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Shire of

MUNDARING





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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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Shire of Mundaring respectfully acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation, who are the traditional custodians of this land. We acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the region.

'Mundaring Weir' Original artwork by Rohin Kickett
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ABOUT US

Shire of Mundaring is located on the eastern fringe of Perth, approximately 35 kilometres from the Perth CBD and spans a total land area of 644 km².

Nestled in the heart of the Perth Hills, the Shire is renowned for its stunning Jarrah forests, peaceful lakes and an extensive network of trails for walking, cycling and horse riding.

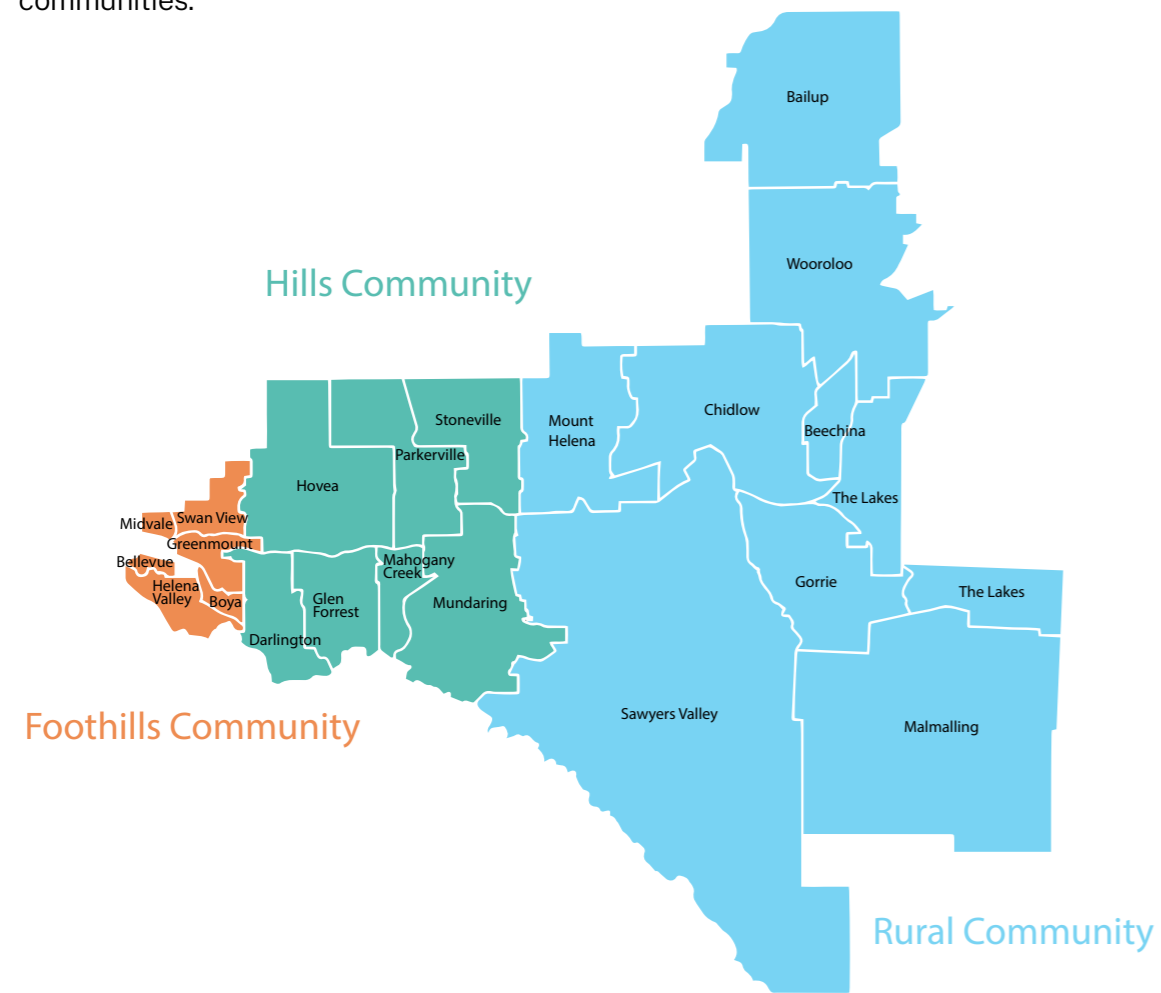
Nearly half of the shire is comprised of National Park, State Forest or water catchments. The largest industries are construction, manufacturing, rental hiring and real estate services.

With a variety of attractions and recreational opportunities, the shire encompasses three interconnected communities: the Foothills, Hills and Rural communities.

- **The Foothills** community offers the convenience of suburban housing amidst beautiful bushland and is well connected to the Helena River and John Forrest National Park. It includes Bellevue, Greenmount, Helena Valley, Midvale and Swan View.
- **The Hills** community is known for its unique village centres, peri-urban forested properties and boutique local businesses. It includes Boya, Darlington, Glen Forrest, Hovea, Mahogany Creek, Mount Helena, Mundaring, Parkerville, Sawyers Valley and Stoneville.
- **The Rural** community provides lifestyle options with small farm holdings and equestrian activities and is home to many of the shire's natural bushland reserves and Lake Leschenaultia. It includes Bailup, Beechina, Chidlow, Gorrie, Malmalling, The Lakes, and Wooroloo.

*The Noongar people were the original inhabitants of this region. The name Mundaring came from a local Aboriginal camp known as "Mundahring", meaning "a high place on a high place" in Noongar language.

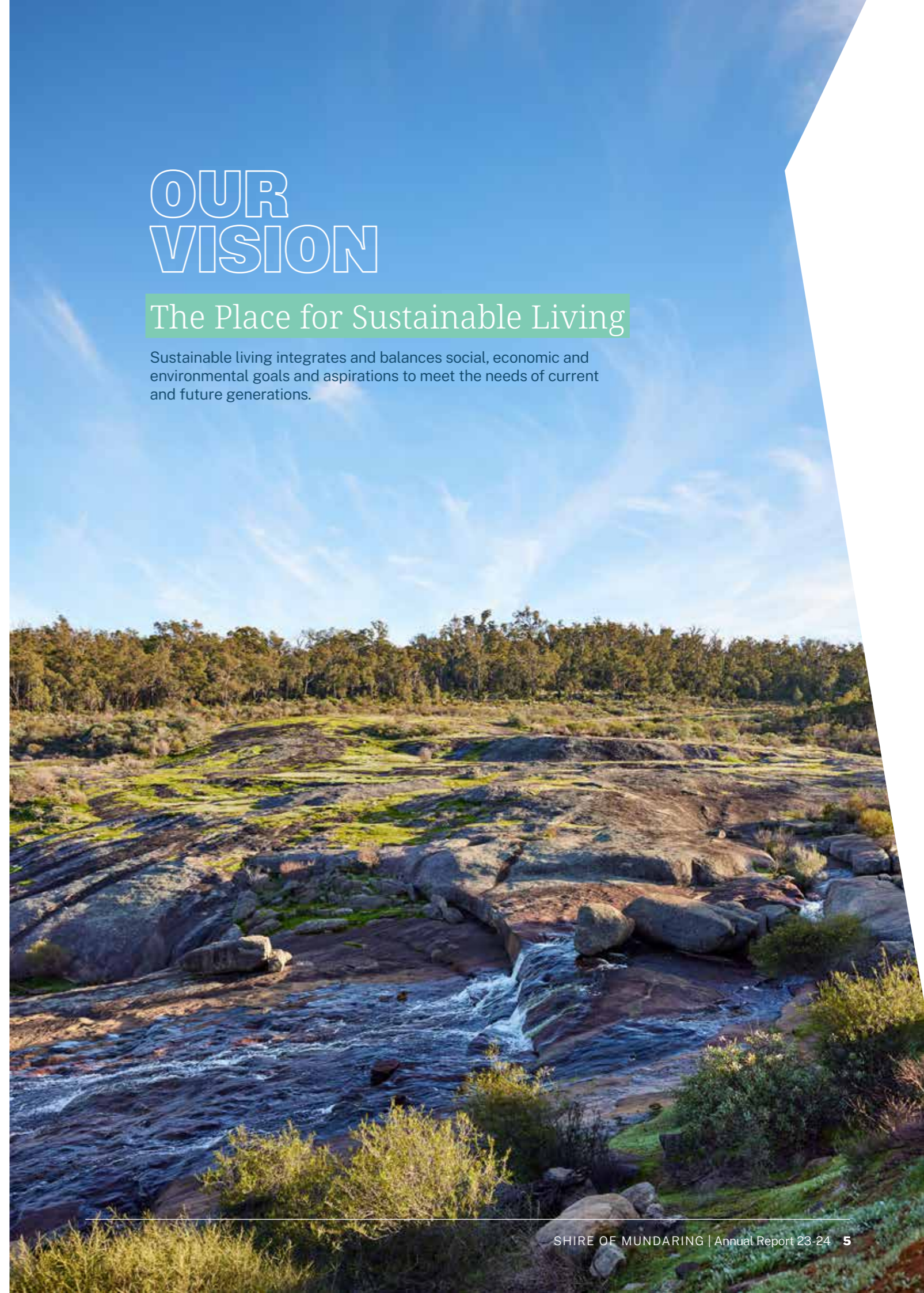
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OUR VISION

The Place for Sustainable Living

Sustainable living integrates and balances social, economic and environmental goals and aspirations to meet the needs of current and future generations.





SHIRE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Paige McNeil
Shire President

As the first community elected Shire President, I'm proud to share our progress highlighted in the 2023/2024 Annual Report.

Under the leadership of our new CEO Jason Whiteaker, Council embarked on an exciting journey with the launch of our Plan for the Future, designed to create a dynamic and contemporary Shire, founded on our shared values of Community Focus, Accountability, Respect, and Proactive Engagement.

I'm particularly proud that for the first time, every household in the shire was invited to provide feedback on what's working well and what needs improving, with 3014 community members sharing ideas and collaborating in workshops to help shape the future of our shire.

In addition to our traditional services, Council is committed to providing more opportunities for our community to come together. We've placed a strong focus on upgrading our recreational and sports facilities, which in many instances are old and no longer fit for purpose. We are also looking to develop more events to attract visitors to our shire and provide opportunities for our community to come together to enjoy all that our shire has to offer.

A major milestone was the announcement of the Mundaring Town Centre Revitalisation Project. Central to this initiative is the new Mundaring Cultural Hub which will showcase our local artists and artisans, celebrate our rich heritage and attract tourism. The multi-purpose Cultural Hub will include a contemporary library, art gallery, visitor centre, local history museum and community spaces. This vibrant community cultural hub will be the catalyst for economic growth, and will stimulate investment in retirement living, aged care and independent housing in the heart of Mundaring.

Our community can be assured we remain committed to protecting and enhancing our natural environment, ensuring our picturesque landscapes are accessible and enjoyed by residents and visitors. The challenge remains in managing our conservation responsibilities with ongoing bushfire mitigation works.

As your Shire President, I have continuously advocated for our community, ensuring our voices are amplified on key issues affecting us all.

Looking towards the 2025 elections, I see this as an opportunity to form effective partnerships to deliver major infrastructure projects and solutions to significant challenges.

Volunteering is the heart of our community and I'm pleased to report that our shire boasts a higher volunteer rate than the state average. The continued generosity and engagement of our community is truly inspirational.

As we reflect on the past year, I extend my sincere thanks to my fellow Councillors, CEO and staff for their ongoing support, dedication and contributions to our successes.

I'm excited to continue our work in partnership with our community as we strive to realise our vision of 'The Place for Sustainable Living'.

President Paige McNeil
Shire President



CEO'S MESSAGE

Jason Whiteaker
Chief Executive Officer

I am pleased to share highlights from a year of significant achievements. These accomplishments reflect the dedication of our staff and Council in serving our community.

This year marks my first nine months with the Shire, during which we reviewed our strategy, structure, systems and skills to better deliver on community priorities. A key milestone was adopting our new Council Plan for the Future, encompassing the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.

Developed through extensive public consultation and in collaboration with Council Members and staff, this plan provides clear direction for our organisation and community. Central to the plan are our new values: Community Focus, Respectful, Accountable and Proactive. These values guide our work as we embed them across the organisation to meet community aspirations.

We also introduced a new budgeting process, enabling Council to shape financial decision making.

The result is a balanced budget that addresses community needs while recognising local government constraints.

Delivering for Our Community
This year's ambitious Capital Works Program focused on projects with lasting benefits, including:

- Upgrading streetlights to energy efficient LEDs, reducing energy use and supporting sustainability goals.
- Rolling out FOGO waste services to improve waste management and sustainability.
- Upgrading Sawyers Valley Oval, improving drainage and reticulation for enhanced recreational use.
- Enhancing community spaces such as Glen Forrest Tennis Club, Brown Park Community Centre and Norris Park, making them more accessible and welcoming.
- Investing in Lake Leschenaultia to maintain its appeal as a treasured recreation destination.

We have also prioritised maintaining roads, footpaths and public spaces, supporting daily community needs while planning for a sustainable future.

Planning for Sustainable Growth

Our review of the Local Planning Scheme ensures future development aligns with State requirements and community aspirations. Council's decision to refocus Stoneville from urban development to rural residential reflects our commitment to sustainability, bushfire risk mitigation, and heritage preservation.

A Busy Year Ahead

As we enter 2024/25, we will continue aligning our structure with Council's strategy and deliver outcomes through our business improvement program. This work will enhance our understanding of processes and drive improvements.

I look forward to leading the Shire through another year of progress as a proactive, community focused organisation, building a shire that realises its vision for sustainable living.

Jason Whiteaker
Chief Executive Officer



OUR COUNCIL

For the first time in its 120 year history, Shire of Mundaring elected two women into leadership roles on Council. Cr Paige McNeil became the first Shire President to be voted in directly by electors. Cr Trish Cook was voted in as Deputy Shire President by fellow Councillors on Tuesday 31 October.

Council generally holds one Ordinary Council Meeting each month. These meetings are open to the public, with the *Local Government Act* and the Shire's Meeting Procedures Local Law guiding how meetings are conducted.

In 2023/24, Council held 12 Ordinary Council Meetings and six Special Council Meetings. Detailed work of Council is conducted through the operation of its committees. Shire of Mundaring's Council Members serve on these committees that examine matters of interest to the Shire:

- Audit and Risk Committee
- Australia Day Citizenship Awards Committee
- Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting
- CEO Performance Review Committee
- Annual Elector's Meeting
- Environmental Advisory Group
- Grants Selection Committee
- Governance Committee
- Local Emergency Management Committee.

Following the reforms to the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Shire reduced its number of Councillors from 12 to nine during the October 2023 Local Government Ordinary Elections.

Our shire now comprises four wards with eight Council Members, two members representing each ward and one community elected Shire President. While each Council Member represents a particular ward, their role is to consider the current and future interests of the entire district, as a member of a Board.



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FUTURE DIRECTION

The Shire's Council Plan 2024-2034 'Our Plan for the Future' is an integrated Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan consolidated into one document and is central to how Council implements its strategic direction.



It articulates the community's vision, outcomes and strategic priorities for the next 10 years and outlines the Shire's four year delivery program. The Plan will be reviewed annually to ensure continued relevance in a changing environment.

The Council Plan has been developed based on extensive community consultation carried out in 2024 when 3014 community members provided detailed feedback on their needs, aspirations, priorities and perceptions of current services and facilities.

This Plan describes:

- The Shire's current services
- The community's aspirations for the Shire of Mundaring
- The Council's plan to achieve and resource its objectives
- How success will be measured and reported

3014

community members provided detailed feedback

Key performance areas

To become the place for sustainable living, Council will strive to meet community needs, aspirations and priorities in five key performance areas:

- **Sustainable Environments** covers all aspects of natural resource management, from the tree canopy, nature reserves, waterways and wildlife, to the management of waste, energy, water, environmental health and natural disasters.
- **Sustainable Communities** covers all aspects of community health and wellbeing, from youth, family and seniors' services to access and inclusion, sport and recreation, culture and the arts, community safety, responsible animal ownership and volunteering.
- **Sustainable Places** covers the built form, from urban planning and building services, to housing, built heritage, streetscapes and verges, roads, footpaths, trails and cycleways, parks and playgrounds, community buildings, toilets, transport and parking.
- **Sustainable Economies** covers all aspects of economic development, including the development of town centres and village hubs, tourism, events and place activation, business support services, life-long learning and library services.
- **Sustainable Governance** covers all aspects of delivering effective local government from Council's leadership, financial, risk and asset management, and human resources through to community engagement, communications and customer service.



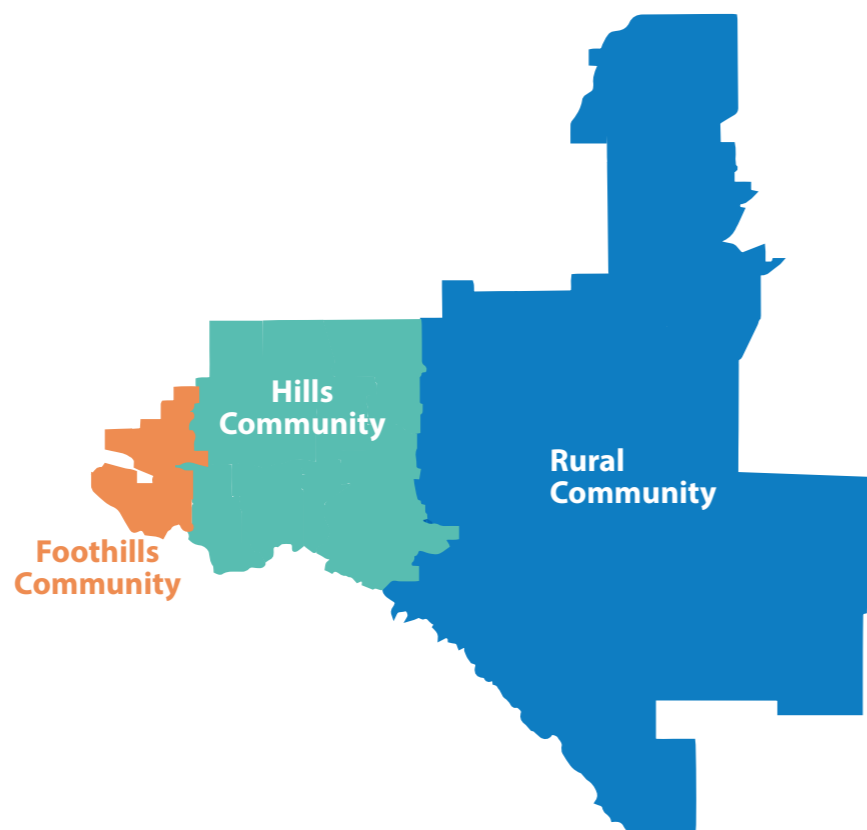
Perth Hills Mundaring Visitor Centre

The Place for Sustainable Living

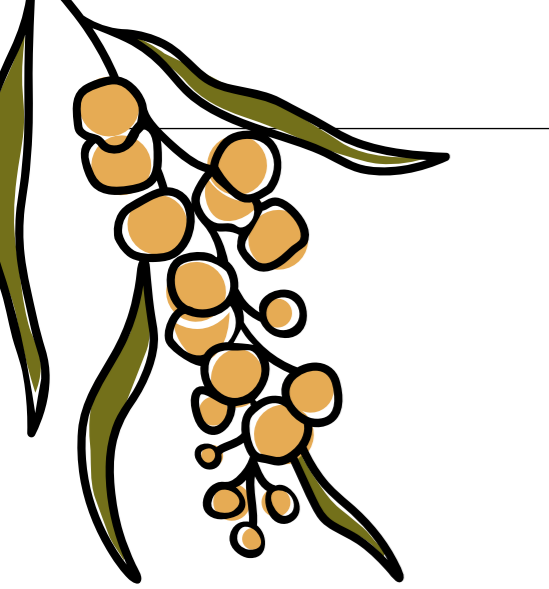
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Place based approach

Based on feedback from the community, the Shire now takes a place based approach to service the unique needs of our three connected communities, each of which have special and distinct characteristics and needs.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



This Annual Report details Shire of Mundaring's progress against the strategic objectives contained in the Strategic Community Plan 2020 – 2030 and the Corporate Business Plan 2022/2023 – 2025/26.



