION	SHIRE PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES WATER USAGE	\$ 27,703.21
EFT18555	24/08/2026	WB CONTRACTING	GHOOLI-KOOLYANOBING ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING	\$ 11,044.00
			KOOLYANIBING ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING	\$ 2,310.00
			WHEATLY ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING	\$ 2,398.00
			LAKE SEABROOK ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING	\$ 13,486.00
			CORINTHIA WEST ROAD MULCHING	\$ 17,160.00
			TURKEY HILL ROAD CULVERT WORKS	\$ 1,595.00
			ALTAIR STREET AGGREGATE SUPPLY	\$ 5,236.00
			CANOPUS STREET AGGREGATE SUPPLY	\$ 5,236.00
			KOOLYANOBING ROAD GRAVEL CARTING	\$ 18,084.00



Shire of Yilgarn
Schedule of accounts paid
For the month ended 31 August 2026

EFT/CHQ	Date	Name	Description	Amount
EFT18556	24/08/2026	WESTRAC PTY LTD	GRADER AND ROLLER PARTS AND REPAIRS	\$ 1,650.86
EFT18557	24/08/2026	TELSTRA LIMITED	SHIRE WHISPIR MONTHLY USAGE	\$ 1,211.61
2890	21/08/2026	CANON FINANCE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PHOTOCOPIER LEASE - AUGUST 2026	\$ 483.87
2891	24/08/2026	CANON FINANCE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	PHOTOCOPIER LEASE - AUGUST 2026	\$ 127.62
2892	07/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	DOT LICENSING FROM 03/08/2026 TO 07/08/2026	\$ 4,844.15
2893	14/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	DOT LICENSING FROM 10/08/2026 TO 14/08/2026	\$ 15,201.55
2894	21/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	DOT LICENSING FROM 17/08/2026 TO 21/08/2026	\$ 10,645.45
2895	28/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	DOT LICENSING FROM 24/08/2026 TO 28/08/2026	\$ 5,396.65
2896	31/08/2026	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT	DOT LICENSING FOR 31/08/2026	\$ 783.15
2897	17/08/2026	MOTORCHARGE LIMITED	FUEL CARD - JULY 2026	\$ 880.75
2898	12/08/2026	SHIRE OF YILGARN - PAYROLL	NET PAYROLL PPE 11/08/2026	\$ 127,017.87
2899	26/08/2026	SHIRE OF YILGARN - PAYROLL	NET PAYROLL PPE 25/08/2026	\$ 130,031.08
2900	03/08/2026	SOUTHERN CROSS GENERAL PRACTICE	MONTHLY PAYMENT TO THE DOCTOR - AUGUST 2026	\$ 8,800.00
2901	10/08/2026	TELSTRA	TELEPHONE CHARGES FOR COUNCIL PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES - JULY 2026	\$ 21.00
2902	11/08/2026	TELSTRA	TELEPHONE CHARGES FOR COUNCIL PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES - JULY 2026	\$ 122.97
2903	17/08/2026	TELSTRA	TELEPHONE CHARGES FOR COUNCIL PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES - JULY 2026	\$ 673.16
2904	21/08/2026	TELSTRA	TELEPHONE CHARGES FOR COUNCIL PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES - JULY 2026	\$ 795.93
2905	14/08/2026	WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION	CEO CREDIT CARD - JULY 2026	\$ 384.00
2906	14/08/2026	WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION	EMCS CREDIT CARD - JULY 2026	\$ 1,039.74
2907	26/08/2026	SOUTHERN CROSS PHARMACY AND HEALTH	CHEMIST LEASE - AUGUST 2026	\$ 550.00
41380	24/08/2026	SHIRE OF YILGARN	SHIRE PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES RATES FOR 2027 FINANCIAL YEAR	\$ 36,666.80
DD20670	11/08/2026	SUPERANNUATION	SUPERANNUATION PAY RUN 11/08/2026	\$ 35,296.22
DD20693	25/08/2026	SUPERANNUATION	SUPERANNUATION PAY RUN 25/08/2026	\$ 35,739.42
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD				\$ 1,086,184.82

2025 Compliance Audit Return

Local Government Authority: The Shire of Yilgarn

Local Government Act 1995

s. 2.29

Has every person elected or appointed to a mayor, president, deputy, or councillor role made the required declaration in the prescribed form before a prescribed person, prior to acting in the office?

