

West Wimmera Shire Council

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 18 November 2026
2:00 pm

Kaniva Council Office
25 Baker Street, Kaniva Victoria 3419

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www.westwimmera.vic.gov.au

Councillors and Shire Map



MAYOR
Cr. Helen Hobbs



DEPUTY MAYOR
Cr. Jodie Pretlove



Cr. Richard Hicks



Cr. Tim Meyer



Cr. Tom Houlihan



COUNCIL VISION

In 2041 West Wimmera is a great place to live, work, and play. We are growing and we are known for our natural environment, resilience and sense of community. We are proud of our heritage and are building new economic capacity based on agriculture, innovation and tourism, which is creating local employment. Our towns are vibrant and welcoming, offering the services and facilities that meet the needs of our community and visitors. We are a confident community and will empower everyone to be part of our future.

OUR VALUES

INNOVATIVE – We will proactively respond to change, are optimistic about our future and pursue continuous improvement in everything that we do.

ACCOUNTABLE – We will be responsible, take ownership of our actions and are committed to good governance, excellence, transparency, achievement of goals and advocating for our community.

UNITED – We will do everything within our ability to encourage and form trusting relationships, to work together as one team to achieve our goals and advocate for 'One West Wimmera'.

COLLABORATIVE – We will actively and openly consult with you and work constructively with community organisations, agencies, the business community and other levels of government to our community's benefit.

OUR GOALS



Purpose of Council meetings

(1) Council holds scheduled meetings and, when required, unscheduled meetings to conduct the business of Council.

(2) Council is committed to transparency in decision making and, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020, Council and Delegated Committee meetings are open to the public and the community are able to attend.

(3) Meetings will only be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 66 of the Act, if:

- *(a) there are clear reasons for particular matters to remain confidential; or*
- *(b) a meeting is required to be closed for security reasons; or*
- *(c) it is necessary to enable the meeting to proceed in an ordinary manner.*

(4) A meeting closed to the public for the reasons outlined in sub-rule 3(b) or 3(c) will continue to be livestreamed. In the event a livestream is not available:

- *(a) the meeting may be adjourned; or*
- *(b) a recording of the proceedings may be available on the Council website*

The West Wimmera Shire Council Governance Rules set out the meeting procedure rules for this Council Meeting.

Members of the public are reminded that they are required to remain silent during this meeting, except during Section 5 Questions from the Gallery.

This Council meeting will be recorded for live streaming.

Recording of Meeting and Disclaimer

Please note every Council Meeting (other than items deemed confidential under section 3 (1) of the Local Government Act 2020) is being recorded and streamed live on West Wimmera Shire Council's website in accordance with Council's Governance Rules. Live streaming allows everyone to watch and listen to the meeting in real time, giving you greater access to Council debate and decision making and encouraging openness and transparency. All care is taken to maintain your privacy; however, as a visitor in the public gallery, your presence may be recorded. By remaining in the public gallery, it is understood your consent is given if your image is inadvertently broadcast. Opinions expressed or statements made by individual persons during a meeting are not the opinions or statements of West Wimmera Shire Council. Council therefore accepts no liability for any defamatory remarks that are made during a meeting.

Councillors pledge

As Councillors of West Wimmera Shire Council, we solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that we will consider each item on this agenda in the best interests of the whole municipal community.

REQUIRED TO ATTEND:

Councillors:

Helen Hobbs, Mayor
Jodie Pretlove, Deputy Mayor
Richard Hicks
Tim Meyer
Tom Houlihan

Executive Leadership Team:

David Bezuidenhout - Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Dalton Burns – Director Corporate and Community Services (DCCS)
Brendan Pearce - Director Infrastructure Development and Works (DIDW)

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1 Welcome

2 Acknowledgement of Country

The West Wimmera Shire Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, and pays respect to their elders, past, present and emerging.

3 Opening Prayer

Almighty God, we humbly ask your blessing upon this Council. Guide and prosper our decisions to the advancement of Your Glory and the true welfare of the people of West Wimmera Shire. Amen.

4 Apologies, Leave of Absences, Declaration of Conflict of Interest

4.1 Apologies

4.2 Leave of Absence

4.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

All Councillors and Council Staff have a personal responsibility to ensure they are aware of the provisions mandated in the Local Government Act 2020 with regard to Conflict of Interest disclosures.