GOVERNANCE

2358

jobs attended by Rangers

17,396

in-person enquiries at reception

47

Council and committee meetings

\$2.9 million

of Capital Grants received

1210

pool inspections

COMMUNITY



Together these formed the blueprint for the future across four areas:

- Community
- Governance
- Built Environment
- Natural Environment

The following pages provide a snapshot of highlights from each of these areas for the reporting year.

41,421

residents

115,351

Aquatic Centre entries

97,823 | **8251**
Bilgoman | Mt Helena

9277

Shire hours plus school entries

13,569

campers at Lake Leschenaultia

110,638

Library visits

211,908

physical library items issued to patrons

66,021

library eResources issued to patrons

1,452

volunteer hours at the libraries

1657

new library members

119

media releases distributed

1,251,613

page views on the Shire's website

3

major events

9309

venue bookings for community facilities

70

weekly attendees at activities at the Hub of the Hills

629

attendees at Active Ageing Network events at the Hub of the Hills





BUILT ENVIRONMENT



\$2.1 million

property maintenance program

\$467.7 million

total asset value managed

\$3 million

civil works maintenance program

335

development applications determined

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



268.71 tonnes

recycled through Bulk Verge Collection

13,312.50 tonnes

recycled at Mathieson Road and Coppin Road Community Recycling Centres

5.24 million

containers were recycled through the Containers for Change program at Coppin Road refund point

15,000

new FOGO bins ordered

15,000

kitchen caddies ordered

1889.44 tonnes

recycled from kerbside recycling bins collected

3905

successful Seedlings for Landcare program applications

27,240

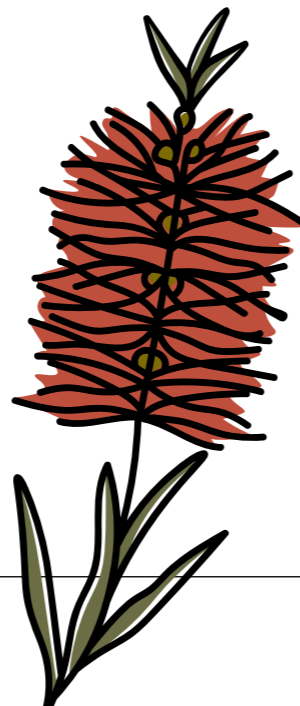
seedlings distributed to applicants

\$4.2 million

parks and maintenance programs

479

participants at environmental education workshops



VOLUNTEERING AND AWARDS





Inspirational Volunteers Award

Volunteers

Census records revealed that we have **6018** volunteers, which is higher than the average across Perth and Peel, reflecting the strong community spirit in this shire.

Volunteers dedicate their time and efforts for the benefit of the community, saving the Shire and ratepayers significant costs. Below is a snapshot of the hours committed by our volunteers in the 23/24 financial year:

- 250,175 hours contributed by 10 Volunteer Bushfire Brigades and the SES. This represents \$12,848,900 per annum replacement cost to the Shire.
- 2110 annual hours across the Shire's libraries, Perth Hills Mundaring Visitor and Hub of the Hills. This equates to \$108,369 replacement cost to the Shire.

Citizenship Awards

The Shire's annual Citizenship Awards recognises excellence in our volunteers. This year the following volunteers were awarded:

INSPIRATIONAL VOLUNTEERS AWARD Mundaring Hills Open Studios Organising Team

Every year local artists open their studios to share their work and creative environment with visitors. The event showcases 65 artists across 37 studios drawing 4000 visitors and generating \$400,000 in art sales. The dedicated team of 12 volunteers have collectively contributed thousands of hours to deliver this exceptional event which celebrated its 13th year in 2023.

ACCESS MUNDARING AWARD Shanti Wilbers

Over seven years with the Mundaring Toy Library, Shanti's leadership has attracted funds for renovations and new toys, and transformed the library into a vital community hub, fostering strong bonds among local families.

LONG SERVICE AWARD Tom Burbidge

Tom has served as a Scout leader, business owner and secretary of the Mundaring Residents and Ratepayers Progress Association, making him a selfless contributor who has significantly enriched the Mundaring community.

LONG SERVICE AWARD Jenny Johnson

Jenny has been involved with Jane Brook Catchment Group, Friends of the Bridle Trail, Brookside Park, Falls Park, and Wedgetail Reserve. Her commitment extends to the Parkerville Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, Eastern Hills Wildflower Society and Mundaring and Hills Historical Society.

Notable mentions Friends of Reserves Groups

Our volunteers undertake vital landcare and bushcare activities to protect and restore natural areas. The Shire has 76 registered Friends of Reserves Groups with 193 registered volunteers who contributed 4660 hours (worth \$233,000 in value to our community). Some also assist local catchment groups for the Helena River, Jane Brook and Susannah Brook, helping oversee the ecological health of water catchment areas feeding into local tributaries. Thirty one Friends and Catchment Groups received a total of 3905 seedlings through the 2024 Seedlings for Landcare Program.

Bilgoman Aquatic Centre

Four Bilgoman Aquatic Centre employees have been recognised for bravery by the Royal Life Saving Society for saving a toddler from drowning – Tyler Parish, Flynn Throssell, Sophie Eden and Jessica Nalder.



Bill Volich with Shire Director Infrastructure Shane Purdy

Volich Waste Services

Bill Volich of Volich Waste Services was honoured for his lifelong dedication to the Shire. The company has partnered with the Shire for almost half a century, always going the extra mile, offering residential, bulk bins and park waste collection services, and managing the waste transfer stations at Coppin and Mathieson Road.

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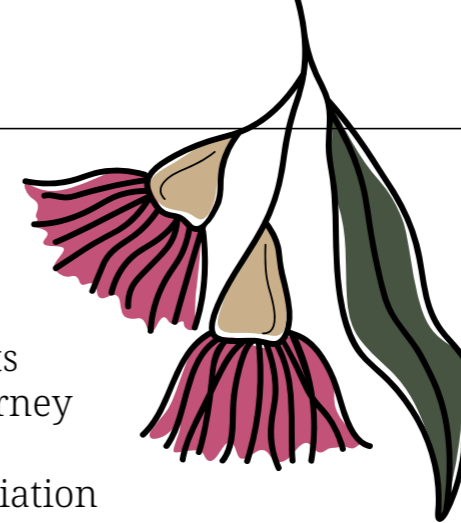


Members of the Sawyers Valley Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

PATH TO RECONCILIATION



The Shire began its reconciliation journey in 2021, and an Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) was endorsed by Council and Reconciliation Australia in 2022.



We aim to improve our relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

Shire of Mundaring is committed to having an active role in reconciliation. It is our intent to address the lack of understanding and redress the impact of past policies and practices that have contributed to the inequities that exist today for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We aim to improve our relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, celebrate culture and be guided by respectful partnerships.

The RAP's two year action plan identifies key priorities, future service requirements, aspirations and community activities that support and enhance reconciliation in the Shire.

This is achieved through:

- Building and encouraging relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, communities, organisations and the broader Australian community
- fostering and embedding respect for one of the world's longest surviving cultures and communities, and;
- developing opportunities within our organisation or services to improve socioeconomic outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

Highlights of how the Shire contributed to reconciliation in 2023/24 included:

- **NAIDOC Week celebrations** featuring a school holiday activity held at Boya Community Centre on the morning of Friday 7 July 2023. Young people from the shire aged seven to 12 years attended an animal mosaics workshop where they each created their own Australian animal using magnetic foam with the help of Aboriginal artist Kerri-Ann Taggart.





Northam Cultural Centre



Darlington History Group receive a Lotterywest grant

- **A Visit to the Northam Aboriginal Cultural Centre** (Bilya Koort Boodja) was hosted in June 2024, where residents learned about the rich culture of local Aboriginal people. Visitors learned about traditional practices, art, environment and stories from knowledgeable guides who led participants in interactive activities that deepened their understanding of Aboriginal culture and heritage.

- **The Darlington Heritage Trail Masterplan** developed by the Darlington History Group, recalls both Aboriginal and European history. This 2.5 km Heritage Walk Trail, funded by a \$152,510 grant from Lotterywest, features 31 interpretive signs at 21 sites.

Guided by insights from local Aboriginal elders, the trail aims to build awareness, appreciation and understanding of Darlington's unique history, enhancing the community's sense of belonging and identity. Shire of Mundaring will assist in the construction of the trail in 2024/25.



CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES





A \$1.9M LED streetlight conversion has begun, saving \$350,000 annually in energy costs and cutting emissions.

Shire Administration Building Solar panels

Emission Reduction Strategy 2024

Our Emission Reduction Strategy 2024 sets a new target of 70 per cent lower emissions than at the 2016/2017 baseline by 2030 and identifies the actions that will help the Shire to achieve that target.

Actions include:

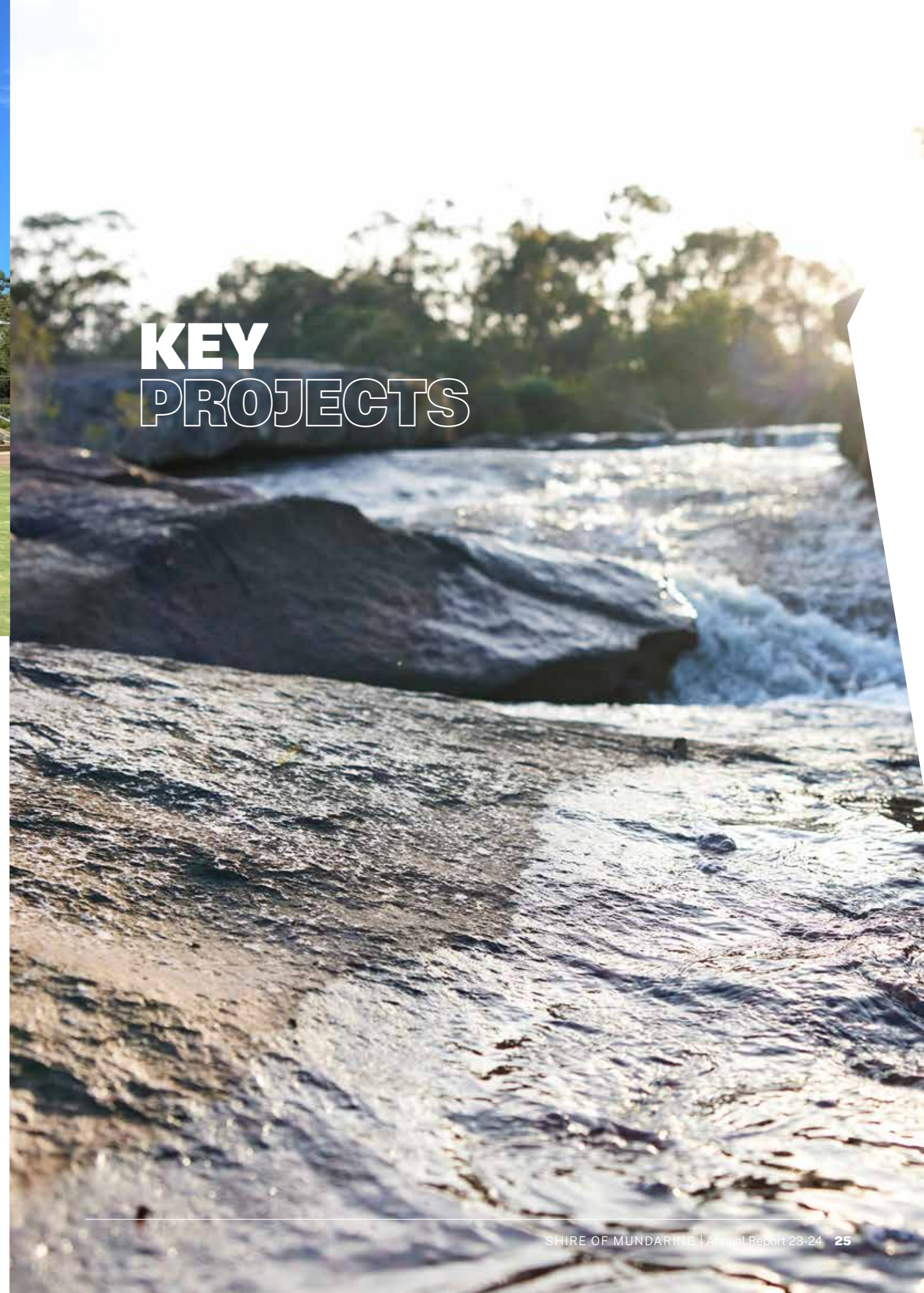
- developing a low emissions fleet transition plan
- further improving energy efficiencies and adding more renewable energy to community facilities
- prioritising sustainable design and energy efficiency in all new construction projects.

Progress includes:

- Solar panels are powering the Mundaring Arena, Boya Community Centre and Shire Administration Centre, delivering significant energy savings.

- Real-time solar energy production data is now live on our website, keeping everyone informed.
- Six new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations will be installed by the end of 2024, alongside EV fleet upgrades.
- A \$1.9M LED streetlight conversion has begun, saving \$350,000 annually in energy costs and cutting emissions — a project funded largely by federal grants.
- Through Switch Your Thinking and ClimateClever, residents, schools, and businesses can access discounts and tools to boost their sustainability efforts.

KEY PROJECTS





Architect's impression of the Mundaring Cultural Hub.

Bushfire management Fuel loads

In November 2023, the Shire's innovative Bushfire Area Access Strategy earned statewide recognition, winning a Local Government Professionals award for reducing entrapment risks in bushfire-prone areas. By addressing access challenges and ensuring two evacuation routes during emergencies, the strategy significantly enhances community safety.

This achievement not only supports safer outcomes for residents but has also guided cost-effective solutions in previously challenging locations. The strategy influences key areas of Shire operations, from road improvements to fire break inspections, while fostering community awareness about bushfire risks and collective safety. Its success has even led to collaboration with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to shape state guidelines and templates.

In December 2023, the Shire secured a \$240,000 State Government grant to reduce bushfire risks in Chidlow, Mundaring, Mahogany Creek and at Lake Leschenaultia. Works included removing dead vegetation, pruning trees, clearing fire access ways and controlling weeds to lower fuel loads. Forestry mulching was carried out in key areas to further enhance safety.

We thank residents who have supported these efforts by managing fire hazards on their properties, as outlined in the Shire's Firebreak and Fuel Load Notices, and encourage continued collaboration through initiatives like the "Verges, A Shared Responsibility" campaign.

Looking ahead, \$327,000 in additional funding will support 16 new mitigation projects in priority areas during 2024/25. With over \$2.5 million secured since 2018, the Shire remains committed to proactive bushfire risk management, guided by its reviewed Bushfire Risk Management Plan and Bushfire Area Access Strategy.

Mundaring Cultural Hub

As part of the Mundaring Town Centre Revitalisation, Council endorsed a concept sketch for the Mundaring Cultural Hub and precinct, selecting Option B – Circular (West) as the preferred design. This choice reflects the community's vision for a welcoming circular community space that seamlessly connects key areas like Sculpture Park, Craig Street and Jacoby Street, while supporting development along Mundaring Weir Road.

The proposed Multi-Purpose Community Facility will bring together important services like the Albert Facey Memorial Library, Mundaring Arts Centre and other civic and community groups under one roof. This design emerged from extensive community input, including surveys, forums and a deliberative panel, ensuring it meets local needs.

With a community-driven planning phase underway, the next steps include refining the design, operational modelling, land assembly work, precinct improvements and securing funding. Construction is expected to begin in 2026 delivering a vibrant cultural hub for all.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Original artwork by Brenton See



ROAR program

Your Rates at Work

Informed by community engagement and guided by local priorities reflected in our Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030, below is a list of key projects we have delivered for you during the 2023/24 financial year.

Community

Community wellbeing and connection were at the heart of the Shire's efforts this financial year, with a diverse range of programs and events designed to bring people together and support residents of all ages. The Shire continued to provide high quality services, including libraries and community centres, fostering a sense of belonging and inclusion. Programs such as youth activities, cultural celebrations and volunteer support have strengthened the social fabric of the community, ensuring a vibrant and inclusive environment for all.

ROAR program

In July 2023 the Shire sponsored young people under its Youth Engagement Partnership Fund to attend the ROAR program at Helena College, Mundaring Christian College, Eastern Hills Senior High School and Swan View Senior High School. ROAR empowers students to build confidence, set meaningful goals, and strengthen essential life skills like communication, emotional resilience, and teamwork. By fostering positivity and personal growth, the program helps young people thrive both in and out of the classroom.

Youth Informing Strategy

The Shire partnered with the Youth Affairs Council of WA to assist in the development of its new Youth Informing Strategy, ensuring young voices were at the heart of the process. Extensive community consultation was undertaken in order to gather valuable insights on their needs and priorities.

In an exciting approach, six local young people aged 15 to 25 were hired as peer researchers, each bringing their unique perspectives to the Strategy's development. This collaborative effort aims to help the Shire better understand what matters most to its young people and identify actions to create vibrant, inclusive communities where young people can thrive in the years ahead.

Photography Competition

Shire of Mundaring libraries and the Mundaring and Hills Historical Society proudly presented the Relics, Wrecks and Renos photo competition. The entrants captured the essence of the shire's rich heritage, with outstanding submissions presented by participants.

Dr Helen Brash, Shire President Paige McNeil and Mr Ian Chills selected the winning entries and those highly commended were displayed at the Mundaring and Hills Historical Society Museum in November 2023.