Response: Yes

s. 3.16

Has the local government reviewed local laws, which have not been reviewed in the previous 8 years, to ensure compliance with Schedule 9.3, Clause 65?

Response: Yes

Comments: Reviewed Nov 2024

s.3.57

Subject to Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, regulation 11(2), did the local government invite tenders for all contracts for the supply of goods or services where the consideration under the contract was, or was expected to be, worth more than the consideration stated in regulation 11(1) of the Regulations?

Response: No

Comments: Goods & Services exclusively sought through the WALGA Preferred Supplier Program

s. 3.58(3)

Where the local government disposed of property other than by public auction or tender, did it dispose of the property in accordance with section 3.58(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 (unless section 3.58(5) applies)?

Response: Yes

s. 3.58(4)

Where the local government disposed of property under section 3.58(3) of the Local Government Act 1995, did it provide details, as prescribed by section 3.58(4) of the Act, in the required local public notice for each disposal of property?

Response: Yes

s. 3.59(2)(a)

Has the local government prepared a business plan for each major trading undertaking that was not exempt in 2025?

Response: N/A

Comments: No major trading undertaking occurred in 2025

s. 3.59(2)(b)

Has the local government prepared a business plan for each major land transaction that was not exempt in 2025?

Response: N/A

Comments: No major land transactions occurred in 2025

s. 3.59(2)(c)

Has the local government prepared a business plan before entering into each land transaction that was preparatory to entry into a major land transaction in 2025?

Response: N/A

Comments: No major land transactions occurred in 2025

s. 3.59(4)

Has the local government complied with public notice and publishing requirements for each proposal to commence a major trading undertaking or enter into a major land transaction or a land transaction that is preparatory to a major land transaction for 2024?

Response: N/A

Comments: No major land transactions occurred in 2025

s. 3.59(5)

During 2025, did the council resolve to proceed with each major land transaction or trading undertaking by absolute majority?

Response: N/A

Comments: No major trading undertaking or land transactions occurred in 2025

s. 5.16 (1)

Were all delegations to committees resolved by absolute majority?

Response: N/A

Comments: No Delegations were made to Committees

s. 5.16 (2)

Were all delegations to committees in writing?

Response: N/A

Comments: No Delegations were made to Committees

s. 5.17

Were all delegations to committees within the limits specified in section 5.17 of the Local Government Act 1995?

Response: N/A

Comments: No Delegations were made to Committees

s. 5.18

Were all delegations to committees recorded in a register of delegations?

Response: N/A

Comments: No Delegations were made to Committees

s. 5.36(4) and s. 5.37(3)

Were all CEO and/or senior employee vacancies advertised in accordance with Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, regulation 18A?

Response: Yes

s. 5.37(2)

Did the CEO inform council of each proposal to employ or dismiss senior employee?

Response: N/A

Comments: There was no employment or dismissal of Executive Management

Where council rejected a CEO's recommendation to employ or dismiss a senior employee, did it inform the CEO of the reasons for doing so?

Response: N/A

Comments: There was no employment or dismissal of Executive Management

s. 5.39B

Has the local government adopted and maintained model standards that incorporate the prescribed model standards within required timeframes (including amendments), ensured adoption by absolute majority, published an up-to-date version on its official website, and avoided including any inconsistent additional provisions?

Response: Yes

s. 5.42

Were all delegations to the CEO resolved by an absolute majority?

Response: Yes

Were all delegations to the CEO in writing?

Response: Yes

s. 5.43

Did the powers and duties delegated to the CEO exclude those listed in section 5.43 of the Local Government Act 1995?

Response: Yes

s. 5.44(2)

Were all employees delegated authority by the CEO under Section 5.44(1), issued with a written instrument of delegation?

Response: Yes

s. 5.45(1)(b)

Were all decisions by the Council to amend or revoke a delegation made by absolute majority?

Response: Yes

s. 5.46

Has the CEO kept a register of all delegations made under Division 4 of the Act to the CEO and to employees?

Response: Yes

Were all delegations made under Division 4 of the Act reviewed by the delegator at least once during the 2024/2025 financial year?