5 Questions from the Gallery

5.1 Written Questions on Notice

Governance Rules – Division 8 Section 53:

53.4 Questions submitted to Council can be submitted as follows:

53.4.1 In writing, stating the name and address of the person submitting the question and generally be in a form approved or permitted by Council; and

53.4.2 Placed in the receptacle designated for the purpose at the place of the meeting at least two hours prior to the Council meeting, or be lodged electronically at the prescribed email address at least two hours prior to the Council meeting.

53.5 No person may submit more than two questions at any one meeting.

The Question on Notice template is available from the Edenhope and Kaniva Council Offices, and from Council's website.

Written Questions on Notice submitted to Council no later than the deadline of 5:00pm on the Monday in the previous week to the relevant Council Meeting, will be included in the agenda.

Written Questions submitted subsequent to that deadline can be lodged electronically to Katiefrost@westwimmera.vic.gov.au, no later than two hours prior to the Council Meeting.

No questions on notice were received.

5.2 Verbal Questions without Notice

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council suspend Standing Orders at XX for the purpose of receiving questions without notice from the members of the Gallery.

Time permitting, this section of the Agenda allows members of gallery to ask verbal questions of Councillors, following the removal of standing orders and when prompted by the Mayor (Governance Rules Division 8 S53.4.3)

Members of the Gallery providing verbal questions without notice at a Council Meeting must state their name, to be recorded in the minutes (Governance Rules Division 8 S53.4.4)

No person may submit more than two questions at any one meeting (Governance Rules Division 8 S53.5)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resume Standing Orders at XX.

6 Delegates Reports

Delegate Reports are for providing feedback on formal council business and are for information only

6.1 Councillor Helen Hobbs (Mayor)

Date	Event
29/10/2026	Seniors Concert
04/11/2026	Annual Statutory Meeting
04/11/2026	Unscheduled Confidential Council Meeting
04/11/2026	Councillor Forum
11/11/2026	Edenhope Remembrance Day
18/11/2026	WWSC Cemetries Trust Meeting
18/11/2026	Pre Council Meeting
18/11/2026	Council Meeting

6.2 Councillor Jodie Pretlove (Deputy Mayor)

Date	Event
29/10/2026	Seniors Concert
04/11/2026	Annual Statutory Meeting
04/11/2026	Unscheduled Confidential Council Meeting
04/11/2026	Councillor Forum
11/11/2026	Harrow Remembrance Day
18/11/2026	WWSC Cemetries Trust Meeting
18/11/2026	Pre Council Meeting
18/11/2026	Council Meeting

6.3 Councillor Richard Hicks

Date	Event
29/10/2026	Seniors Concert
04/11/2026	Annual Statutory Meeting
04/11/2026	Unscheduled Confidential Council Meeting
04/11/2026	Councillor Forum
11/11/2026	Apsley Remembrance Day
13/11/2026	Rail Freight Alliance Meeting
18/11/2026	WWSC Cemetries Trust Meeting
18/11/2026	Pre Council Meeting
18/11/2026	Council Meeting

6.4 Councillor Tim Meyer

Date	Event
22/10/2026	2026 MAV Councillor Service Awards
23/10/2026	MAV State Council
26/10/2026	Emma Kealy election commitment announcement
28/10/2026	Timber Towns 3-day forum
29/10/2026	Timber Towns 3-day forum
30/10/2026	Timber Towns 3-day forum and AGM
04/11/2026	Annual Statutory Meeting
04/11/2026	Unscheduled Confidential Council Meeting
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18/11/2026	Pre Council Meeting
18/11/2026	Council Meeting

7 Condolences

Nil

8 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

8.1 Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 21 October 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 21 October 2026 be taken as an accurate record and confirmed.

Attachments

Nil

9 Business Arising From Previous Minutes

10 Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion submitted for the agenda.

11 Councillor Forum Record

11.1 Councillor Forum Record Wednesday, 7 October 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Record for the Councillor Forum Record Wednesday, 7 October 2026 be received and noted.

12 Deputations and Petitions

There were no Petitions or Deputations submitted for the agenda.

13 Chief Executive Officer

13.1 Quarterly Budget Report - Q4 ending 30 June 2026

Directorate: *Corporate and Community Services*
Report Author: *Chief Financial Officer*
Report Purpose: *For Decision*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the quarterly budget report for Q4 ending 30 June 2026.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives and notes the Quarterly Budget Report update for Q4 ending 30 June 2026.

Declaration of Interest

No officer declared an interest under the *Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)* in the preparation of this report.