- Rhys Hall won top prize in the "Wrecks" category for his image of the Lacey Road Ruins in Parkerville. The ruins were said to be old convict ruins but were most likely an early hills cottage.
- Mark Hancock won the "Relics" category for his image captured in Wooroloo, titled 'An Old Crossing Water Way'

- Nicole Wilkins' 2018 image of Milperra Cottage in Mount Helena earned her the "Renos" category. The cottage was originally the headmaster's residence for the Lion Mill School. The building later became a playgroup venue. It is now a part of the Rise Network and called Milperra Cottage.

The photographs helped capture the shire's past and present eras for the Mundaring and Hills Historical Society's photographic collection for future generations to enjoy.

Pakerville Fire Support

Pakerville Hall was transformed into a social meeting space for residents affected by the Pakerville Fire. The Shire partnered with Stoneville Parkerville Progress Association, Department of Communities, Red Cross and

Youth Care chaplaincy service to provide a community drop in space for residents to find out information about bushfire recovery and preparedness and connect with community. The Shire is grateful to all our local community volunteers who assisted in caring for residents impacted by this fire. The event showcased our generous and warm hearted community, and was a timely reminder of the hazards presented by bushfires in the shire.

Welcoming New Citizens

A total of 128 local residents from around the world made their solemn oath of loyalty to Australia during the Shire's 2023/24 citizenship ceremonies. The new Australian citizens hailed from the following countries, adding much richness and diversity to our local community:

- Belgium
- Brazil
- China
- Colombia
- Cyprus
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Italy
- Kenya
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Northern Ireland
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Republic of Ireland
- Singapore
- South Africa
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- United Kingdom
- USA
- Vietnam
- Zimbabwe



Old Lacey Road Ruins



Community Connection Expo



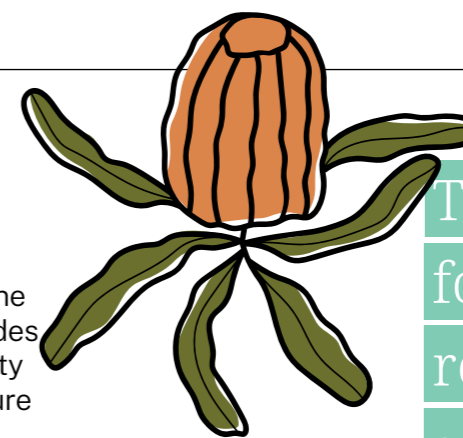
Community Grants Program

Shire of Mundaring's Community Grants Program supports local groups with funding for projects that strengthen our community. Through grants like the Quick Grant, Matching Grant, Milestone Event Grant, and Community Event Grant, we've helped fund equipment, facility upgrades and events.

Specialised grants, including the InspireArts Fund, Youth Grant and Volunteer Recognition Grant, celebrate arts, culture, young people and volunteer contributions. With opportunities open through the year, the program fosters the growth and independence of local clubs and groups.

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Grant type	Number of successful applicants	Total amount awarded to community
Community Event Grant	14	\$36,331
Milestone Event Grant	6	\$9225
Volunteer Recognition Event Grant	15	\$3600
InspireArts Community Creativity and Cultural Fund	3 community groups 2 individual artists	\$8000
Matching Grant	25	\$30,621
Quick Grant	52	\$21,653
Youth Grant	38	\$7300



These activities focus on building resilience, increasing social connection and supporting wellbeing.

Engage Mundaring

Our Engage Mundaring online engagement platform provides an opportunity for community to join us in shaping the future of the Shire of Mundaring by reviewing and providing their valuable feedback on our projects, proposals and initiatives.

How has community engaged with us this year?

- Over 13,000 visitors to the Engage Mundaring site
- 136 new site registrations bringing the total registrations to 1578
- Community have had their say on 28 different projects

Capacity Building

Through a customer focused approach the Shire has developed and delivered a range of community capacity building activities in collaboration with local community groups, community leaders and key partners. These activities focus on building resilience, increasing social connection and supporting wellbeing.

The following is a list of capacity building activities:

- Delivery of Community Connection Expo during Seniors Week
- Recognising volunteers at a Celebrating Communities Showcase event
- Over 70's Pneumococcal info session
- Supported a community champion to deliver a Creative Showcase event of local talent in the field of arts

- Informative sessions for older adults such as Advance Care Planning, My Aged Care, Estate Planning and Move Your Body injury prevention
- Workshops to support community groups with grant budgets and acquittals and member recruitment
- RAC Bike Basics Workshop for local cyclists
- P-CEP (person-centred emergency planning) workshop to assist people with disability to plan for emergencies.

Governance

Good governance remains a cornerstone of the Shire's operations, with a focus on transparency, accountability and strong leadership. In 23/24, the Shire upheld its commitment to ethical decision making and responsible financial management. Key governance improvements included updating policies and procedures and enhancing community consultation processes.

The Shire continued to work closely with stakeholders and local groups, ensuring that decisions reflect the needs and aspirations of the community while delivering long-term benefits.

Adoption of Corporate Business Plan

Council adopted the Corporate Business Plan 2023/24 to 2026/27, building on the vision set in the Strategic Community Plan 2020 to 2030. Despite challenges like rising costs, contractor shortages and staffing difficulties, the Shire remains committed to delivering community priorities while keeping rates as low as possible. The plan recognises that the community is also experiencing many of the same difficulties, including significant cost of living pressures. Shire of Mundaring's Corporate Business Plan 2023/24 to 2026/27 is available to download from our website or can be viewed at the Shire Administration Building.

Community Leases Policy

Seeking to be responsive to community needs, in August 2023, the Shire sought feedback on its Community Leases Policy, including maintenance responsibilities, fees, outgoings and insurances. This policy aims to ensure Shire owned facilities are well utilised, offering opportunities that reflect local needs and support diverse, engaging activities for everyone in the community.

Local Government Elections

Local Government elections delivered even greater diversity and saw women elected to the Shire's two main leadership roles for the first time. The results saw three returning council members and one new council member. Central Ward Councillor Paige McNeil, who has been the Shire's Deputy President since 2021, was elected as Shire President, with Councillor Trish Cook confirmed as Deputy Shire President. Three candidates contested the Central Ward seat with Prapti Mehta winning the Central Ward seat for a term of four years. Councillor Doug Jeans' votes meant he filled the vacant seat left by Councillor McNeil for a two-year term. Two candidates contested for the East Ward seat with returning Councillor John Daw being elected for a new four-year term. The new Council balances the wisdom and experience of long-serving elected members with the vibrancy and energy of new faces.

Review of Local Laws

The Shire completed a review of the appropriateness of its current local laws. The review found that eight local laws were appropriate but may be subject to minor amendments in the future. Further, it found that two local laws required amendment, however these were subject to changes to state government legislation for this to occur, while one local law was repealed:

- The Shire's *Meeting Procedures Local Law 2015* will be amended once the State Government sets standardised meeting procedures for all Local Governments.



President McNeil and Jason Whiteaker

- The *Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2013* will be amended after changes to the *Bush Fires Act 1954* or creates new emergency services legislation. Council has advocated to the Western Australian Local Government Association via East Metropolitan Regional Zone, as well as the WA Local Government Association that the model *Bush Fire Brigades local law* be reviewed to address issues raised by the community.
- The *Keeping of Cats Local Law 2015* will be repealed when the State Government amends the *Cat Act 2011*. The Shire is calling for stronger regulations to protect wildlife from cats. In the meantime, cat owners are encouraged to practice responsible ownership, including desexing, microchipping and keeping cats indoors or using containment solutions to protect both cats and wildlife.

Annual Electors Meeting

At its Annual Electors Meeting, held at the Boya Community Centre, Council considered and then carried 19 motions addressing various areas of interest to community members. Residents raised a range of issues for consideration, including FOGO (Food Organics/ Garden Organics), the North Stoneville Structure Plan 34 and upgrades to community facilities.

At its Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 9 April, Council carried the 19 motions with recommendations to be viewed via the Council Meetings, Agendas and Minutes page on our website.

Review of Lake Leschenaultia Bushfire Season protocol

The Shire adopted a more flexible approach to guide the closure of Lake Leschenaultia on days of extreme and catastrophic fire danger.

Due to discrepancies between the Bureau of Meteorology and Department of Fire and Emergency Services ratings and local conditions, the Shire's CEO will now have authority to use his discretion to determine Lake closures.

Further safety measures are being considered as part of an independent risk assessment that may reduce the need for Lake closures, including addressing concerns about one way access in and out of the area.

Shire Welcomed new CEO

In October 2023, the Shire welcomed Jason Whiteaker as its new Chief Executive Officer. With 29 years of experience in local government, including 19 years at the Shire of Collie and most recently as CEO of the Shire of Northam.

Excited to lead the Shire forward, Mr Whiteaker also thanked outgoing CEO Jonathan Throssell, who has taken up the role of CEO at the Town of East Fremantle.

Built Environment

Throughout the financial year, Shire of Mundaring successfully delivered a range of essential infrastructure projects aimed at improving community amenities, enhancing public safety and supporting sustainable development across the region. These works are an integral part of the Shire's commitment to maintaining and enhancing community spaces for the benefit of all residents.

LED Streetlights

The \$1.9M LED streetlight conversion project, which began in Wooroloo in late 2023, represents a significant step toward enhancing environmental sustainability across the shire. Approved by Council in 2022, the project reflects a strong commitment to reducing energy consumption and addressing climate challenges.

The new energy efficient lights will not only save \$350,000 annually in electricity costs but also substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to the Shire's environmental goals. The initiative expanded to the Great Eastern Highway in January and Sawyers Valley and Mt Helena in March 2024. Supported by a \$1.4M grant from the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program Fund and \$500,000 from Shire Reserves, the project underscores the Shire's dedication to building a greener future.



Top: Lake Leschenaultia signage at new shelter
Above: New Broz Park Playground and Exercise Area



Lake Leschenaultia Playground



Designed by Nature Play Solutions, the playground also incorporates natural elements such as shade trees, native plants and soft fall mulch.

North Stoneville Structure Plan 34

The Shire has consistently opposed the draft North Stoneville Structure Plan 34, citing concerns over bushfire risk, safe evacuation and traffic impacts. Shire President Paige McNeil and Deputy Trish Cook addressed these issues in a deputation to the WA Planning Commission (WAPC) on 23 November 2023, supported by 22 verbal and nine written submissions.

This decision reflects years of Council and community advocacy against urban development in this bushfire prone area. The WAPC found that the plan failed to demonstrate adequate safety measures, highlighting the need for planning that prioritises community safety and environmental conservation.

RoadWise Program

As a RoadWise Council, the Shire is committed to road safety for all users and wildlife. Temporary Speed Display Signs were installed at three key locations: Cook Street in Mount Helena, Byfield Road in Parkerville and Richardson Road in Stoneville, reminding drivers of the 50km/h speed limit in areas where families often walk and wildlife are present.

These signs, provided by WALGA's RoadWise program, are part of the Shire's broader efforts to enhance road safety, including distributing "Consider Our Kids - Please Slow Down" stickers for local rubbish bins. This initiative helps raise awareness and keeps our community safe.

New Playground at Lake Leschenaultia

A new playground at Lake Leschenaultia celebrates the area's history as a railway reservoir, with features inspired by steam locomotives, including a train engine, carriages and a station platform. Designed by Nature Play Solutions, the playground also incorporates natural elements such as shade trees, native plants and soft fall mulch.

This playground completes the \$436,500 Visitor Improvement Program, which also included a designated swimming area, automated exit gate, replacement shelter at the main beach, information boards featuring local artist Brenton See's work, and other upgrades. The project was jointly funded by the Shire and the Federal Government's Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources Building Better Regions Fund, making the Lake an even better summer destination for all.

Child Care Premises and Family Day Care Local Planning Policy

A policy to ensure child care premises are appropriately designed for the health and safety of children attending early childhood education and care services has been adopted. The Child Care Premises and Family Day Care Local Planning Policy provides a framework for the location, design and operation of Child Care Premises and Family Day Cares.

Broz Park Upgrades

Broz Park now features a new all abilities playground, offering a safe, shady space for young people to play. The fenced junior playground includes a flying fox, pendulum swing, fitness hub, extra seating and bicycle racks.

A big thank you to the Helena Valley Ratepayers Association for their dedication in developing the Broz Park Masterplan and lobbying to secure additional funding from Lotterywest. These upgrades complement other projects, including the 2022 wetland restoration and new amenities like a bird refuge island, toilet facilities and improved seating.

Scott Street Bridge Refurbishment

A significant investment in local infrastructure commenced in early 2024 with the refurbishment of the Scott Street Bridge in Helena Valley. The Shire extends its gratitude to residents for their patience during the works. Now completed, the refurbished bridge provides safe and smooth connections for residents travelling by foot, car or bicycle. In addition, Water Corporation commenced essential infrastructure upgrades with the replacement of a water main. A new 1.4m diameter pipeline will be installed from Talbot Road through Bushmead, the Lifestyle Village and Helena Valley Road to Scott Street.

Defibrillators

Thanks to a partnership between the Shire and Bendigo Community Bank Mundaring, defibrillators have been installed at Elsie Austin Pavilion in Mount Helena and Harry Riseborough Oval in Mundaring to support the new Walking Soccer Program at Perth Hills United Football Club. The Shire also funded the installation of new outdoor defibrillators at Chidlow Oval, Glen Forrest Oval and Wooroloo Hall, bringing the total number of defibrillators across the Shire to 23.

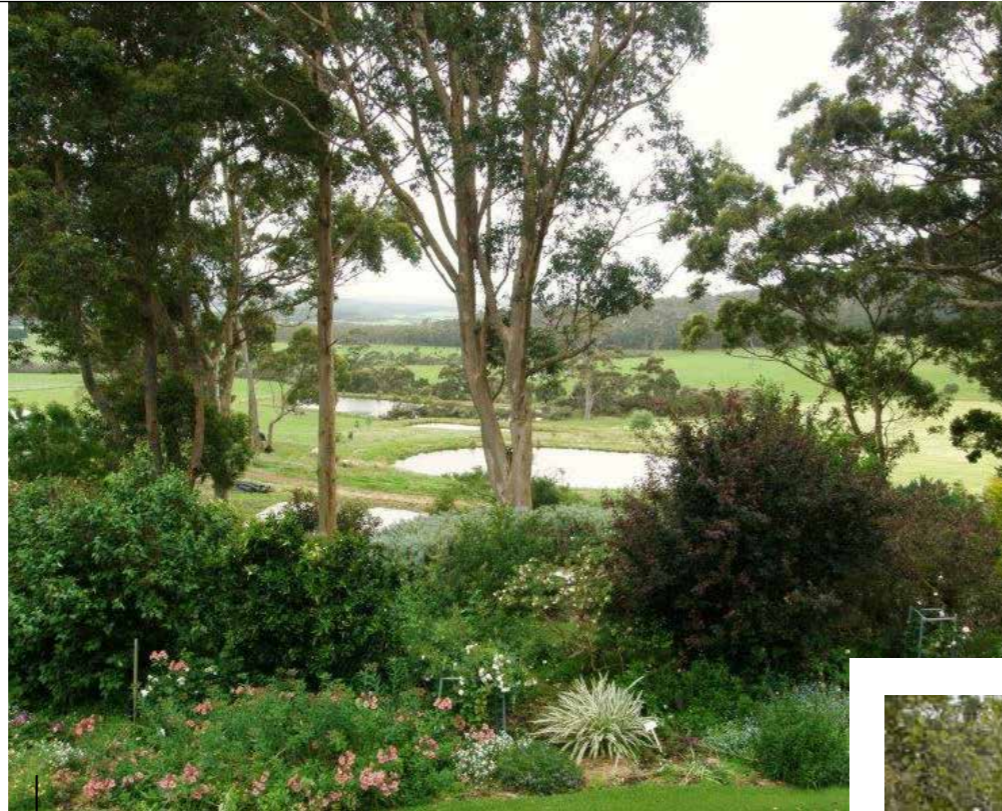
Local Heritage Survey

The Shire commenced a review of its Local Heritage Strategy, which identifies places of cultural heritage significance to the locality. It is seeking nominations of places within the Shire for consideration of inclusion, or (if currently included on the Local Heritage Survey) amendment or removal.



Heritage Walk Trail

Darlington's cultural heritage will come alive with a 2.5km Heritage Walk Trail, thanks to a funding boost from Lotterywest. The Darlington History Group, with support from the Shire won a \$152,510 grant towards Stage 3 of the Darlington Heritage Trail Masterplan, allowing the installation of 31 signs describing the historical importance and cultural significance at 21 sites along the trail. Shire of Mundaring will construct a new circular path and Six Seasons garden including plaques honoring both Aboriginal and European heritage. This exciting addition to the trail will help visitors and locals appreciate Darlington's unique history, preserving and promoting its character.



Six Season Garden

Other Key Projects

Here are some other infrastructure works that took place around the shire in the 23/24 financial year:

Brown Park Cricket Practice Nets

New practice nets were installed to support local cricket clubs and provide a safe, modern training facility for both junior and senior teams.

Mundaring Recreation Ground Sporting Pavilion Shelter

Construction of a new shelter at the sporting pavilion provides additional comfort and weather protection for community sports participants and spectators.

Morrison Road Pavement Rehabilitation

Extensive rehabilitation of the pavement along Morrison Road improves safety and accessibility.

Harry Riseborough Lower Oval Reticulation Upgrade

A significant upgrade to the reticulation system at Harry Riseborough Lower Oval ensures better water efficiency and healthier turf conditions, supporting year-round sporting activities.

Triandra Park Play Extension

The play area at Triandra Park was extended, offering a broader range of play opportunities for children and encouraging outdoor activity within the local community.

Honeyeater Glade Seal Gravel Road

The sealing of Honeyeater Glade transformed the gravel road into a more durable and weather resistant surface, enhancing accessibility and reducing long term maintenance needs.

Danny Wimperus Playground Upgrade

A comprehensive upgrade to the Danny Wimperus Playground revitalised the area with new equipment, improving the space for recreational use and family enjoyment.

Natural Environment

Shire of Mundaring remains committed to protecting and enhancing its unique natural environment. In 2023/24, the Shire undertook several key initiatives focused on sustainability, conservation and environmental restoration. The Shire's commitment to environmental sustainability was further reinforced through water conservation projects, weed and pest management activities and the ongoing development of renewable energy infrastructure.

Seedlings For Landcare

Seedlings for Landcare supports locals in restoring the environment by revegetating creeks, creating wildlife habitats and boosting tree canopy cover in rural areas. Available to residents on rural zoned properties, schools and community groups, these seedlings help bring new life to bushland reserves. In 2023/24, the program thrived, with 3,905 participants planting an impressive 27,240 seedlings across the region.