Response: Yes

Did all persons exercising a delegated power or duty under the Act keep, on all occasions, a written record in accordance with Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, regulation 19?

Response: Yes

s. 5.50

If the local government paid a finishing employee an amount in addition to their entitlement, did the local government follow a policy it had adopted and published on its website outlining the circumstances in relation to payments made to terminated employees?

Response: N/A

Comments: No such events occurred

If the local government made a payment to a finishing employee that is more than the amount set out in the policy, was local public notice given?

Response: N/A

Comments: No such events occurred

s. 5.51A

Has the CEO prepared and implemented a code of conduct to be observed by employees of the local government?

Response: Yes

Has the CEO published an up-to-date version of the code of conduct for employees on the local government's website?

Response: Yes

s. 5.67

Where a council member disclosed an interest in a matter and did not have participation approval under sections 5.68 or 5.69 of the Local Government Act 1995, did the council member ensure that they did not remain present to participate in discussion or decision making relating to the matter?

Response: Yes

s. 5.68(2)

Were all decisions regarding participation approval in relation to Section 5.68(2), including the extent of participation allowed and, where relevant, the information required by the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 21A, recorded in the minutes of the relevant council or committee meeting?

Response: N/A

Comments: Item 9.1.4 of the Nov 2025 meeting related to that year's community funding program. All 6 sitting Councillors declared an impartiality interest as they were members or office bearers of community groups applying for funding. There was no resolution of an interest in common or such like.

s. 5.69(5)

Were all decisions regarding participation approval in relation to Section 5.69(5), including the extent of participation allowed recorded in the minutes of the relevant council or committee meeting?

Response: N/A

Comments: No such occurrence occurred

s. 5.70

Where an employee had an interest in any matter in respect of which the employee provided advice or a report directly to council or a committee, did that person disclose the nature and extent of that interest when giving the advice or report?

Response: Yes

s. 5.71B(5) and (7)

Where council applied to the Minister to allow the CEO to provide advice or a report to which a disclosure under section 5.71A(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 relates, did the application include details of the nature of the interest disclosed and any other information required by the Minister for the purposes of the application?

Response: N/A

Comments: No application was made to the Minister

Was any decision made by the Minister under section 5.71B(6) of the Local Government Act 1995, recorded in the minutes of the council meeting at which the decision was considered?

Response: N/A

Comments: No application was made to the Minister

s. 5.73

Were disclosures under sections 5.65, 5.70 or 5.71A(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the disclosures were made?

Response: Yes

s. 5.75

Was a primary return in the prescribed form lodged by all relevant persons within three months of their start day?

Response: Yes

s. 5.76

Was an annual return in the prescribed form lodged by all relevant persons by 31 August 2025?

Response: Yes

s. 5.77

On receipt of a primary or annual return, did the CEO, or the Mayor/President, as the case may be, give written acknowledgment of having received the return?

Response: Yes

s. 5.88

Did the CEO keep a register of financial interests which contained the returns lodged under sections 5.75 and 5.76 of the Local Government Act 1995?

Response: Yes

Did the CEO keep a register of financial interests which contained a record of disclosures made under sections 5.65, 5.70, 5.71 and 5.71A of the Local Government Act 1995, in the form prescribed in the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, regulation 28?

Response: Yes

After a person ceased to be a person required to lodge a return under sections 5.75 and 5.76 of the Local Government Act 1995, did the CEO remove from the register all returns relating to that person?

Response: Yes

Have all returns removed from the register in accordance with section 5.88(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 been kept for a period of at least five years after the person who lodged the return(s) ceased to be a person required to lodge a return?

Response: Yes

s. 5.89A

Did the CEO keep a register of gifts which contained a record of disclosures made under sections 5.87A and 5.87B of the Local Government Act 1995, in the form prescribed in the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, regulation 28A?

Response: Yes

Did the CEO publish an up-to-date version of the gift register on the local government's website?

Response: Yes

s. 5.90A

Did the local government prepare, adopt by absolute majority and publish an up-to-date version on the local government's website, a policy dealing with the attendance of council members and the CEO at events?

Response: Yes

s. 5.94

Does the local government have information available for members of the public to inspect, free of charge as prescribed under section 5.94 and Admin Reg 29, except where restricted under this section?