Background

Draft annual statements were presented to Council at the September council meeting for endorsement. The quarterly report is a requirement under the Local Government Act. The Q4 financial report is presented to be received by the council. Q4 finance results were non finalised until Councils external auditors issued their final audit opinion and are now finalised and presented for council receival.

Operating income

Operating income is 23% above budget due as a significant portion of the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) funding was received and recognised in FY2026.

Non-operating income

Commonwealth capital grants are below budget claims have been submitted for the remaining R2R payment totaling $648,000 in 2026-27.

Operating expenses

Employee costs are under budget for the year. Materials and services spending is 7% above budget with several carry forward projects completed in 2025-26. Depreciation was 35% above budget due to the revaluation of roads and land and buildings.

Balance sheet

Councils cash balance was $17.42m due to the early prepayments of Commonwealth grants into the 2025-2026 year.

Risk Management Implications

Risk identified:

Financial risk

Legislative Implications

The report complies with the requirements of the:
Local Government Act 2020

Environmental Implications

Nil

Financial and Budgetary Implications

The financial risk rating has been assessed as: Medium

Policy Implications

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy/s:

Not applicable

Council Plan Implications

This report supports the following sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2025 – 2029:

Goal 4 – Operational excellence
4.5 Strive for long-term financial sustainability.

Communication Implications

No Communication Implications

Equal Impact Assessment

No Equal Impact Assessment is required

Conclusion

That Council receives and notes the Quarterly Budget Report update for Q4 ending 30 June 2026

Attachments

1. Council Finance Statements to June 2026 [**13.1.1** - 3 pages]

Profit and Loss

West Wimmera Shire Council
For the year ended 30 June 2026

Account	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Variance	% Var.	Annual Budget	Notes
Operating Income						
Rates and Charges	9,216,794	9,184,935	31,859	0%	9,184,935	
User Fees	576,590	596,276	(19,686)	-3%	596,276	1
Statutory Fees and Fines	141,019	171,779	(30,760)	-18%	171,779	1
Contributions	0	302,004	(302,004)	-100%	302,004	2
Operating Grants	13,797,835	9,915,356	3,882,479	39%	9,915,356	3
Interest Income	349,943	30,000	319,943	1066%	30,000	4
Other Income	3,483,074	2,131,822	1,351,252	63%	2,131,822	5
Total Operating Income	**27,565,255**	**22,332,172**	**5,233,083**	**23%**	**22,332,172**	
Gross Profit	**27,565,255**	**22,332,172**	**5,233,083**	**23%**	**22,332,172**	
Non Operating Income						
Net gain / (loss) on disposal of assets	77,400	114,996	(37,596)	-33%	114,996	6
Commonwealth Capital Grants	2,625,747	3,477,828	(852,081)	-25%	3,477,828	7
State Capital Grants	454,969	528,708	(73,739)	-14%	528,708	8
Total Non Operating Income	**3,158,116**	**4,121,532**	**(963,416)**	**-23%**	**4,121,532**	
Operating Expenses						
Employee Costs	10,374,488	11,071,176	(696,688)	-6%	11,071,176	9
Materials & Services	9,953,655	9,267,986	685,669	7%	9,267,986	10
Interest Expense	78,622	80,004	(1,382)	-2%	80,004	11
Depreciation	11,334,822	8,368,512	2,966,310	35%	8,368,512	
Other Expenses	525,853	508,493	17,360	3%	508,493	
Other Expenses - Net Loss on Disposal of Asset	373,166	0	373,166	0%	0	12
Total Operating Expenses	**32,640,606**	**29,296,171**	**3,344,435**	**11%**	**29,296,171**	
Net Operating Profit	**(5,075,351)**	**(6,963,999)**	**1,888,648**	**-27%**	**(6,963,999)**	
Net Profit (including Non Operating Income)	**(1,917,235)**	**(2,842,467)**	**925,232**	**-33%**	**(2,842,467)**	

Notes

1. Anticipated to remain under budget with building and planning approvals slightly lower than budgeted.

2. Contributions for the construction of the Edenhope Recreation Reserve are sitting on the Balance Sheet to be recognised in line with the project progress

3. We have received 50%% of the total 2026 FY FAGS allocation this FY. We budgeted for the allocation to be received equally across the FY however received and recognised 50% in the 2025 FY. Providing the payment schedule remains constant we should meet budget with a substantial payment in late 2026FY for the following FY.

4. Cash position remains strong and we have continued to invest loan funds.

5. Other income includes positive variations for drought support administration 57k, and June 2025 VicRoads payment received in 25-26 of 531k.