Seedlings for Landcare

Bulk Verge Collections

The Shire held its annual bulk verge collections from August to October 2023. The bulk collections allow our residents the opportunity to spring clean and declutter their homes and yards and save on the cost and hassle of transporting household bulk waste to the community recycling centres. Collecting green waste helps to reduce the potential bushfire fuel load and generates mulch that is re-used to help our shire stay green and beautiful.

Environmental Photography Competition

Shire of Mundaring's environmental photography competition was a "wild" success, with 18 talented locals winning \$75 vouchers across six categories. Over 600 stunning entries impressed the judges, making their task of selecting winners especially tough. The best photos, along with many others, are showcased in the *Wildlife of the Perth Hills* booklet – a free resource to inspire awareness of our local wildlife and their habitats. The booklet is available online, with plans for a printed version next year.

Green Spot Program

As part of the 2023 Green Spot Program, residents helped identify 10 wildlife "hot spots" in the shire to raise driver awareness and reduce wildlife injuries. Green Spot road signs, featuring the WA Wildcare Helpline number for injured animal assistance, are placed at these locations for 12 months to safeguard our natural environment.

Containers for Change

Since October 2020, the Containers for Change Deposit Scheme has saved 13.5 million containers from landfill, with shire residents recycling for a 10c refund per item. Proceeds – totalling \$192,000 – have supported 106 community groups. Through the Coppin Road Community Recycling Centre and a dedicated collection service for 95 local facilities, this initiative keeps waste out of landfill while funding local causes.

Owl Protection

In late 2023, the Shire launched a campaign to protect native owls from secondary poisoning caused by rodent baits, which also endangers pets and other wildlife. Owls, essential for controlling vermin and maintaining ecological balance, often fall victim to secondary poisoning by consuming poisoned rodents. The campaign raised awareness with initiatives like the "Hoo Wants to Be Owl Friendly?" talk on 2 December, free owl-friendly bumper stickers and wallet-sized info cards to guide safer bait choices. Together, we can safeguard our owls and their vital role in our ecosystem.



Environmental Art Project

In 2023, 1175 students from 20 schools across Shire of Mundaring and surrounding areas embraced the theme “*Helping Hands*” to honour volunteers protecting our natural environment. Supported by Mundaring Arts Centre, Shire of Mundaring and City of Swan, the project culminated in a stunning showcase at Midland Junction Arts Centre. Eight standout artworks were awarded, with 14 highly commended entries receiving book prizes. Explore the creativity of our young artists on the Environmental Art Project page on our website.

FOGO

Starting 1 July 2024, the Shire will introduce the Food Organics/ Garden Organics (FOGO) system to transform household organic waste into valuable compost. Each home will receive a 240L lime-green lidded bin, a kitchen caddy with compostable liners and an information pack.

FOGO aims to keep food and garden waste out of landfill, reducing waste and boosting sustainability. To streamline sorting, the existing 140L general waste bins will transition to red lids, aligning with Waste Authority guidelines.



FOGO team



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Banner artwork from Environmental Art Project

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Your feedback is helping us make the shire an even better place to live, work and play

Every day, we connect with our community through our customer service team, depot and works crew, rangers and the passionate teams running our libraries, community centres and recreation facilities.

A vibrant exchange of ideas also takes place through our website, Community Update newsletter, Engage Mundaring portal and social media channels. We also engaged with our community through the following initiatives:

Champions

To address our community's diverse needs, the Shire has established working groups aimed at guiding us toward key outcomes that reflect the interests and priorities of our residents.

The Environmental and Cultural Advisory Groups provide strategic guidance on sustainability and cultural enrichment, ensuring decisions reflect residents' values.

Our reconciliation journey began in 2021, and by 2022 we proudly received Council and Reconciliation Australia endorsement for our *Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)* – a significant step toward strengthening ties with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Through the *Access and Inclusion Informing Strategy 2022–2026*, we're dedicated to fostering a welcoming, accessible and inclusive community where everyone can thrive and participate fully in community life.

Community Scorecard

In January 2024, we launched a shire wide consultation to develop the Community Scorecard, gathering nearly 3000 resident insights through surveys and workshops.

Your feedback is helping us make the shire an even better place to live, work and play, highlighting where we're doing well and where we can improve.

Key Findings:

- 97% of respondents agreed that the Shire of Mundaring is an outstanding place to live.
- Top-performing areas included our libraries, emergency management and sport and recreation facilities.
- Key areas you want us to invest include environmental management, verge maintenance and street trees and services for young people and seniors.
- Opportunities for growth were in the areas of showcasing the arts, culture and tourism through festivals and destination marketing, and stimulating local economic development and job creation, particularly in the Town Centre.

These insights will guide the Shire's new Council Plan, shaping the future of our community.

HERITAGE ACHIEVEMENTS





Milperra Cottage

The Shire’s Heritage Strategy presents a cohesive and comprehensive approach to recognising and preserving the shire’s history. The Strategy encourages greater synergy with Aboriginal Heritage and recognises that heritage is more than buildings, encompassing both tangible and intangible historic and cultural elements and natural environments.

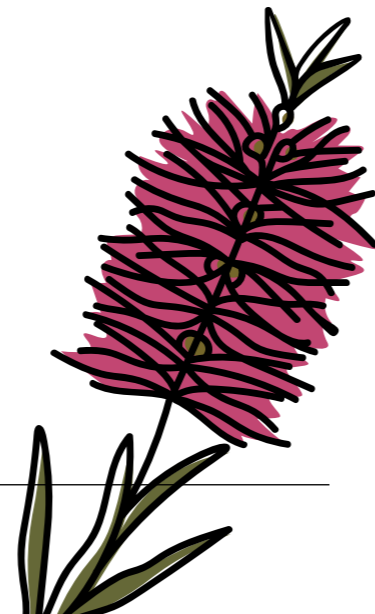
The Strategy will assist Shire of Mundaring Council and staff and the community in identifying, protecting and celebrating heritage and assist property owners in the management, conservation and appreciation of their heritage assets. Heritage contributes to the economy and sustainability of the shire.

The Strategy’s Action Plan expresses desired outcomes over the next five years that will result in a better protected, supported and celebrated heritage of Shire of Mundaring.

Actions already underway include:

- Review of the Shire’s Local Heritage Survey
- Assist locals in approaching works and restorations and their associated planning proposals; a new Heritage Requirements for Planning Proposals Local Planning Policy will supersede prior Heritage Planning Local Planning Policy PS-02.
- Bringing the shire’s heritage to life with local events and activations including a new railway heritage inspired playground at Lake Leschenaultia

- Encouraging community engagement with heritage assets through the Relics, Wrecks and Renos photography competition held in November 2023.



ACCESS AND INCLUSION





The Shire is committed to meeting the requirements of the Disability Services Act 1993. Through the *Access and Inclusion Informing Strategy 2022/2026*, we're working hard to ensure our community remains welcoming, accessible and inclusive for everyone.

Our Access and Inclusion Working Group plays a key role in guiding this effort, offering valuable advice and expertise to help us achieve our goals and create a more inclusive environment for all.

Our access and inclusion commitments and actions include:

- Celebrating a range of significant days e.g. International Day of People with a Disability and Wear it Purple Day.
- Supporting community groups to create inclusive events.
- Providing 'Quiet Zones' at some Shire run events.
- Developed sensory tool kits for use by the public at Bilgoman and Mount Helena Aquatic Centre.
- Reviewed and updated the Shire's Complaints Form to ensure equitable opportunity for complaints.

Over the year, we partnered with various organisations to promote services that enhance accessibility and inclusivity such as;

- education workshops delivered by Dementia WA,
- University of Sydney and DFES to deliver Personal-Centered Emergency Preparedness
- Meningitis Centre Australia to deliver Pneumococcal information sessions.
- Palliative Care WA to deliver Advance Care Planning workshops.

Chat boards at two playgrounds in the shire were installed. These boards are designed to assist children and adults who may have difficulty communicating, making it easier for everyone to share their choices and needs while enjoying the park.

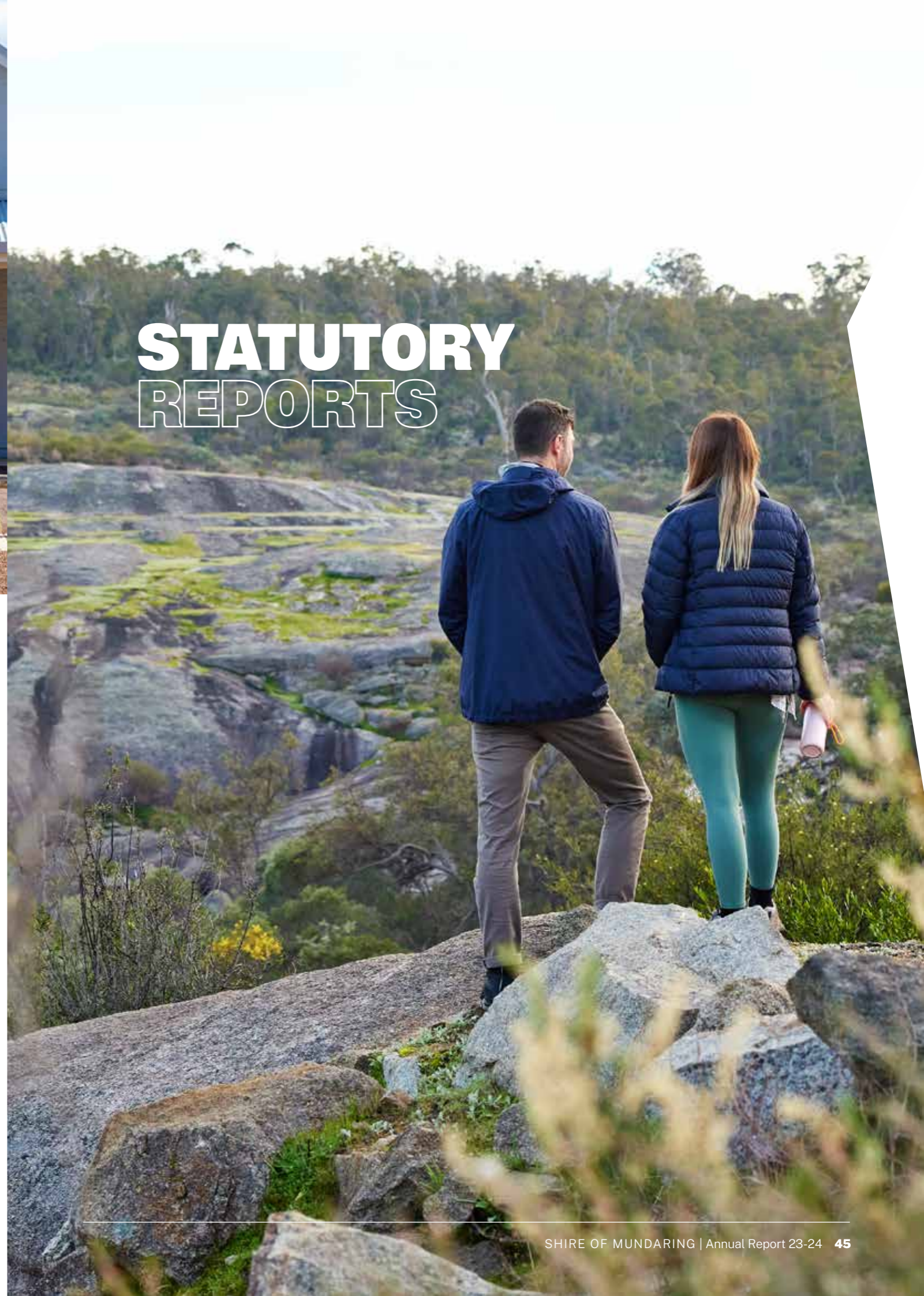
Launched in June 2024, the boards were installed in Mundaring's Sculpture Park and Morgan John Morgan 'Train Park' in Glen Forrest (locations chosen by our community).

In addition, a free forum was held in the lead up to Council elections, to encourage a diverse range of candidates to stand for office in the Shire.

Hosted by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) in August 2023, the forum heard from the then Minister for Local Government, Hon David Michael MLA, and a panel that included current and former councillors with lived experience of disability, who shared their insights and encouraged locals from diverse backgrounds to consider standing for office.

For full details of the Shire's commitment to ensuring our community is welcoming, accessible and inclusive for all, view our Access and Inclusion Informing Strategy available on the website, and in other formats upon request.

STATUTORY REPORTS



Council Member	Ordinary Council Meetings	Special Council Meetings	Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	Bushfire Advisory Committee Meeting	CEO Performance Review Committee Meeting	Environmental Advisory Committee Meetings (now disbanded)
Total	12	5	6	4	3	1
*Shire President James Martin	3/4	3/3	0/1	n/a	2/2	n/a
President Paige McNeil (formerly Deputy Shire President)	12	5	6	n/a	3	1
Deputy Shire President Trish Cook	10	4	5/5	n/a	2	n/a
Cr Karen Beale	9	4	3	2	n/a	n/a
Cr Jo Cicchini	10	4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
*Cr Amy Collins	3/4	3/3	n/a	n/a	n/a	1
*Cr Matthew Corica	2/4	0/3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cr John Daw	11	5	1/1	3	2/2	1
Cr Luke Ellery	12	5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
*Cr Claire Hurst	4/4	3/3	n/a	n/a	n/a	1
Cr Doug Jeans	12	5	4/4	4	1/2	n/a
Cr Prapti Mehta	8/8	2/2	5/5	n/a	1/1	n/a
Cr Neridah Zlatnik	10	4	1/2	n/a	1/1	n/a

Council Member	Environmental Advisory Group Meetings	Governance Committee Meetings	Grants Selection Committee Meetings	Australia Day Citizenship Awards Committee	Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting	Elector's meeting
Total	1	6	4	1	3	1
*Shire President James Martin	n/a	2/2	1/1	n/a	n/a	n/a
President Paige McNeil (formerly Deputy Shire President)	n/a	6	2/3	n/a	n/a	1
Deputy Shire President Trish Cook	n/a	n/a	1/1	n/a	1/3	1
Cr Karen Beale	n/a	1/2	2/4	n/a	n/a	1
Cr Jo Cicchini	n/a	1/2	1/2	1	n/a	1
*Cr Amy Collins	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
*Cr Matthew Corica	n/a	n/a	0/1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cr John Daw	1	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	1
Cr Luke Ellery	1	6	4	1	n/a	1
*Cr Claire Hurst	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cr Doug Jeans	1	n/a	1/1	1	n/a	1
Cr Prapti Mehta	n/a	4/4	2/2	n/a	n/a	1
Cr Neridah Zlatnik	n/a	6	4	n/a	3	1

*these members' terms ended in October 2023 all other members were elected or re-elected in October 2023.

Diversity Data

Eight council members provided the diversity data detailed in the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, regulation 19B. One council member did not respond.

Shire of Mundaring comparison percentages are based on 2021 Census data.

Statistic	Council	Shire of Mundaring Residents (39,166 residents)
Gender	33% male (three council members) 55% female (five council members)	51.9% male 48.1% female
Linguistic background	66% (six council members) speak only English at home	85.3% speak only English at home 14.7% speak language other than English at home
Country of birth	77% (seven council members) born in Australia	71.9% born in Australia 28.1% born overseas
Councillors aged between 25 and 34	11% (one council member)	10.8%
Councillors aged between 35 and 44	0	12.6%
Councillors aged between 45 and 54	33% (three council members)	14.4%
Councillors aged between 55 and 64	22% (two council members)	14.6%
Councillors aged over 64	22% (two council members)	19.8%
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	0	2.2%

Breaches (Standard Panel)

No breaches reported during the reporting period.

Freedom of Information

The Shire's Freedom of Information (FOI) statement is available on the Shire website and outlines the Shire's functions, the kind of records we keep and how these records can be accessed.

In all, 14 Freedom of Information applications were received during the 2023/2024 financial year, 12 were released under the FOI Act and two were released outside of the FOI Act.

Public Disclosures

Shire of Mundaring is committed to the aims and objectives of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003 (PID Act)*.

The Act aims to ensure openness and accountability in government by encouraging people to make disclosures and protecting them when they do. It facilitates the disclosure of public interest information and provides protection for those making such disclosures, as well as those who are the subject of disclosures.

The Act also provides a process for the matters disclosed to be investigated and for appropriate action to be taken.

The Shire did not receive any public interest disclosure reports during the reporting year.

Standards Panel Costs

The Shire did not pay any Standards Panel costs for hearing a complaint regarding a council member nor did the Standards Panel order any funds be reimbursed to the Shire by a Council member.

Employee Salaries

The Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 require local governments to state in their Annual Report the number of employees with a salary of more than \$130,000.

During 2023/24, 18 Shire of Mundaring employees were entitled to an annual cash salary of \$130,000 or more in the following categories:

Salary Range	Number of Employees
130,000 to 140,000	2
140,000 to 150,000	6
150,000 to 160,000	1
160,000 to 170,000	3
170,000 to 180,000	1
180,000 to 190,000	0
190,000 to 200,000	1
200,000 to 210,000	2
210,000 to 220,000	1
220,000 to 270,000	0
270,000 to 280,000	1

** Total Remuneration Package for CEO: \$324,270.



Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP)

As a local government authority, the Shire has an obligation to meet outcomes under the *Disability Services Act 1993*. Each year the Shire reports on the outcomes from its Access and Inclusion Informing Strategy 2022 -2026.

Within its Access and Inclusion Informing Strategy 2022 -2026, the Shire developed the following strategies to guarantee **people with disability have the same opportunities as other people to make complaints.**

- Review its Complaints Management Procedure for recording complaints to include a section on access and inclusion related complaints.
- Support those making a complaint as required e.g. provide information in an alternative format on request, provide an interpreter on request.
- Collate compliments, complaints and general feedback, and analyse trends and patterns to inform future actions in the Shire Access and Inclusion Informing Strategy.

To give meaning to the spirit of the commitment of our DAIP, Council supported the following initiatives:

- **New Inclusive Spaces to Chat and Play** were created in local parks to help adults and children with limited language skills to express themselves and communicate with other people.

The Chat and Play boards use symbols and pictures to help people share their choices and needs while enjoying the park.



Launched in June 2024, the boards were installed in Mundaring's Sculpture Park and Morgan John Morgan 'Train Park' in Glen Forrest (locations chosen by our community) and are already helping to build connections.

- **A free forum** was held in the lead up to Council elections, to encourage a diverse range of candidates to stand for office in the Shire. Hosted by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) in August 2023, the forum heard from the then Minister for Local Government, Hon David Michael MLA, and a panel that included current and former councillors with lived experience of disability, who shared their insights and encouraged locals from diverse backgrounds to consider standing for office.

Full details of the Shire's commitment and performance in delivering for residents and visitors who experience challenges with disability, access and inclusion can be viewed at our website, with the DAIP available in other formats upon request.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDIT OPINION



Category winner from Environmental Photography Competition by Willem Heyneker



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SHIRE OF MUNDARING
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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The Shire of Mundaring conducts the operations of a local government with the following community vision:

The place for sustainable living.