Response: Yes

s. 5.96

Where a person is entitled to inspect information under this Division, can the local government confirm that copies are available and that the price at which it sells copies does not exceed the cost of providing them, (unless prescribed otherwise)?

Response: Yes

s. 5.96A

Did the CEO publish information on the local government's website in accordance with sections 5.96A(1),(2), (3), and (4) of the Local Government Act 1995?

Response: Yes

s. 5.104

Did the local government prepare and adopt, by absolute majority, a code of conduct to be observed by council members, committee members and candidates that incorporates the model code of conduct?

Response: Yes

Did the local government adopt additional requirements in addition to the model code of conduct?

Response: No additional requirements were adopted

Has the CEO published an up-to-date version of the code of conduct for council members, committee members and candidates on the local government's website?

Response: Yes

s. 5.128

Did the local government prepare and adopt (by absolute majority) a policy in relation to the continuing professional development of council members?

Response: Yes

s. 7.12A(3), (4) and (5)

Where the local government determined that matters raised in the auditor's report prepared under section 7.9(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 required action to be taken, did the local government ensure that appropriate action was undertaken in respect of those matters?

Response: N/A

Comments: No matters were raised by the auditors

Where matters identified as significant were reported in the auditor's report, did the local government prepare a report that stated what action the local government had taken or intended to take with respect to each of those matters?

Response: N/A

Comments: No matters were raised by the auditors

Within 14 days after the local government gave a report to the Minister under section 7.12A(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, did the CEO publish a copy of the report on the local government's official website?

Response: N/A

Comments: No matters were raised by the auditors, so no reporting was required

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

r. 18F

Were the remuneration and other benefits paid to a CEO on appointment the same remuneration and benefits advertised for the position under section 5.36(4) of the Local Government Act 1995?

Response: N/A

Comments: No appointment occurred in 2025 (Current CEO was appointed 2026)

r. 19AB

Does the code of conduct contain the requirement that a local government employee (not including the CEO) must not accept a prohibited gift from an associated person?

Response: Yes

r. 19AC

Does the local government's code of conduct include requirements for the recording, storing, disclosure, and use of information relating to gifts accepted by local government employees (excluding the CEO) from associated persons, in accordance with regulatory requirements?

Response: Yes

r. 19AE

Does the local government's code of conduct include requirements addressing employee behaviour in the performance of duties, interactions with others, use and disclosure of information, use of local government resources and finances, the keeping of records, and the reporting and management of suspected breaches and misconduct, in accordance with regulatory requirements?

Response: Yes

r. 19B

Did the local government include in its annual report all information required under section 5.53(2)(g) and (i) and regulation 3A(2), including number of employee's in salary bands over \$130,000, remuneration and allowances paid, ordered payments, CEO remuneration, council member meeting attendance, available demographic information about council members, and details of any modifications to the strategic community plan or significant modifications to the corporate business plan?

Response: Yes

r. 19C

Has the local government adopted by absolute majority a strategic community plan?

Response: Yes

Comments: Adoption date or the date of the most recent review: 21/11/2024

r. 19DA

Has the local government reviewed its corporate business plan in accordance with Admin Regulation 19DA(4)?

Response: Yes

Comments: Date of most recent review: 17/04/2025

Does the corporate business plan comply with the requirements of Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 19DA(2) & (3)?

Response: Yes

r. 22

No response required. This is covered by s5.75.

r. 23

No response required. This is covered by s5.76.

r. 28

No response required. This is covered by s5.88(1).

r. 28A

No response required. This is covered by s5.89A(1).

r. 29

No response required. This is covered by s5.94.

r. 29C

Does the local government publish all prescribed information on its official website— including up-to-date policies, required details of council member and employee returns, council member fees and allowances, and relevant public notices—within the specified timeframes and in accordance with legislative requirements?

Response: Yes

r. 35

Has every local government council member completed and passed the Council Member Essentials course, consisting of the five required modules and delivered by an approved provider, within 12 months of being elected?

Response: Yes

r. 36

Does the local government appropriately identify and document council members who are exempt from the training requirements under section 5.126(1), including verifying that the member:

- has completed an approved course within the specified 5-year period prior to election, or
- completed the LGASS00002 Elected Member Skill Set before 1 July 2019 within the relevant timeframe, or
- qualifies for the transitional exemption applicable to council members in office at the commencement of the 2019 regulatory amendments?