Principal place of business:
7000 Great Eastern Highway
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**SHIRE OF MUNDARING
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

*Local Government Act 1995
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*

STATEMENT BY CEO

The accompanying financial report of the Shire of Mundaring has been prepared in compliance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* from proper accounts and records to present fairly the financial transactions for the reporting period ended 30 June 2024 and the financial position as at 30 June 2024.

At the date of signing this statement the particulars included in the financial report are not misleading or inaccurate.

Signed on the 2nd day of December 2024



CEO

Jason Whiteaker

Name of CEO

**SHIRE OF MUNDARING
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	NOTE	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$	2023 Actual \$
Revenue				
Rates	2(a),27	32,475,736	32,505,427	31,317,877
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2(a)	8,003,924	4,118,215	8,163,778
Fees and charges	2(a)	13,208,907	12,285,937	12,143,773
Interest revenue	2(a)	2,262,209	1,427,000	1,300,334
Other revenue	2(a)	1,734,538	1,261,417	1,515,688
		57,685,314	51,597,996	54,441,450
Expenses				
Employee costs	2(b)	(23,825,221)	(23,338,795)	(22,237,863)
Materials and contracts		(22,721,824)	(23,060,660)	(21,954,795)
Utility charges		(1,619,087)	(1,383,021)	(1,448,240)
Depreciation		(10,031,723)	(8,456,170)	(8,251,419)
Finance costs		(338,263)	(340,263)	(378,337)
Insurance		(649,133)	(640,933)	(590,186)
Other expenditure	2(b)	(2,275,224)	(1,144,792)	(856,512)
		(61,460,475)	(58,364,634)	(55,717,352)
		(3,775,161)	(6,766,638)	(1,275,902)
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	2(a)	2,874,028	3,901,110	9,769,019
Profit on asset disposals		102,034	620,000	36,585
Loss on asset disposals		(45,943)	0	(53,846)
Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4(b)	3,482	0	5,910
Share of net profit of associates accounted for using the equity method	22(c)	1,118,605	0	632,787
		4,052,206	4,521,110	10,390,455
Net result for the period	26(b)	277,045	(2,245,528)	9,114,553
Other comprehensive income for the period				
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>				
Changes in asset revaluation surplus	17	0	0	60,868,199
Share of other comprehensive income of associates accounted for using the equity method	17, 22(b)	61,303	0	29,954
Total other comprehensive income for the period	17	61,303	0	60,898,153
Total comprehensive income for the period		338,348	(2,245,528)	70,012,706

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

SHIRE OF MUNDARING
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	NOTE	2024	2023
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	17,353,578	25,026,351
Trade and other receivables	5	5,306,121	6,079,082
Other financial assets	4(a)	30,109,480	24,179,308
Inventories	6	58,135	123,569
Other assets	7	433,879	331,938
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		53,261,193	55,740,248
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and other receivables	5	1,434,417	1,344,682
Other financial assets	4(b)	145,549	142,067
Investment in associate	22(a)	21,485,320	20,305,412
Property, plant and equipment	8	87,296,108	88,553,160
Infrastructure	9	380,431,750	380,882,752
Right-of-use assets	11(a)	364,755	576,355
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		491,157,899	491,804,428
TOTAL ASSETS		544,419,092	547,544,676
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	12	8,529,532	12,393,469
Other liabilities	13	320,631	275,650
Lease liabilities	11(b)	223,602	223,602
Borrowings	14	812,437	772,872
Employee related provisions	15	3,808,724	3,534,135
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		13,694,926	17,199,728
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	11(b)	148,158	358,664
Borrowings	14	6,813,721	7,626,158
Employee related provisions	15	248,084	293,869
Other provisions	16	1,270,798	161,200
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		8,480,761	8,439,891
TOTAL LIABILITIES		22,175,687	25,639,619
NET ASSETS		522,243,405	521,905,057
EQUITY			
Retained surplus		145,620,816	148,677,004
Reserve accounts	30	33,268,212	29,934,979
Revaluation surplus	17	343,354,377	343,293,074
TOTAL EQUITY		522,243,405	521,905,057

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

**SHIRE OF MUNDARING
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	NOTE	RETAINED SURPLUS \$	RESERVE ACCOUNTS \$	REVALUATION SURPLUS \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
Balance as at 1 July 2022		139,342,809	30,154,621	282,394,921	451,892,351
Comprehensive income for the period					
Net result for the period		9,114,553	0	0	9,114,553
Other comprehensive income for the period	17	0	0	60,898,153	60,898,153
Total comprehensive income for the period		9,114,553	0	60,898,153	70,012,706
Transfers from reserve accounts	30	3,770,542	(3,770,542)	0	0
Transfers to reserve accounts	30	(3,550,900)	3,550,900	0	0
Balance as at 30 June 2023		148,677,004	29,934,979	343,293,074	521,905,057
Comprehensive income for the period					
Net result for the period		277,045	0	0	277,045
Other comprehensive income for the period	17	0	0	61,303	61,303
Total comprehensive income for the period		277,045	0	61,303	338,348
Transfers from reserve accounts	30	3,583,422	(3,583,422)	0	0
Transfers to reserve accounts	30	(6,916,655)	6,916,655	0	0
Balance as at 30 June 2024		145,620,816	33,268,212	343,354,377	522,243,405

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

**SHIRE OF MUNDARING
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

NOTE	2024 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts		
Rates	32,502,476	30,050,007
Grants, subsidies and contributions	8,447,780	7,341,159
Fees and charges	13,208,907	12,143,773
Interest revenue	2,262,209	1,300,334
Goods and services tax received	2,445,161	2,123,729
Other revenue	1,734,538	1,515,688
	60,601,071	54,474,690
Payments		
Employee costs	(23,596,417)	(22,913,855)
Materials and contracts	(26,651,395)	(16,243,711)
Utility charges	(1,619,087)	(1,448,240)
Finance costs	771,335	(378,337)
Insurance paid	(649,133)	(590,186)
Goods and services tax paid	(2,158,423)	(2,483,361)
Other expenditure	(2,275,224)	(856,512)
	(56,178,344)	(44,914,202)
Net cash provided by operating activities	18(b) 4,422,727	9,560,488
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for purchase of property, plant & equipment	8(a) (2,430,753)	(3,433,674)
Payments for construction of infrastructure	9(a) (6,159,012)	(11,217,889)
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	2,874,028	9,769,019
Distributions from investments in associates	0	39,300
Proceeds for financial assets at amortised cost	(5,930,172)	7,139,394
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	533,787	594,586
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(11,112,122)	2,890,736
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of borrowings	29(a) (772,872)	(735,493)
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities	29(b) (210,506)	(210,687)
Net cash (used in) financing activities	(983,378)	(946,180)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(7,672,773)	11,505,044
Cash at beginning of year	25,026,351	13,521,307
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	18(a) 17,353,578	25,026,351

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

**SHIRE OF MUNDARING
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	NOTE	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$	2023 Actual \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Revenue from operating activities				
General rates	27	32,475,736	32,505,427	31,317,877
Grants, subsidies and contributions		8,003,924	4,118,215	8,163,778
Fees and charges		13,208,907	12,285,937	12,143,773
Interest revenue		2,262,209	1,427,000	1,300,334
Other revenue		1,734,538	1,261,417	1,515,688
Profit on asset disposals		102,034	620,000	36,585
Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4(b)	3,482	0	5,910
Share of net profit of associates accounted for using the equity method	22(c)	1,118,605	0	632,787
		58,909,435	52,217,996	55,116,732
Expenditure from operating activities				
Employee costs		(23,825,221)	(23,338,795)	(22,237,863)
Materials and contracts		(22,721,824)	(23,060,660)	(21,954,795)
Utility charges		(1,619,087)	(1,383,021)	(1,448,240)
Depreciation		(10,031,723)	(8,456,170)	(8,251,419)
Finance costs		(338,263)	(340,263)	(378,337)
Insurance		(649,133)	(640,933)	(590,186)
Other expenditure		(2,275,224)	(1,144,792)	(856,512)
Loss on asset disposals		(45,943)	0	(53,846)
		(61,506,418)	(58,364,634)	(55,771,198)
Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities	28(a)	9,827,623	7,836,170	7,539,579
Amount attributable to operating activities		7,230,640	1,689,532	6,885,113
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Inflows from investing activities				
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		2,874,028	3,901,110	9,769,019
Proceeds from disposal of assets		533,787	2,183,594	594,586
Distributions from investments in associates	22(b)	0	0	39,300
		3,407,815	6,084,704	10,402,905
Outflows from investing activities				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	8(a)	(2,430,753)	(6,122,062)	(3,433,674)
Purchase and construction of infrastructure	9(a)	(6,159,012)	(9,761,577)	(11,217,889)
		(8,589,765)	(15,883,639)	(14,651,563)
Amount attributable to investing activities		(5,181,950)	(9,798,935)	(4,248,658)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Inflows from financing activities				
Transfers from reserve accounts	30	3,583,422	7,210,631	3,770,542
		3,583,422	7,210,631	3,770,542
Outflows from financing activities				
Repayment of borrowings	29(a)	(772,872)	(772,872)	(735,493)
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities	29(b)	(210,506)	(210,505)	(210,687)
Transfers to reserve accounts	30	(6,916,655)	(7,204,268)	(3,550,900)
		(7,900,033)	(8,187,645)	(4,497,080)
Amount attributable to financing activities		(4,316,611)	(977,014)	(726,538)
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT				
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	28(b)	9,602,015	9,700,841	7,692,098
Amount attributable to operating activities		7,230,640	1,689,532	6,885,113
Amount attributable to investing activities		(5,181,950)	(9,798,935)	(4,248,658)
Amount attributable to financing activities		(4,316,611)	(977,014)	(726,538)
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	28(b)	7,334,094	614,424	9,602,015

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

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SHIRE OF MUNDARING

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial report of the Shire of Mundaring which is a Class 2 local government comprises general purpose financial statements which have 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.

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* provide that:

- land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment; or
- infrastructure; or
- vested improvements that the local government controls; and measured at reportable value, are only required to be revalued every five years. Revaluing these non-financial assets every five years is a departure from AASB 116 *Property, Plant and Equipment*, which would have required the Shire to assess at each reporting date whether the carrying amount of the above mentioned non-financial assets materially differs from their fair value and, if so, revalue the class of non-financial assets.

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.

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 that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying amounts 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 - note 8
 - Infrastructure - note 9
- Measurement of employee benefits - note 15
- Measurement of provisions - note 16

Fair value hierarchy information can be found in note 25

The local government reporting entity

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

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements. A separate statement of those monies appears at Note 31 of the financial report.

Initial application of accounting standards

During the current year, the following new or revised Australian

Accounting Standards and Interpretations were applied for the first time.

- AASB 2021-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Disclosure of Accounting Policies or Definition of Accounting Estimates*

This standard resulted in terminology changes relating to material accounting policies (formerly referred to as significant accounting policies).

New accounting standards for application in future years

The following new accounting standards will have application to local government in future years:

- AASB 2014-10 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture*
- AASB 2020-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current*
- AASB 2021-7c *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections [deferred AASB 10 and AASB 128 amendments in AASB 2014-10 apply]*
- AASB 2022-5 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback*
- AASB 2022-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Non-current Liabilities with Covenants*

These amendments are not expected to have any material impact on the financial report on initial application.

- AASB 2022-10 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Fair Value Measurement of Non-Financial Assets of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities*

These amendment may result in changes to the fair value of non-financial assets. The impact is yet to be quantified.

- AASB 2023-1 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Supplier Finance Arrangements*

These amendments may result in additional disclosures in the case of applicable finance arrangements.

SHIRE OF MUNDARING
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

2. REVENUE AND EXPENSES

(a) Revenue

Contracts with customers

Recognition of revenue is dependant on the source of revenue and the associated terms and conditions associated with each source of revenue and recognised as follows:

Revenue Category	Nature of goods and services	When obligations typically satisfied	Payment terms	Returns/Refunds/Warranties	Timing of revenue recognition
Rates	General Rates	Over time	Payment dates adopted by Council during the year	None	When rates notice is issued
Grant contracts with customers	Community events, minor facilities, research, design, planning evaluation and services	Over time	Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting	Contract obligation if project not complete	Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations as inputs are shared
Grants, subsidies or contributions for the construction of non-financial assets	Construction or acquisition of recognisable non-financial assets to be controlled by the local government	Over time	Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting	Contract obligation if project not complete	Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations as inputs are shared
Grants with no contract commitments	General appropriations and contributions with no reciprocal commitment	No obligations	Not applicable	Not applicable	When assets are controlled
Fees and charges Licences/ Registrations/ Approvals	Building, planning, development and animal management, having the same nature as a licence regardless of naming	Single point in time	Full payment prior to issue	None	On payment and issue of the licence, registration or approval
Fees and charges Pool inspections	Compliance safety check	Single point in time	Equal proportion based on an equal annually fee	None	After inspection complete based on a 4 year cycle
Fees and charges Other inspections	Regulatory Food, Health and Safety	Single point in time	Full payment prior to inspection	None	Revenue recognised after inspection event occurs
Fees and charges Waste management collections	Kerbside collection service	Over time	Payment on an annual basis in advance	None	Output method based on regular weekly and fortnightly period as proportionate to collection service
Fees and charges Waste management entry fees	Waste treatment, recycling and disposal service at disposal sites	Single point in time	Payment in advance at gate or on normal trading terms if credit provided	None	On entry to facility
Fees and charges Property hire and entry	Use of halls and facilities	Single point in time	In full in advance	Refund if event cancelled within 7 days	On entry or at conclusion of hire
Fees and charges for other goods and services	Cemetery services, library fees, reinstatements and private works	Single point in time	Payment in full in advance	None	Output method based on provision of service or completion of works
Other revenue Sale of stock	Kiosk and visitor centre stock	Single point in time	In full in advance, on 15 day credit	Refund for faulty goods	Output method based on goods
Other revenue Reimbursements	Insurance claims	Single point in time	Payment in arrears for claimable event	None	When claim is agreed

Consideration from contracts with customers is included in the transaction price.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT
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2. REVENUE AND EXPENSES (Continued)

(a) Revenue (Continued)

Revenue Recognition

Revenue recognised during the year under each basis of recognition by nature of goods or services is provided in the table below:

For the year ended 30 June 2024

Nature	Contracts with	Capital	Statutory	Other	Total
	customers	grant/contributions	Requirements		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Rates	0	0	32,475,736	0	32,475,736
Grants, subsidies and contributions	8,003,924	0	0	0	8,003,924
Fees and charges	4,392,793	0	8,816,114	0	13,208,907
Interest revenue	1,996,044	0	266,165	0	2,262,209
Other revenue	1,333,446	0	401,092	0	1,734,538
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	0	2,874,028	0	0	2,874,028
Total	15,726,207	2,874,028	41,959,107	0	60,559,342

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Nature	Contracts with	Capital	Statutory	Other	Total
	customers	grant/contributions	Requirements		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Rates	0	0	31,317,877	0	31,317,877
Grants, subsidies and contributions	8,163,778	0	0	0	8,163,778
Fees and charges	12,143,773	0	0	0	12,143,773
Interest revenue	1,031,333	0	269,001	0	1,300,334
Other revenue	942,609	0	573,079	0	1,515,688
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	0	9,591,593	0	177,426	9,769,019
Total	22,281,493	9,591,593	32,159,957	177,426	64,210,469

Note	2024	2023
	Actual	Actual
	\$	\$
Interest revenue		
Interest on reserve account	1,456,800	621,000
Trade and other receivables overdue interest	266,165	269,001
Other interest revenue	539,244	410,333
	<u>2,262,209</u>	<u>1,300,334</u>
Fees and charges relating to rates receivable		
Charges on instalment plan	135,765	133,422
The 2024 original budget estimate in relation to: Charges on instalment plan was \$135,000.		
(b) Expenses		
Auditors remuneration		
- Audit of the Annual Financial Report	50,160	51,250
- Other services – grant acquittals	4,800	6,650
	<u>54,960</u>	<u>57,900</u>
Employee Costs		
Employee benefit costs	23,825,221	22,237,863
	<u>23,825,221</u>	<u>22,237,863</u>
Finance costs		
Interest and financial charges paid/payable for lease liabilities and financial liabilities not at fair value through profit or loss	338,263	378,337
	<u>338,263</u>	<u>378,337</u>
Other expenditure		
Community grants and donations	591,193	489,402
Provision for Capital Contribution towards EMRC Regional Waste Collection Project	1,109,598	0
Sundry expenses	574,433	367,110
	<u>2,275,224</u>	<u>856,512</u>

SHIRE OF MUNDARING
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT
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3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand		17,353,578	25,026,351
Total cash and cash equivalents	18(a)	17,353,578	25,026,351
Held as			
- Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents		11,222,950	16,724,289
- Restricted cash and cash equivalents	18(a)	6,130,628	8,302,062
		17,353,578	25,026,351

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cash and cash equivalents

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 financial position.

Restricted financial assets

Restricted financial asset balances are not available for general use by the local government due to externally imposed restrictions. Restrictions are specified in an agreement, contract or legislation. This applies to reserve accounts, unspent grants, subsidies and contributions that have not been fully expended in the manner specified by the contributor, legislation or loan agreement and for which no liability has been recognised.

4. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
(a) Current assets			
Financial assets at amortised cost		30,109,480	24,179,308
		30,109,480	24,179,308
Other financial assets at amortised cost			
Term deposits		30,109,480	24,179,308
		30,109,480	24,179,308
Held as			
- Restricted other financial assets at amortised cost	18(a)	30,109,480	24,179,308
		30,109,480	24,179,308
(b) Non-current assets			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		145,549	142,067
		145,549	142,067
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss			
Units in Local Government House Trust - opening balance		142,067	136,157
Movement attributable to fair value increment		3,482	5,910
Units in Local Government House Trust - closing balance		145,549	142,067

Fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is determined from the net asset value of the units held in the Trust at balance date as compiled by WALGA.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Other financial assets at amortised cost

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

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

Fair values of financial assets at amortised cost are not materially different to their carrying amounts, since the interest receivable on those assets is either close to current market rates or the assets are of a short term nature. Non-current financial assets at amortised cost fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current market rates. They are classified as level 2 fair values in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 25 (i)) due to the observable market rates).

Interest received is presented under cashflows from operating activities in the Statement of Cash Flows where it is earned from financial assets that are held for cash management purposes.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The Shire has elected to classify the following financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

- debt investments which do not qualify for measurement at either amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income.
- equity investments which the Shire has elected to recognise as fair value gains and losses through profit or loss.

Impairment and risk

Information regarding impairment and exposure to risk can be found at Note 23.

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5. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Note	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current		
Rates and statutory receivables	3,918,025	4,011,368
Trade receivables	466,953	804,870
GST receivable	262,642	549,380
Receivables for employee related provisions	116,398	125,618
Waste Charges	542,103	587,846
	5,306,121	6,079,082
Non-current		
Rates and statutory receivables	1,387,560	1,291,830
Receivables for employee related provisions	19,620	25,615
POS payments	27,237	27,237
	1,434,417	1,344,682

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Rates and statutory receivables

Rates and statutory receivables are non-contractual receivables arising from statutory requirements and include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other statutory charges or fines.

Rates and statutory receivables are recognised when the taxable event has occurred and can be measured reliably.

Trade receivables

Trade receivables are amounts receivable from contractual arrangements with customers for goods sold, services performed or grants or contributions with sufficiently specific performance obligations or for the construction of recognisable non financial assets as part of the ordinary course of business.

Other receivables

Other receivables are amounts receivable from contractual arrangements with third parties other than contracts with customers and amounts received as grants for the construction of recognisable non financial assets.

Measurement

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at the amount of the transaction price, unless they contain a significant financing component, and are to be recognised at fair value.

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.

Due to the short term nature of current receivables, their carrying amount is considered to be the same as their fair value. Non-current receivables are indexed to inflation, any difference between the face value and fair value is considered immaterial.

Impairment and risk exposure

Information about the impairment of trade receivables and their exposure to credit risk and interest rate risk can be found in Note 23.

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6. INVENTORIES

Note	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current		
Fuel and materials	58,135	123,569
	58,135	123,569
The following movements in inventories occurred during the year:		
Balance at beginning of year	123,569	114,678
Inventories expensed during the year	(610,664)	(602,643)
Additions to inventory	545,230	611,534
Balance at end of year	58,135	123,569

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

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.

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7. OTHER ASSETS

Other assets - current

Prepayments

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
	433,879	331,938
	433,879	331,938

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Other current assets

Other non-financial assets include prepayments which represent payments in advance of receipt of goods or services or that part of expenditure made in one accounting period covering a term extending beyond that period.

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8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

(a) Movements in Balances

Movement in the balances of each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Total Property				Plant and equipment		Total property, plant and equipment
	Land	Buildings	Work in progress	Total Property	Furniture and equipment	Plant and equipment	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Balance at 1 July 2022	25,624,700	45,159,856	1,019,378	71,803,934	416,164	7,616,275	79,836,373
Additions	675,000	551,189	30,364	1,256,553	47,935	2,129,186	3,433,674
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	(611,847)	(611,847)
Revaluation increments / (decrements) transferred to revaluation surplus	2,350,200	6,113,877	0	8,464,077	0	0	8,464,077
Depreciation	0	(1,659,182)	0	(1,659,182)	(60,191)	(849,744)	(2,569,117)
Transfers	0	988,503	(988,503)	0	0	0	0
Balance at 30 June 2023	28,649,900	51,154,243	61,239	79,865,382	403,908	8,283,870	88,553,160
Comprises:							
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2023	28,649,900	87,931,000	61,239	116,642,139	878,361	12,837,312	130,357,812
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2023	0	(36,776,757)	0	(36,776,757)	(474,453)	(4,553,442)	(41,804,652)
Balance at 30 June 2023	28,649,900	51,154,243	61,239	79,865,382	403,908	8,283,870	88,553,160
Additions	0	58,210	993,334	1,051,544	0	1,379,209	2,430,753
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	(477,696)	(477,696)
Depreciation	0	(2,082,768)	0	(2,082,768)	(59,112)	(1,068,229)	(3,210,109)
Balance at 30 June 2024	28,649,900	49,129,685	1,054,573	78,834,158	344,796	8,117,154	87,296,108
Comprises:							
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2024	28,649,900	87,989,210	1,054,573	117,693,683	878,361	13,100,608	131,672,652
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2024	0	(38,859,525)	0	(38,859,525)	(533,565)	(4,983,454)	(44,376,544)
Balance at 30 June 2024	28,649,900	49,129,685	1,054,573	78,834,158	344,796	8,117,154	87,296,108

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8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

(b) Carrying Amount Measurements

Asset Class	Fair Value Hierarchy	Valuation Technique	Basis of Valuation	Date of Last Valuation	Inputs Used
(i) Fair Value - as determined at the last valuation date					
Land and buildings					
Land	Level 2	Market approach using recent observable data for similar properties in the area	Independent Registered Valuers	June 2023	Price per square metre
Buildings	Level 3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Independent Registered Valuers	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition (Level 2) and remaining useful life assessments (Level 3) inputs

Level 3 inputs are based on assumptions with regards to future values and patterns of consumption utilising current information. If the basis of these assumptions were varied, they have the potential to result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement.

During the period there were no changes in the valuation techniques used by the local government to determine the fair value of property, plant and equipment using either level 2 or level 3 inputs. The valuation techniques applied to property subject to lease was the same as that applied to property not subject to lease.

- (ii) Cost**
- Furniture and equipment**
- Plant and equipment**

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9. INFRASTRUCTURE

(a) Movements in Balances

Movement in the balances of each class of infrastructure between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Infrastructure - roads	Infrastructure - footpaths	Infrastructure - drainage	Infrastructure - parks and ovals	Total Infrastructure
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2022	238,381,943	14,614,074	44,860,352	24,873,047	322,729,416
Additions	8,378,417	988,251	611,118	1,240,103	11,217,889
Revaluation increments / (decrements) transferred to revaluation surplus	38,814,720	2,329,912	7,315,736	3,943,754	52,404,122
Depreciation	(3,697,271)	(258,514)	(780,563)	(732,327)	(5,468,675)
Balance at 30 June 2023	281,877,809	17,673,723	52,006,643	29,324,577	380,882,752
Comprises:					
Gross balance at 30 June 2023	354,911,393	23,225,679	83,520,135	37,341,899	498,999,106
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2023	(73,033,584)	(5,551,956)	(31,513,492)	(8,017,322)	(118,116,354)
Balance at 30 June 2023	281,877,809	17,673,723	52,006,643	29,324,577	380,882,752
Additions	3,790,539	459,913	520,084	1,388,476	6,159,012
Depreciation	(4,491,630)	(314,868)	(917,842)	(885,674)	(6,610,014)
Balance at 30 June 2024	281,176,718	17,818,768	51,608,885	29,827,379	380,431,750
Comprises:					
Gross balance at 30 June 2024	358,701,932	23,685,592	84,040,219	38,730,374	505,158,117
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2024	(77,525,214)	(5,866,824)	(32,431,334)	(8,902,995)	(124,726,367)
Balance at 30 June 2024	281,176,718	17,818,768	51,608,885	29,827,379	380,431,750

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9. INFRASTRUCTURE (Continued)

(b) Carrying Amount Measurements

Asset Class	Fair Value Hierarchy	Valuation Technique	Basis of Valuation	Date of Last Valuation	Inputs Used
(i) Fair Value - as determined at the last valuation date					
Infrastructure - roads	Level 3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Management valuation	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition (Level 2), residual values and remaining useful life assessments (Level 3) inputs
Infrastructure - footpaths	Level 3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Management valuation	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition (Level 2), residual values and remaining useful life assessments (Level 3) inputs
Infrastructure - drainage	Level 3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Management valuation	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition (Level 2), residual values and remaining useful life assessments (Level 3) inputs
Infrastructure - parks and ovals	Level 3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Management valuation	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition (Level 2), residual values and remaining useful life assessments (Level 3) inputs

Level 3 inputs are based on assumptions with regards to future values and patterns of consumption utilising current information. If the basis of these assumptions were varied, they have the potential to result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement.

During the period there were no changes in the valuation techniques used to determine the fair value of infrastructure using level 3 inputs.

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10. FIXED ASSETS

(a) Depreciation

Depreciation rates

Typical estimated useful lives for the different asset classes for the current and prior years are included in the table below:

Asset Class	Useful life
Buildings	30 to 100 years
Furniture and equipment	3 to 12 years
Plant and equipment	3 to 60 years
Sealed roads and streets	
Formation	not depreciated
Pavement	70 to 150 years
Surface	15 to 45 years
Kerb	60 to 70 years
Unsealed roads	
Formation	not depreciated
Surface	15 years
Drainage	60 to 100 years
Bridges	40 to 100 years
Footpaths	15 to 100 years
Heritage Trails	
Formation	not depreciated
Pavement	60 years
Point Items	15 to 100 years
Waste Transfer Stations	15 to 100 years
Bus Shelters	20 to 50 years
Parks Hard Assets	5 to 80 years

(b) Temporarily Idle or retired from use assets

The Shire did not have any temporarily idle or retired from use assets as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

(c) Fully Depreciated Assets in Use

The Shire did not have any fully depreciated assets in use as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

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10. FIXED ASSETS (Continued)

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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, 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.

Revaluation

Land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment, *infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls and measured at reportable value*, are only required to be revalued every five years in accordance with the regulatory framework. This includes buildings and infrastructure items which were pre-existing improvements (i.e. vested improvements) on land vested in the Shire.

Whilst the regulatory framework only requires a revaluation to occur every five years, it also provides for the Shire to revalue earlier if it chooses to do so.

For land, buildings and infrastructure, increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of asset classes are credited to a revaluation surplus in equity.

Decreases that offset previous increases of the same class of asset are recognised against revaluation surplus directly in equity. All other decreases are recognised in profit or loss.

Subsequent increases are then recognised in profit or loss to the extent they reverse a net revaluation decrease previously recognised in profit or loss for the same class of asset.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment and infrastructure, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the individual asset's useful life from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvements.

The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Depreciation on revaluation

When an item of property, plant and equipment and infrastructure is revalued, any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is treated in one of the following ways:

- (i) The gross carrying amount is adjusted in a manner that is consistent with the revaluation of the carrying amount of the asset.
- (ii) Eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Impairment

In accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 17A(4C)*, the Shire is not required to comply with *AASB 136 Impairment of Assets* to determine the recoverable amount of its non-financial assets that are land or buildings classified as property, plant and equipment, infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls in circumstances where there has been an impairment indication of a general decrease in asset values.

In other circumstances where it has been assessed that one or more of these non-financial assets are impaired, the asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains or losses on disposal

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

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11. LEASES

(a) Right-of-Use Assets

Movement in the balance of each class of right-of-use asset between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.	Note	Right-of-use assets - furniture and equipment \$	Right-of-use assets Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2022		587,677	587,677
Additions		202,305	202,305
Depreciation		(213,627)	(213,627)
Balance at 30 June 2023		576,355	576,355
Depreciation		(211,600)	(211,600)
Balance at 30 June 2024		364,755	364,755

The following amounts were recognised in the statement of comprehensive income during the period in respect of leases where the Shire is the lessee:

		2024 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$
Depreciation on right-of-use assets		(211,600)	(213,627)
Finance charge on lease liabilities	29(b)	(8,469)	(11,164)
Total amount recognised in the statement of comprehensive income		(220,069)	(224,791)
Total cash outflow from leases		(218,975)	(221,851)

(b) Lease Liabilities

Current		223,602	223,602
Non-current		148,158	358,664
	29(b)	371,760	582,266

The Shire has two leases relating to furniture and equipment. The lease terms range between 3 and 5 years.

The Shire has not revalued the right of use assets relating to leased furniture and equipment as the difference between the fair value and carrying amount is immaterial.

Secured liabilities and assets pledged as security

Lease liabilities are effectively secured, as the rights to the leased assets recognised in the financial statements revert to the lessor in the event of default.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Leases

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 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 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 that are classified as short-term leases (i.e. a lease with a 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.

Details of individual lease liabilities required by regulations are provided at Note 29(b).

Right-of-use assets - measurement

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost. All right-of-use assets (other than vested improvements) under zero cost concessionary leases are measured at zero cost (i.e. not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position). The exception is vested improvements on concessionary land leases such as roads, buildings or other infrastructure which are reported at fair value.

Refer to Note 10 under revaluation for details on the material accounting policies applying to vested improvements.

Right-of-use assets - depreciation

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset, whichever is the shorter. Where a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset, or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Shire anticipates to exercise a purchase option, the specific asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset.

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11. LEASES (Continued)

(c) Lessor - Property, Plant and Equipment Subject to Lease

The table below represents a maturity analysis of the undiscounted lease payments to be received after the reporting date.

Less than 1 year
1 to 2 years
2 to 3 years
3 to 4 years
4 to 5 years
> 5 years

	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
	\$	\$
	437,614	484,806
	436,619	426,375
	436,054	425,764
	431,916	424,719
	431,916	420,749
	430,581	420,749
	2,604,700	2,603,162
Amounts recognised in profit or loss for Property, Plant and Equipment Subject to Lease		
Rental income	500,715	588,974

The Shire leases community facilities to community groups with rentals payable either monthly or annually. These leases are classified as operating leases as they do not transfer substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to the ownership of the assets.

The community facilities are not considered investment property as they are leased for use in the supply of services to the community.

Lease payments for some contracts include CPI increases, but there are no other variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate. Although the Shire is exposed to changes in the residual value at the end of the current leases, the Shire typically enters into new operating leases and therefore will not immediately realise any reduction in residual value at the end of these leases.

Expectations about the future residual values are reflected in the fair value of the properties.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Shire as Lessor

Upon entering into each contract as a lessor, the Shire assesses if the lease is a finance or operating lease.

The contract is classified as a finance lease when the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases not within this definition are classified as operating leases. Rental income received from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the specific lease.

Initial direct costs incurred in entering into an operating lease (eg legal cost, cost to setup) are included in the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

When a contract is determined to include lease and non-lease components, the Shire applies AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* to allocate the consideration under the contract to each component.

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12. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current		
Sundry creditors	1,083,067	5,609,039
Prepaid rates	1,659,088	1,629,961
Bonds and deposits held	2,264,956	2,160,082
Creditor accruals	2,073,971	1,771,486
Cash in lieu of POS	1,448,450	1,222,901
	8,529,532	12,393,469

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value when the Shire becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and any consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Shire prior to the end of the financial year 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 usually 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.

Prepaid rates

Prepaid rates are, until the taxable event has occurred (start of the next financial year), refundable at the request of the ratepayer. Rates received in advance are initially recognised as a financial liability. When the taxable event occurs, the financial liability is extinguished and the Shire recognises income for the prepaid rates that have not been refunded.

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13. OTHER LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current		
Contract liabilities	0	15,263
Capital grant/contributions liabilities	320,631	260,387
	<u>320,631</u>	<u>275,650</u>
Reconciliation of changes in contract liabilities		
Opening balance	15,263	68,204
Additions	0	15,263
Revenue from contracts with customers included as a contract liability at the start of the period	(15,263)	(68,204)
	<u>0</u>	<u>15,263</u>
<p>The Shire expects to satisfy the performance obligations, from contracts with customers unsatisfied at the end of the reporting period, within the next 12 months.</p>		
Reconciliation of changes in capital grant/contribution liabilities		
Opening balance	260,387	1,080,048
Additions	331,563	1,658,068
Revenue from capital grant/contributions held as a liability at the start of the period	(271,319)	(2,477,729)
	<u>320,631</u>	<u>260,387</u>

Performance obligations in relation to capital grant/contribution liabilities are satisfied as project milestones are met or completion of construction or acquisition of the asset.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Contract liabilities

Contract liabilities represent the Shire's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Shire has received consideration from the customer.

Contract liabilities represent obligations which are not yet satisfied. Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the performance obligations in the contract are satisfied.

Capital grant/contribution liabilities

Capital grant/contribution liabilities represent the Shire's obligations to construct recognisable non-financial assets to identified specifications to be controlled by the Shire which are yet to be satisfied. Capital grant/contribution liabilities are recognised as income when the obligations in the contract are satisfied.

Fair values for non-current capital grant/contribution liabilities, not expected to be extinguished within 12 months, are based on discounted cash flows of expected cashflows to satisfy the obligations using a current borrowing rate. They are classified as level 3 fair values in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 25(i)) due to the unobservable inputs, including own credit risk.

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14. BORROWINGS

	Note	2024			2023		
		Current	Non-current	Total	Current	Non-current	Total
Secured		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other loans		812,437	6,813,721	7,626,158	772,872	7,626,158	8,399,030
Total secured borrowings	29(a)	812,437	6,813,721	7,626,158	772,872	7,626,158	8,399,030

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Borrowing costs

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.

Borrowings fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a current borrowing rate. They are classified as level 3 fair values in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 25(i)) due to the unobservable inputs, including own credit risk.

Risk

Information regarding exposure to risk can be found at Note 23.

Details of individual borrowings required by regulations are provided at Note 29(a).

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15. EMPLOYEE RELATED PROVISIONS

Employee Related Provisions

	2024	2023
Current provisions	\$	\$
Employee benefit provisions		
Annual leave	1,654,141	1,674,136
Long service leave	2,154,583	1,859,999
Total current employee related provisions	3,808,724	3,534,135
Non-current provisions		
Employee benefit provisions		
Long service leave	248,084	293,869
Total non-current employee related provisions	248,084	293,869
Total employee related provisions	4,056,808	3,828,004

Provision is made for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave and associated on costs for services rendered up to the reporting date and recorded as an expense during the period the services are delivered.

Annual leave liabilities are classified as current, as there is no unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period. Assessments indicate that actual settlement of the liabilities is expected to occur as follows:

	Note	2024	2023
Amounts are expected to be settled on the following basis:		\$	\$
Less than 12 months after the reporting date		1,549,952	1,557,427
More than 12 months from reporting date		2,506,856	2,270,577
		4,056,808	3,828,004
Expected reimbursements of employee related provisions from other WA local governments included within other receivables	5	136,018	151,233

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Employee benefits

The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave, long service leave and other employee leave entitlements are recognised as employee related provisions in the Statement of Financial Position.

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 statement of financial position.

Other long-term employee benefits

Long-term employee benefits provisions 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.

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16. OTHER PROVISIONS

	Make good provisions	Provision for Capital Contribution towards Regional Waste Collection Project	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Opening balance at 1 July 2023			
Non-current provisions	161,200	0	161,200
Additional provision	0	1,109,598	1,109,598
Balance at 30 June 2024	161,200	1,109,598	1,270,798

Other provisions

Amounts which are expected to be paid out within 12 months of the reporting date are classified as current. Exact timing of payment of non-current obligations is unable to be reliably estimated as it is dependent on factors beyond the control of the local government.

Make good provisions

Under the licence for the operation of the Mathieson Road Waste Transfer Station, the Shire has a legal obligation to restore the site.

The estimated future obligations include the costs of restoring the affected areas and continued monitoring of the site.

The provision for future remediation costs is the best estimate of the present value of the expenditure required to settle the remediation obligation at the reporting date. Future remediation costs are reviewed annually and any changes in the estimate are reflected in the present value of the remediation provision at each reporting date.

The payment of the non-current obligations is expected to be post 27 June 2035 i.e. upon the expiry of the license.

Provision for Capital Contribution towards Regional Waste Collection Project

A non-current provision as at 30 June 2024 has been recognised for the Shire's contribution towards the EMRC's capital expenditure outlay for the Regional Waste Collection Project.