Response: Yes

Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996

r. 10

Was the auditor's report for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 received by the local government within 30 days of completion of the audit?

Response: Yes

r. 17

Did the CEO review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the local government's systems and procedures in relation to risk management, internal control and legislative compliance in accordance with Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 regulation 17 within the three financial years prior to 31 December 2025?

Response: Yes

Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998

r. 11FA

Did the CEO provide the Minister a report as to the result of the election within 14 days of the declaration and in the form of Form 20 of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997, modified as necessary?

Response: Yes

r. 13

Were all required oaths, affirmations and declarations under section 2.42 (in relation to Commissioners) made in the correct form (Form 8), before the appropriate authorised person?

Response:

Comments: The Shire has no wards

Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997

r. 30G

Did the CEO establish and maintain an electoral gift register and ensure that all disclosure of gifts forms completed by candidates and donors and received by the CEO were placed on the electoral gift register at the time of receipt by the CEO and in a manner that clearly identifies and distinguishes the forms relating to each candidate in accordance with regulations 30G(1) and 30G(2) of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997?

Response: Yes

Did the CEO remove any disclosure of gifts forms relating to an unsuccessful candidate, or a successful candidate that completed their term of office, from the electoral gift register, and retain those forms separately for a period of at least two years in accordance with regulation 30G(4) of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997?

Response: N/A

Comments: No gifts were received

Did the CEO publish an up-to-date version of the electoral gift register on the local government's official website in accordance with regulation 30G(5) of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997?

Response: Yes

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

r. 5

Has the CEO ensured efficient systems and procedures are established under provisions set out in Financial Management Regulations 5(1)(a) to (g)?

Response: Yes

r. 6

Has the local government ensured that any employee delegated responsibility for day-to-day accounting or financial management operations is not also delegated the responsibility for conducting internal audits, reviewing their own duties, or for managing, directing or supervising someone who carries out these functions?

Response: Yes

r. 7

Did the local government ensure it has regard to the needs of the inhabitants of the district as a whole and not keep separate ward accounts or determine expenditure on the basis of revenue from a ward?

Response: Yes

r. 8

Does the local government maintain separate accounts with a bank or other financial institution for money to be held in the municipal fund, trust fund and for reserve account purposes?

Response: Yes

r. 9

Did the local government keep separate financial records for each trading undertaking and each major land transaction?

Response: N/A

Comments: There was no trading undertaking or major land transaction.

r. 11

Has the local government developed procedures for the authorisation of, and the payment of, accounts in accordance with Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 11(1), (2) and (3)?

Response: Yes

r. 12

Were payments made from the municipal fund or trust fund made by the CEO under a delegated authority or authorised, in accordance with regulation 13(2), in advance by a council resolution?

Response: Yes

r. 13

Can the local government confirm that, where the CEO has been delegated authority to make payments from the municipal or trust fund, the CEO prepared accurate monthly lists that are presented at the next ordinary council meeting and recorded in the minutes?

- includes the payee's name, payment amount, payment date, and sufficient information to identify each transaction where payments have already been made; or
- includes the payee's name, payment amount, sufficient information to identify each transaction, and the date of the council meeting (to which the list will be presented) for accounts requiring council approval.

Response: Yes

r. 13A

Did the local government prepare a list each month of all payments made using employee-authorised credit, debit or other purchasing cards, and include the payee's name, the amount of the payment, the date of the payment, sufficient information to identify the payment, and present the list at the next ordinary council meeting (and record in the minutes)?

Response: Yes

r. 19

Has the local government established and documented internal control procedures to enable identification of the nature and location of all investments and any related transactions?

Response: Yes

r. 19C

Has the local government ensured that all investments made under section 6.14(1) comply with statutory restrictions set out in Financial Management Reg. 19C?

Response: Yes

Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996

r. 7

No response required. This is covered by s3.59(2).

r. 9

No response required. This is covered by s3.59(2).

r. 10

No response required. This is covered by s3.59(2).

r. 11A

Did the local government comply with its current purchasing policy, adopted under the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, regulations 11A(1) and (3) in relation to the supply of goods or services where the consideration under the contract was, or was expected to be, \$250,000 or less or worth \$250,000 or less?