This contribution is not due to be paid to the EMRC until 30 June 2028

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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.

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17. REVALUATION SURPLUS

	2024	Total	2024	2023	Total	2023
	Opening	Movement on	Closing	Opening	Movement on	Closing
	Balance	Revaluation	Balance	Balance	Revaluation	Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revaluation surplus - Land and Buildings	56,883,463	0	56,883,463	48,419,386	8,464,077	56,883,463
Revaluation surplus - Plant and equipment	1,627,873	0	1,627,873	1,627,873	0	1,627,873
Revaluation surplus - Infrastructure - roads	214,621,038	0	214,621,038	175,806,318	38,814,720	214,621,038
Revaluation surplus - Infrastructure - footpaths	10,386,985	0	10,386,985	8,057,073	2,329,912	10,386,985
Revaluation surplus - Infrastructure - drainage	36,292,031	0	36,292,031	28,976,295	7,315,736	36,292,031
Revaluation surplus - Infrastructure - parks and ovals	18,840,959	0	18,840,959	14,897,205	3,943,754	18,840,959
	338,652,349	0	338,652,349	277,784,150	60,868,199	338,652,349
Revaluation surplus - Share from investments in associates	4,640,725	61,303	4,702,028	4,610,771	29,954	4,640,725
	343,293,074	61,303	343,354,377	282,394,921	60,898,153	343,293,074

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18. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash and cash equivalents, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the reporting period is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

	Note	2024 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$
Cash and cash equivalents	3	17,353,578	25,026,351
Restrictions			
The following classes of financial assets have restrictions imposed by regulations or other externally imposed requirements which limit or direct the purpose for which the resources may be used:			
- Cash and cash equivalents	3	6,130,628	8,302,062
- Financial assets at amortised cost	4	30,109,480	24,179,308
		<u>36,240,108</u>	<u>32,481,370</u>
The restricted financial assets are a result of the following specific purposes to which the assets may be used:			
Restricted reserve accounts	30	33,268,212	29,934,979
Bonds and deposits held	12	2,264,956	2,160,082
Cash in lieu of POS (pre 10 April 2006)		386,309	386,309
Contract liabilities	13	0	0
Capital grant liabilities	13	320,631	0
Total restricted financial assets		<u>36,240,108</u>	<u>32,481,370</u>

(b) Reconciliation of Net Result to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities

Net result		277,045	9,114,553
Non-cash items:			
Adjustments to fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(3,482)	(5,910)
Depreciation/amortisation		10,031,723	8,251,419
(Profit)/loss on sale of assets		(56,091)	17,261
Share of profits of associates		(1,118,605)	(632,787)
Provision for Capital Contribution towards Regional Waste Collection Project		1,109,598	0
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables		683,226	(1,691,958)
(Increase)/decrease in other assets		(101,941)	61,578
(Increase)/decrease in inventories		65,434	(8,891)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		(3,863,937)	5,093,725
Increase/(decrease) in employee related provisions		228,804	3,119
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities		44,981	(872,602)
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		(2,874,028)	(9,769,019)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>4,422,727</u>	<u>9,560,488</u>

(c) Undrawn Borrowing Facilities

Credit Standby Arrangements

Bank overdraft limit		500,000	500,000
Bank overdraft at balance date		0	0
Credit card limit		56,000	56,000
Credit card balance at balance date		(24,023)	(22,236)
Total amount of credit unused		<u>531,977</u>	<u>533,764</u>

Loan facilities

Loan facilities - current		812,437	772,872
Loan facilities - non-current		6,813,721	7,626,158
Total facilities in use at balance date		<u>7,626,158</u>	<u>8,399,030</u>

Unused loan facilities at balance date

NIL NIL

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19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

In compliance with the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003* Section 11, the Shire has a listed site which may be potentially contaminated. Detail of the site is:

- 440 Strettle Road, Glen Forrest, 6071

Until the Shire conducts an investigation to determine the presence and scope of contamination, assess the risk, and agree with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation on the need and criteria for remediation of a risk based approach, the Shire is unable to estimate the potential costs associated with remediation of this site. This approach is consistent with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Guidelines.

20. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2024	2023
Contracted for:		
Capital Expenditure Projects	891,402	0
Total	891,402	0
Payable:		
Not later than one year	891,402	0
Total	891,402	0

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21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) Elected Member Remuneration

Fees, expenses and allowances to be paid or reimbursed to elected council members.

	Note	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$	2023 Actual \$
President's annual allowance		65,915	65,915	56,554
President's meeting attendance fees		32,410	32,410	28,901
President's annual allowance for ICT expenses		3,500	3,500	5,542
President's travel and accommodation expenses		9,976	1,800	1,768
		111,801	103,625	92,765
Deputy President's annual allowance		16,036	16,479	14,138
Deputy President's meeting attendance fees		24,170	24,170	22,121
Deputy President's annual allowance for ICT expenses		3,500	3,500	3,017
Deputy President's travel and accommodation expenses		7,642	1,800	4,041
		51,348	45,949	43,317
All other council member's meeting attendance fees		192,061	193,358	221,210
All other council member's child care expenses		0	1,800	1,085
All other council member's annual allowance for ICT expenses		27,718	28,004	42,684
All other council member's travel and accommodation expenses		14,655	14,400	8,099
		234,434	237,562	273,078
	21(b)	397,583	387,136	409,160

(b) Key Management Personnel (KMP) Compensation

The total of compensation paid to KMP of the Shire during the year are as follows:

Short-term employee benefits		1,388,443		1,150,749
Post-employment benefits		134,917		111,262
Employee - other long-term benefits		27,268		26,722
Council member costs	21(a)	397,583		409,160
		1,948,211		1,697,893

Short-term employee benefits

These amounts include all salary and fringe benefits awarded to KMP except for details in respect to fees and benefits paid to council members which may be separately found in the table above.

Post-employment benefits

These amounts are the current-year's cost of the Shire's superannuation contributions made during the year.

Other long-term benefits

These amounts represent annual leave and long service leave entitlements accruing during the year.

Council member costs

These amounts represent payments of member fees, expenses, allowances and reimbursements during the year.

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21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(c) Transactions with Related Parties

Transactions between related parties and the Shire are on normal commercial terms and conditions, no more favourable than those available to other parties, unless otherwise stated.

No outstanding balances or provisions for doubtful debts or guarantees exist in relation to related parties at year end.

KMP, other than elected members, are entitled to and do utilise the free use of the Shire's Aquatic Centres.

Elected members are provided with food and refreshments before all Council meetings.

In addition to KMP compensation above the following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
	\$	\$
Purchase of goods and services	5,579,439	3,786,720
Trade and other payables	0	200,394
Investments in associates:		
Distributions received from investments in associates	0	39,300

Related Parties

The Shire's main related parties are as follows:

i. Key management personnel

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Shire, directly or indirectly, including any council member, are considered key management personnel and are detailed in Notes 21(a) and 21(b).

ii. Other Related Parties

An associate person of KMP was employed by the Shire under normal employment terms and conditions.

Any entity that is controlled by or over which KMP, or close family members of KMP, have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activity of the entity, directly or indirectly, are considered related parties in relation to the Shire.

iii. Entities subject to significant influence by the Shire

An entity that has the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of an entity, but does not have control over those policies, is an entity which holds significant influence. Significant influence may be gained by share ownership, statute or agreement.

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22. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATES

(a) Investment in associates

Set out in the table below are the associates of the Shire. All associates are measured using the equity method. Western Australia is the principal place of business for all associates.

Name of entity	% of ownership interest		2024	2023
	2024	2023	Actual	Actual
EMRC	13.55%	11.43%	\$ 21,485,320	\$ 20,305,412
Total equity-accounted investments			21,485,320	20,305,412

(b) Share of Investment

The Shire of Mundaring has a share in the net assets of the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) as a member council. The EMRC provides services in waste management, resource recovery, environmental management and regional development.

The accounting share applicable to the Shire of Mundaring as at 30 June 2024 as disclosed in the financial statements of the EMRC is \$21,485,320

This represents the Shire's 13.55% share of the total equity of the EMRC.

Summarised statement of comprehensive income	Note	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
Revenue		\$ 73,628,107	\$ 51,844,081
Expenses		(57,511,232)	(45,564,938)
Profit/(loss) for the period		16,116,875	6,279,143
Other comprehensive income		467,065	635,245
Total comprehensive income for the period		16,583,940	6,914,388
Summarised statement of financial position			
Cash and cash equivalents			
Other current assets		94,271,356	84,995,182
Non-current assets		141,786,776	129,024,122
Total assets		236,058,132	214,019,304
Current liabilities		40,583,440	29,938,415
Non-current liabilities		36,935,224	6,407,147
Total liabilities		77,518,664	36,345,562
Net assets		158,539,468	177,673,742
Reconciliation to carrying amounts			
Opening net assets 1 July		177,673,742	170,759,354
Changes in members contributions		(35,718,215)	0
Profit/(Loss) for the period		16,116,875	6,279,143
Other comprehensive income		467,065	635,245
Closing net assets 30 June		158,539,467	177,673,742
Carrying amount at 1 July		20,305,412	19,681,971
- Share of associates net profit/(loss) for the period	22(c)	1,118,605	632,787
- Share of associates other comprehensive income arising during the period		61,303	29,954
- Distribution of equity by associate		0	(39,300)
Carrying amount at 30 June (Refer to Note 22(a))		21,485,320	20,305,412

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Investments in associates

An associate is an entity over which the Shire has significant influence, that is it has the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee but not control or joint control of those policies.

Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method. The equity method of accounting, is whereby the investment is initially recognised at cost and adjusted thereafter for the post-acquisition change in the Shire's share of net assets of the associate. In addition, the Shire's share of the profit or loss of the associate is included in the Shire's profit or loss.

(c) Share of associates net profit/(loss) for the period

Investment in EMRC

	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
	\$	\$
	1,118,605	632,787
	1,118,605	632,787

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23. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

This note explains the Shire's exposure to financial risks and how these risks could affect the Shire's future financial performance.

Risk	Exposure arising from	Measurement	Management
Market risk - interest rates	Long term borrowings at variable rates	Sensitivity analysis	Utilise fixed interest rate borrowings
Credit risk	Cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, financial assets and debt investments	Aging analysis Credit analysis	Diversification of bank deposits, credit limits. Investment policy
Liquidity risk	Borrowings and other liabilities	Rolling cash flow forecasts	Availability of committed credit lines and borrowing facilities

The Shire does not engage in transactions expressed in foreign currencies and is therefore not subject to foreign currency risk.

Financial risk management is carried out by the finance department under policies approved by the council. The finance department identifies, evaluates and manages financial risks in close co-operation with the operating divisions. Council have approved the overall risk management policy and provide policies on specific areas such as investment policy.

(a) Interest rate risk

Cash and cash equivalents

The Shire's main interest rate risk arises from cash and cash equivalents with variable interest rates, which exposes the Shire to cash flow interest rate risk. Short term overdraft facilities also have variable interest rates however these are repaid within 12 months, reducing the risk level to minimal.

Excess cash and cash equivalents are invested in fixed interest rate term deposits which do not expose the Shire to cash flow interest rate risk. Cash and cash equivalents required for working capital are held in variable interest rate accounts and non-interest bearing accounts. Carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents at the 30 June and the weighted average interest rate across all cash and cash equivalents, term deposits, and Treasury bonds held disclosed as financial assets at amortised cost are reflected in the table below.

	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Carrying Amounts	Fixed Interest Rate	Variable Interest Rate	Non Interest Bearing
	%	\$	\$	\$	\$
2024					
Cash and cash equivalents	1.00%	17,353,578	0	17,348,603	4,975
Financial assets at amortised cost - term deposits	3.49%	30,109,480	30,109,480	0	0
2023					
Cash and cash equivalents	1.00%	25,026,351	0	25,021,376	4,975
Financial assets at amortised cost - term deposits	4.40%	24,179,308	24,179,308	0	0

Amounts above are exclusive of GST receivable and do not include receivables for employee related provisions.

Sensitivity

Profit or loss is sensitive to higher/lower interest income from cash and cash equivalents as a result of changes in interest rates.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Impact of a 1% movement in interest rates on profit or loss and equity*	173,486	250,214

* Holding all other variables constant

Borrowings

Borrowings are subject to interest rate risk - the risk that movements in interest rates could adversely affect funding costs. The Shire manages this risk by borrowing long term and fixing the interest rate to the situation considered the most advantageous at the time of negotiation. The Shire does not consider there to be any interest rate risk in relation to borrowings. Details of interest rates applicable to each borrowing may be found at Note 29(a).

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23. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(b) Credit risk

Trade and Other Receivables

The Shire's major trade and other receivables comprise contractual non-statutory user fees and charges, grants, contributions and reimbursements. The major risk associated with these receivables is credit risk – the risk that the debts may not be repaid. The Shire manages this risk by monitoring outstanding debt and employing debt recovery policies.

The level of outstanding receivables is reported to council monthly and benchmarks are set and monitored for acceptable collection performance.

The Shire applies the AASB 9 Financial Instruments simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses using a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade and other receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, receivables from grants, contributions and reimbursements are separated from other trade receivables due to the difference in payment terms and security.

The expected loss rates are based on the payment profiles of trade and other receivables over a period of 36 months before 1 July 2023 or 1 July 2024 respectively and the corresponding historical losses experienced within this period. Historical credit loss rates are adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors such as the ability of users to settle the receivables.

The loss allowance as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023 was determined as follows for trade and other receivables.

	Current	More than 30 days past due	More than 60 days past due	More than 90 days past due	Total
30 June 2024					
Trade receivables					
Expected credit loss	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Gross carrying amount	999,538	1,046	7,381	1,091	1,009,056
Loss allowance	0	0	0	0	0
30 June 2023					
Trade receivables					
Expected credit loss	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Gross carrying amount	1,341,605	12,485	4,766	33,860	1,392,716
Loss allowance	0	0	0	0	0

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23. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

(c) Liquidity risk

Payables and borrowings

Payables and borrowings are both subject to liquidity risk – that is the risk that insufficient funds may be on hand to meet payment obligations as and when they fall due. The Shire manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels and maintaining an adequate cash buffer. Payment terms can be extended and overdraft facilities drawn upon if required and disclosed in Note 18(c).

The contractual undiscounted cash flows of the Shire's payables and borrowings are set out in the liquidity table below. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying amounts, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

	Due within 1 year	Due between 1 & 5 years	Due after 5 years	Total contractual cash flows	Carrying amount
<u>2024</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade and other payables	8,529,532	0	0	8,529,532	8,529,532
Borrowings	1,106,045	3,912,061	4,058,483	9,076,589	7,626,158
Lease liabilities	223,602	148,158	0	371,760	371,760
	<u>9,859,179</u>	<u>4,060,219</u>	<u>4,058,483</u>	<u>17,977,881</u>	<u>16,527,450</u>
<u>2023</u>					
Trade and other payables	12,393,469	0	0	12,393,469	12,393,469
Borrowings	1,106,045	4,424,182	4,652,408	10,182,635	8,399,030
Lease liabilities	232,071	363,802	0	595,873	582,266
	<u>13,731,585</u>	<u>4,787,984</u>	<u>4,652,408</u>	<u>23,171,977</u>	<u>21,374,765</u>

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24. EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

At its Ordinary meeting of Council held 10 September 2024 Shire of Mundaring Council resolved to advise the City of Swan, City of Bayswater, Town of Bassendean and the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council that the Shire of Mundaring supports the orderly wind up of the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council.

Council has authorised the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and sign the Orderly Withdrawal Deed of Agreement in accordance with the City of Swan's proposal.

In the event the orderly wind up is not supported by all members of the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council, the Chief Executive Officer is authorised to provide notice prior to 31 December 2024 of the Shire of Mundaring's withdrawal from the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council in accordance with Clause 11.1 of the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council Establishment Agreement (2021).

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25. OTHER MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows.

b) Current and non-current classification

The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the Shire's operational cycle. In the case of liabilities where the Shire does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months, such as vested long service leave, the liability is classified as current even if not expected to be settled within the next 12 months. Inventories held for trading are classified as current or non-current based on the Shire's intentions to release for sale.

c) Rounding off figures

All figures shown in this annual financial report, other than a rate in the dollar, are rounded to the nearest dollar. Amounts are presented in Australian Dollars.

d) Comparative figures

Where required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

When the Shire applies an accounting policy retrospectively, makes a retrospective restatement or reclassifies items in its financial statements that has a material effect on the statement of financial position, an additional (third) Statement of Financial Position as at the beginning of the preceding period in addition to the minimum comparative financial report is presented.

e) Budget comparative figures

Unless otherwise stated, the budget comparative figures shown in this annual financial report relate to the original budget estimate for the relevant item of disclosure.

f) Superannuation

The Shire contributes to a number of Superannuation Funds on behalf of employees. All funds to which the Shire contributes are defined contribution plans.

g) Fair value of assets and liabilities

Fair value is the price that the Shire would receive to sell the asset or would have to pay to transfer a liability, in an orderly (i.e. unforced) transaction between independent, knowledgeable and willing market participants at the measurement date.

As fair value is a market-based measure, the closest equivalent observable market pricing information is used to determine fair value. Adjustments to market values may be made having regard to the characteristics of the specific asset or liability. The fair values of assets that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data.

To the extent possible, market information is extracted from either the principal market for the asset or liability (i.e. the market with the greatest volume and level of activity for the asset or liability) or, in the absence of such a market, the most advantageous market available to the entity at the end of the reporting period (i.e. the market that maximises the receipts from the sale of the asset after taking into account transaction costs and transport costs).

For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement also takes into account a market participant's ability to use the asset in its highest and best use or to sell it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

h) Interest revenue

Interest revenue is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset measured at amortised cost except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets the effective interest rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

i) Fair value hierarchy

AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* requires the disclosure of fair value information by level of the fair value hierarchy, which categorises fair value measurement into one of three possible levels based on the lowest level that an input that is significant to the measurement can be categorised into as follows:

Level 1

Measurements based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2

Measurements based on inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3

Measurements based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The fair values of assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data. If all significant inputs required to measure fair value are observable, the asset or liability is included in Level 2. If one or more significant inputs are not based on observable market data, the asset or liability is included in Level 3.

Valuation techniques

The Shire selects a valuation technique that is appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data is available to measure fair value. The availability of sufficient and relevant data primarily depends on the specific characteristics of the asset or liability being measured. The valuation techniques selected by the Shire are consistent with one or more of the following valuation approaches:

Market approach

Valuation techniques that use prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions for identical or similar assets or liabilities.

Income approach

Valuation techniques that convert estimated future cash flows or income and expenses into a single discounted present value.

Cost approach

Valuation techniques that reflect the current replacement cost of the service capacity of an asset.

Each valuation technique requires inputs that reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would use when pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risks. When selecting a valuation technique, the Shire gives priority to those techniques that maximise the use of observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs that are developed using market data (such as publicly available information on actual transactions) and reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would generally use when pricing the asset or liability are considered observable, whereas inputs for which market data is not available and therefore are developed using the best information available about such assumptions are considered unobservable.

j) Impairment of assets

In accordance with Australian Accounting Standards the Shire's assets, other than inventories, are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication they may be impaired.

Where such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount except for non-financial assets that are:

- land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment;
- infrastructure; or
- vested improvements that the local government controls, in circumstances where there has been an impairment indication of a general decrease in asset values.

These non-financial assets are assessed in accordance with the regulatory framework detailed in Note 10.

Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard (e.g. AASB 116 *Property, Plant and Equipment*) whereby any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

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26. FUNCTION AND ACTIVITY

(a) Service objectives and descriptions

Shire operations as disclosed in this financial report encompass the following service orientated functions and activities.

Objective	Description
<p>Governance To provide a decision making process for the efficient allocation of resources.</p>	Includes the activities of members of council and the administrative support required for the Council and Shire services.
<p>General purpose funding To collect revenue to allow for the provision of services.</p>	Rates, general purpose government grants and interest revenue.
<p>Law, order, public safety To provide services to help ensure a safer community.</p>	Supervision and enforcement of legislation and various local laws relating to fire prevention, animal control and other aspects of public safety including emergency services.
<p>Health To provide an operational framework for environmental and community health.</p>	Prevention of human illnesses, including inspection of premises/food control.
<p>Education and welfare To provide services to disadvantaged persons, the elderly, children and youth.</p>	Operating and maintaining child minding centres and playgroup centres. Provision of services and programs for the youth and seniors of the Shire.
<p>Community amenities To provide essential services required by the community.</p>	Rubbish collection services, operation of waste disposal sites, litter control, construction and maintenance of urban storm water drains, protection of the environment and administration of town planning schemes, cemeteries and public conveniences.
<p>Recreation and culture To establish and effectively manage infrastructure and resources which will help the social well being of the community.</p>	Maintenance of public halls, civic centres, aquatic centres, lake, recreation centres and various sporting facilities. Provision and maintenance of parks, gardens and playgrounds. Operation of libraries and other cultural facilities.
<p>Transport To provide safe, effective and efficient transport services to the community.</p>	Construction and maintenance of roads, streets, pathways, depots, parking facilities and traffic control. Cleaning of streets and maintenance of street trees, street lighting etc.
<p>Economic services To help promote the shire and its economic wellbeing.</p>	Tourism and area promotion. Provision of standpipes. Approval of building construction and implementation of statutory building controls.
<p>Other property and services To monitor and control the Shire's overheads operating accounts.</p>	Public works overheads, plant and equipment operations and activities not reported in the above programs.

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26. FUNCTION AND ACTIVITY (Continued)

(b) Income and expenses

Income excluding grants, subsidies and contributions and capital grants, subsidies and contributions

	2024	2023
	Actual	Actual
	\$	\$
Governance	367,803	177,888
General purpose funding	36,312,982	32,820,737
Law, order, public safety	193,796	200,644
Health	127,236	104,750
Education and welfare	2,786,058	2,553,881
Community amenities	9,058,362	8,659,794
Recreation and culture	1,506,371	1,393,700
Transport	29,900	62,202
Economic services	406,442	295,642
Other property and services	116,560	683,715
	50,905,510	46,952,953

Grants, subsidies and contributions and capital grants, subsidies and contributions

Governance	0	16,000
General purpose funding	1,767,847	3,940,266
Law, order, public safety	1,461,824	970,770
Education and welfare	2,883,613	2,944,930
Community amenities	437,210	76,695
Recreation and culture	527,183	126,668
Transport	3,800,276	9,844,124
Other property and services	0	13,345
	10,877,953	17,932,798

Total Income

	61,783,463	64,885,751
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Expenses

Governance	(3,746,746)	(5,326,264)
General purpose funding	(920,017)	(846,801)
Law, order, public safety	(5,002,032)	(3,869,306)
Health	(654,363)	(634,255)
Education and welfare	(7,628,847)	(7,322,910)
Community amenities	(15,613,617)	(10,466,216)
Recreation and culture	(12,811,502)	(11,080,432)
Transport	(11,042,827)	(13,731,406)
Economic services	(783,142)	(770,213)
Other property and services	(3,303,325)	(1,723,395)
Total expenses	(61,506,418)	(55,771,198)

Net result for the period

	277,045	9,114,553
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(c) Total Assets

Governance	10,534,701	11,575,153
General purpose funding	52,768,648	54,508,856
Law, order, public safety	6,141,180	6,737,124
Health	547,018	577,433
Education and welfare	2,803,899	2,957,440
Community amenities	24,051,701	23,128,406
Recreation and culture	68,995,524	68,926,683
Transport	354,827,313	355,298,166
Economic services	26,046	25,361
Other property and services	23,723,062	23,810,054
	544,419,092	547,544,676

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27. RATING INFORMATION

General Rates

RATE TYPE	Basis of valuation	Rate in \$	Number of Properties	2023/24 Actual Rateable Value*	2023/24 Actual Rate Revenue	2023/24 Actual Interim Rates	2023/24 Actual Total Revenue	2023/24 Budget Rate Revenue	2023/24 Budget Interim Rate	2023/24 Budget Total Revenue	2022/23 Actual Total Revenue
GRV - Commercial	Gross rental valuation	0.0858	523	27,584,369	2,366,739	11,711	2,378,450	2,366,739	0	2,366,739	2,392,648
GRV - Light Industrial	Gross rental valuation	0.0858	291	18,869,615	1,619,013	(1,171)	1,617,842	1,619,013	0	1,619,013	1,498,804
GRV - Residential	Gross rental valuation	0.0858	11,493	242,558,726	20,811,538	82,294	20,893,832	20,813,279	156,258	20,969,537	19,904,769
GRV - Rural Residential	Gross rental valuation	0.0858	3,095	70,968,482	6,089,096	71,438	6,160,534	6,089,096	0	6,089,096	6,045,776
UV - Rural	Unimproved valuation	0.006254	250	154,760,000	967,869	(35,964)	931,905	967,869	0	967,869	992,872
Total general rates			15,652	514,741,192	31,854,255	128,308	31,982,563	31,855,996	156,258	32,012,254	30,834,869
Minimum Payment											
GRV - Commercial	Gross rental valuation	951	5	45,114	4,755	0	4,755	4,755	0	4,755	2,757
GRV - Light Industrial	Gross rental valuation	951	1	10,185	951	0	951	951	0	951	919
GRV - Residential	Gross rental valuation	951	362	2,839,590	344,262	0	344,262	344,262	0	344,262	406,198
GRV - Rural Residential	Gross rental valuation	951	143	1,309,870	135,993	0	135,993	135,993	0	135,993	66,168
UV - Mining	Unimproved valuation	1,202	6	55,894	7,212	0	7,212	7,212	0	7,212	6,966
Total minimum payments			517	4,260,653	493,173	0	493,173	493,173	0	493,173	483,008
Total general rates and minimum payments			16,169	519,001,845	32,347,428	128,308	32,475,736	32,349,169	156,258	32,505,427	31,317,877
Total Rates							32,475,736			32,505,427	31,317,877

The rate revenue was recognised from the rate record as soon as practicable after the Shire resolved to impose rates in the financial year as well as when the rate record was amended to ensure the information in the record was current and correct.

*Rateable Value at time of raising of rate.

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28. DETERMINATION OF SURPLUS OR DEFICIT

	2023/24 (30 June 2024 Carried Forward)	2023/24 Budget (30 June 2024 Carried Forward)	2022/23 (30 June 2023 Carried Forward)
Note	\$	\$	\$
(a) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities			
The following non-cash revenue or expenditure has been excluded from amounts attributable to operating activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> .			
Adjustments to operating activities			
Less: Profit on asset disposals	(102,034)	(620,000)	(36,585)
Less: Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(3,482)	0	(5,910)
Less: Share of net profit of associates and joint ventures accounted for using the equity method	(1,118,605)	0	(632,787)
Add: Loss on disposal of assets	45,943	0	53,846
Add: Impairment of Plant and Equipment	8(a) 0	0	0
Add: Depreciation	10(a) 10,031,723	8,456,170	8,251,419
Non-cash movements in non-current assets and liabilities:			
Pensioner deferred rates	(95,730)	0	(105,839)
Employee benefit provisions	(39,790)	0	15,435
Other provisions	1,109,598	0	0
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	9,827,623	7,836,170	7,539,579
(b) Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates			
The following current assets and liabilities have been excluded from the net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> .			
Adjustments to net current assets			
Less: Reserve accounts	30 (33,268,212)	(29,928,617)	(29,934,979)
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at end of year			
- Current portion of borrowings	14 812,437	812,437	772,872
- Current portion of lease liabilities	11(b) 223,602	214,033	223,602
Total adjustments to net current assets	(32,232,173)	(28,902,147)	(28,938,505)
Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity			
Total current assets	53,261,193	46,642,411	55,740,248
Less: Total current liabilities	(13,694,926)	(17,125,840)	(17,199,728)
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	(32,232,173)	(28,902,147)	(28,938,505)
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	7,334,094	614,424	9,602,015

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29. BORROWING AND LEASE LIABILITIES

(a) Borrowings

Purpose	Note	Actual						Budget				
		Principal at 1 July 2022	New Loans During 2022-23	Principal Repayments During 2022-23	Principal at 30 June 2023	New Loans During 2023-24	Principal Repayments During 2023-24	Principal at 30 June 2024	Principal at 1 July 2023	New Loans During 2023-24	Principal Repayments During 2023-24	Principal at 30 June 2024
Civic Facility Redevelopment		2,490,168	0	(346,577)	2,143,591	0	(371,446)	1,772,145	2,143,591	0	(371,446)	1,772,145
Community Building Projects		6,644,355	0	(388,916)	6,255,439	0	(401,426)	5,854,013	6,255,438	0	(401,426)	5,854,012
Total		9,134,523	0	(735,493)	8,399,030	0	(772,872)	7,626,158	8,399,029	0	(772,872)	7,626,157

Borrowing Finance Cost Payments

Purpose	Loan Number	Institution	Interest Rate	Date final payment is due	Actual for year ending 30 June 2024	Budget for year ending 30 June 2024	Actual for year ending 30 June 2023
Civic Facility Redevelopment	170	WATC*	6.95%	3/07/2028	(137,296)	(139,296)	(162,165)
Community Building Projects	171	WATC*	3.17%	1/05/2036	(192,498)	(192,498)	(205,008)
Total					(329,794)	(331,794)	(367,173)

Total Finance Cost Payments

(329,794) (331,794) (367,173)

* WA Treasury Corporation

(b) Lease Liabilities

Purpose	Note	Actual						Budget			
		Principal at 1 July 2022	New Leases During 2022-23	Principal Repayments During 2022-23	Principal at 30 June 2023	New Leases During 2023-24	Principal Repayments During 2023-24	Principal at 30 June 2024	Principal at 1 July 2023	New Leases During 2023-24	Principal Repayments During 2023-24
Security Appliance & Software	Lease 2	13,795	0	(13,795)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Photocopier/Printers	Lease 6	2,255	0	(1,586)	669	0	(669)	0	669	0	(669)
Data Centres (servers) x2	Lease 7	574,597	0	(141,472)	433,125	0	(142,906)	290,219	433,125	0	(142,906)
Server Infrastructure	Lease 8	0	202,306	(53,834)	148,472	0	(66,931)	81,541	148,471	0	(66,930)
Total Lease Liabilities	11(b)	590,647	202,306	(210,687)	582,266	0	(210,506)	371,760	582,265	0	(210,505)

Lease Finance Cost Payments

Purpose	Lease Number	Institution	Interest Rate	Date final payment is due	Actual for year ending 30 June 2024	Budget for year ending 30 June 2024	Actual for year ending 30 June 2023	Lease Term
Security Appliance & Software	Lease 2	HP Financial	2.99%	31/10/2022	0	0	(86)	60 mths
Photocopier/Printers	Lease 6	Konica Minolta	1.50%	7/12/2023	0	0	(21)	43 mths
Data Centres (servers) x2	Lease 7	HP Financial	1.02%	30/06/2026	(3,746)	(3,746)	(5,180)	60 mths
Server Infrastructure	Lease 8	HP Financial	4.06%	31/08/2025	(4,723)	(4,722)	(5,877)	36 mths
Total Finance Cost Payments					(8,469)	(8,468)	(11,164)	

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30. RESERVE ACCOUNTS

	2024 Actual Opening Balance	2024 Actual Transfer to	2024 Actual Transfer (from)	2024 Actual Closing Balance	2024 Budget Opening Balance	2024 Budget Transfer to	2024 Budget Transfer (from)	2024 Budget Closing Balance	2023 Actual Opening Balance	2023 Actual Transfer to	2023 Actual Transfer (from)	2023 Actual Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Restricted by legislation/agreement												
(a) Telecommunications Facility Bailup Reserve	30,504	14,016	0	44,520	30,504	10,691	0	41,195	20,923	9,581	0	30,504
(b) Cash in lieu of Public Open Space Reserve	847,256	230,743	0	1,077,999	847,256	519,182	0	1,366,438	339,852	507,404	0	847,256
	877,760	244,759	0	1,122,519	877,760	529,873	0	1,407,633	360,775	516,985	0	877,760
Restricted by council												
(c) Leave Reserve	367,512	972,011	(288,714)	1,050,809	367,512	958,320	(320,000)	1,005,832	378,988	416,522	(427,998)	367,512
(d) Civic Facilities Reserve	10,992,171	2,796,442	(630,407)	13,158,206	10,992,172	2,498,861	(697,794)	12,793,239	11,288,490	590,847	(887,166)	10,992,171
(e) Information Technology Reserve	891,783	194,621	0	1,086,404	891,783	170,190	(200,000)	861,973	853,808	67,975	(30,000)	891,783
(f) Childrens Services Reserve	3,224,927	237,555	0	3,462,482	3,224,926	73,012	(64,000)	3,233,938	3,012,203	212,724	0	3,224,927
(g) Capital Investment Reserve	3,299,925	156,826	0	3,456,751	3,299,925	1,074,710	0	4,374,635	3,896,605	78,320	(675,000)	3,299,925
(h) Capital Income Reserve	5,569,808	695,137	(581,491)	5,683,454	5,569,809	551,821	(1,287,000)	4,834,630	5,070,875	615,648	(116,715)	5,569,808
(i) Gravel Pit Rehabilitation Reserve	62,249	2,958	0	65,207	62,249	1,409	0	63,658	60,983	1,266	0	62,249
(j) Plant Reserve	2,262,040	1,339,881	(851,598)	2,750,323	2,262,040	1,274,758	(2,721,587)	815,211	2,136,335	881,655	(755,950)	2,262,040
(k) Unspent Grants Reserves	120,250	0	(120,250)	0	120,250	0	(120,250)	0	992,853	0	(872,603)	120,250
(l) Waste Management Reserve	2,180,471	252,075	(1,110,962)	1,321,584	2,180,471	49,365	(1,800,000)	429,836	2,102,706	82,875	(5,110)	2,180,471
(m) Environmental Future Fund Reserve	86,083	24,390	0	110,473	86,083	21,949	0	108,032	0	86,083	0	86,083
	29,057,219	6,671,896	(3,583,422)	32,145,693	29,057,220	6,674,395	(7,210,631)	28,520,984	29,793,846	3,033,915	(3,770,542)	29,057,219
	29,934,979	6,916,655	(3,583,422)	33,268,212	29,934,980	7,204,268	(7,210,631)	29,928,617	30,154,621	3,550,900	(3,770,542)	29,934,979

All reserves are supported by cash and cash equivalents and financial assets at amortised cost and are restricted within equity as Reserve accounts.

In accordance with council resolutions or adopted budget in relation to each reserve account, the purpose for which the reserves are set aside and their anticipated date of use are as follows:

Name of reserve account	Purpose of the reserve account
Restricted by legislation/agreement	
(a) Telecommunications Facility Bailup Reserve	To maintain the grounds and facilities of the reserve, Where there are surplus reserve funds, to maintain the grounds and facilities of other reserves within the locality.
(b) Cash in lieu of Public Open Space Reserve	Hold cash received in lieu of public open space.
Restricted by council	
(c) Leave Reserve	To fund the Shire's Long Service Leave Liability.
(d) Civic Facilities Reserve	To fund the construction and/or purchase of public buildings and facilities.
(e) Information Technology Reserve	To fund the upgrade and replacement of the Shire's information technology.
(f) Childrens Services Reserve	To provide funds for the purchase of capital items, preventative maintenance for Children Service's buildings and employee entitlements.
(g) Capital Investment Reserve	To fund the advancement of the Shire's Property Strategy.
(h) Capital Income Reserve	To fund the development of Shire facilities and infrastructure.
(i) Gravel Pit Rehabilitation Reserve	To fund the production of gravel and the rehabilitation of gravel pits.
(j) Plant Reserve	To fund the replacement and purchase of works plant and light vehicles.
(k) Unspent Grants Reserves	To quarantine any unspent grant funds at the end of each financial year.
(l) Waste Management Reserve	To fund capital costs and any operating deficits associated with the provision of the Shire's waste management services.
(m) Environmental Future Fund Reserve	To fund environmental initiatives and projects.

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31. TRUST FUNDS

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

	1 July 2023	Amounts Received	Amounts Paid	30 June 2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Public Open Space Contributions	2,551,693	20,531	0	2,572,224
BAL Grant (City of Perth LMDRF)	11,471	69	(11,540)	0
	<u>2,563,164</u>	<u>20,600</u>	<u>(11,540)</u>	<u>2,572,224</u>



Auditor General

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT 2024 Shire of Mundaring

To the Council of the Shire of Mundaring

Opinion

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

- the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and statement of financial activity for the year then ended
- notes comprising a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the financial report:

- is based on proper accounts and records
- presents fairly, in all material respects, the results of the operations of the Shire for the year ended 30 June 2024 and its financial position at the end of that period
- is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Act, Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for opinion

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

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

Other information

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible for the preparation and the Council for overseeing the other information. The other information is the information in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but not the financial report and my auditor's report.

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

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

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

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

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

- keeping proper accounts and records
- preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the requirements of the Act, the Regulations and Australian Accounting Standards
- managing internal control as required by the CEO to ensure the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

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

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

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

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

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

Matters relating to the electronic publication of the audited financial report

This auditor's report relates to the financial report of the Shire of Mundaring for the year ended 30 June 2024 included in the annual report on the Shire's website. The Shire's management is responsible for the integrity of the Shire's website. This audit does not provide assurance on the integrity of the Shire's website. The auditor's report refers only to the financial report. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the annual report. If users of the financial report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to contact the Shire to confirm the information contained in the website version.



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