Response: Yes

r. 11

No response required. This is covered by s3.57.

r. 12

Did the local government consider the implications of Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 12 when deciding to enter into multiple contracts rather than a single contract?

Response: N/A

Comments: No major or multiple contracts were entered into

r. 14(1), (3) and (5)

If the local government sought to vary the information supplied to tenderers, was every reasonable step taken to give each person who sought copies of the tender documents, or each acceptable tenderer notice of the variation?

Response: Yes

r. 15

Did the local government's procedure for receiving and opening tenders comply with the requirements of Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 15 and 16?

Response: Yes

r. 16

No response required. This is covered by r. 15.

r. 17

Did the information recorded in the local government's tender register comply with the requirements of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 17 and did the CEO make the tenders register available for public inspection and publish it on the local government's official website?

Response: N/A

Comments: All purchases above \$250,000 were done through the eQuotes WALGA platform (with prequalified suppliers) and all records are retained, however a tender register is available of the shires website if the company went out this policy

r. 18(1) and (4)

Did the local government reject any tenders that were not submitted at the place, and within the time, specified in the invitation to tender?

Response: N/A

Comments: All purchases above \$250,000 were done through the eQuotes WALGA platform (with prequalified suppliers) and all records are retained

Were all tenders that were not rejected assessed by the local government via a written evaluation of the extent to which each tender satisfies the criteria for deciding which tender to accept?

Response: Yes

r. 19

Did the CEO give each tenderer written notice containing particulars of the successful tender or advising that no tender was accepted?

Response: Yes

r. 21

Does the local government's advertising and expression of interest processes for limiting who can tender comply with the requirements of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulations 21 and 22?

Response: N/A

Comments: All purchases above \$250,000 were done through the eQuotes WALGA platform (with prequalified suppliers) and all records are retained

r. 22

No response required. This is covered by r. 21.

r. 23

Did the local government reject any expressions of interest that were not submitted at the place, and within the time, specified in the notice or that failed to comply with any other requirement specified in the notice?

Response: N/A

Comments: No tenders were issued during the reporting period

Were all expressions of interest that were not rejected under the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 23(1) & (2) assessed by the local government? Did the CEO list each person as an acceptable tenderer?

Response: N/A

Comments: All purchases above \$250,000 were done through the eQuotes WALGA platform (with prequalified suppliers) and all records are retained

r. 24

Did the CEO give each person who submitted an expression of interest a notice in writing of the outcome in accordance with Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 24?

Response: Yes

r. 24AD(2), (4) and (6)

Did the local government invite applicants for a panel of pre-qualified suppliers via Statewide public notice in accordance with Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations 1996 regulations 24AD(4) and 24AE?

Response: Yes

Comments: All purchasing was made through WALGA's pre-approved supplier list

If the local government sought to vary the information supplied to the panel, was every reasonable step taken to give each person who sought detailed information about the proposed panel or each person who submitted an application notice of the variation?

Response: Yes

r. 24AE

No response required. This is covered by r. 24AD(2), (4) and (6).

r. 24AF

No response required. This is covered by r. 24AD(2), (4) and (6).

r. 24AG

Did the information recorded in the local government's tender register about panels of pre-qualified suppliers comply with the requirements of Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 24AG?

Response: N/A

Comments: All purchases above \$250,000 were done through the eQuotes WALGA platform (with prequalified suppliers) and all records are retained

r. 24AH(1) and (3)

Did the local government reject any applications to join a panel of prequalified suppliers that were not submitted at the place, and within the time, specified in the invitation for applications?

Response: N/A

Comments: All purchases above \$250,000 were done through the eQuotes WALGA platform (with prequalified suppliers), no late submissions were received

Were all applications that were not rejected assessed by the local government via a written evaluation of the extent to which each application satisfies the criteria for deciding which application to accept?

Response: Yes

r. 24AI

Did the CEO send each applicant written notice advising them of the outcome of their application?

Response: Yes

r. 24E

Where the local government gave regional price preference, did the local government comply with the requirements of Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 24E and 24F?

Response: Yes

r. 24F

No response required. This is covered by r. 24E.

I certify this is a true and accurate copy of the 2025 Compliance Audit Return, as adopted by Council at the meeting of _____ 2026.

CEO

Date

Mayor or President

Date