6. YTD fleet vehicles have been reduced by 2 and minor plant sales have been completed.

7. R2R (Roads to Recovery) YTD have received one quarterly claim remaining claims will be received in 2026-27. Final LRCI funding received 1.748m

8. We have received initial payments for the Sports and Rec grants for Goroke Rec Reserve, Kaniva Bowls Club and TAC projects that have been confirmed funding this year that were not budgeted.

9. Savings versus budget from staff vacancies in 2025-26.

10. Goroke recreation reserve project costs $596k were a carry forward from 2024-25.

11. Borrowings reduced by 500k in April will further minimise interest expense prior to end of year.

12. A number fo assets identified in the buildings revaluation were written off for their remaining value.

Balance Sheet

West Wimmera Shire Council
As at 30 June 2026

Account	30 June 2026	30 June 2025	
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	11,420,719	10,835,182	1
Investments	6,000,000	0	1
Trade & Other Receivables	1,607,966	987,940	
Inventory	97,256	106,527	
Prepayments	50,643	20,020	
Other Assets	29,329	17,001	
Total Current Assets	**19,205,913**	**11,966,670**	
Non-current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	294,475,148	261,585,268	2
Investment in Associates	0	427,870	3
Total Non-current Assets	**294,475,148**	**262,013,138**	
Total Assets	**313,681,062**	**273,979,808**	
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	2,175,514	2,222,818	
Trust Funds & Deposits	851,378	612,645	
Contract Liabilities	1,406,159	1,152,978	
Provisions	2,163,981	2,179,342	
Loan - Treasury Corporation of Victoria	1,500,000	2,000,000	4
Total Current Liabilities	**8,097,032**	**8,167,784**	
Non-current Liabilities			
Provisions	275,172	298,686	
Total Non-current Liabilities	**275,172**	**298,686**	
Total Liabilities	**8,372,204**	**8,466,470**	
Net Assets	**305,308,858**	**265,513,338**	
Equity			
Asset Revaluation Reserves	271,583,212	229,870,458	2
Restricted Reserves	2,817,191	2,242,431	
Retained Earnings	30,908,455	33,400,450	
Total Equity	**305,308,858**	**265,513,338**	

1. Cash & Investments higher than anticipated due to lower YTD capital expenditure.

2. Asset Capitalisation and Revaluation of land and buildings in June.

3. Council has withdrwan from Wimmera Regional Library Corporation and Wimmera Southern Mallee Development

4. Loan repayment of 500k in April.

Statement of Cash Flows

West Wimmera Shire Council
For the 11 months ended 31 May 2026

Account	2026	2025	
Operating Activities			
Rates and Charges	9,263,320	8,852,341	
Statutory fees and fines	142,026	164,809	
User Fees	615,096	788,755	
Grants - Operating	14,177,861	14,930,658	
Grants - Capital	3,120,686	2,511,103	
Contributions	0	76,364	
Interest received	345,686	390,695	
Receipts from other income	2,974,950	2,048,227	
Employee costs	(10,645,055)	(11,602,438)	
Payments for materials and services	(10,171,329)	(10,538,467)	
Cash payments from other operating activities	(543,448)	(558,400)	
Interest Expense	(78,622)	(913)	
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	**9,201,172**	**7,062,733**	
Investing Activities			
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(4,080,074)	(6,987,607)	1
Disposal of assets	85,140	468,968	
Investment in Associates	168,597	0	
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	**(3,826,337)**	**(6,518,638)**	
Financing Activities			
Trust Funds & Other Deposits	320,595	247,436	
Other cash items from financing activities	694,729	2,000,000	
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	**1,015,324**	**2,247,436**	
Net Cash Flows	**6,390,159**	**2,791,531**	
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	10,834,795	8,043,264	
Net change in cash for period	6,390,159	2,791,531	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	17,224,953	10,834,795	1

1. Cash higher than anticipated due to lower YTD capital expenditure.

13.2 Quarterly Budget Report and Annual Plan - Q1 ending 30 September 2026

Directorate: *Corporate and Community Services*
Report Author: *Chief Financial Officer*
Report Purpose: *For Decision*

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the quarterly budget report for Q1 ending 30 September 2026.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives and notes the Quarterly Budget Report update for Q1 ending 30 September 2026.

Declaration of Interest

No officer declared an interest under the *Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)* in the preparation of this report.

Background

Operating income

Operating income is 10% below budget due to a smoothed monthly allocation of operating grants. As a significant portion of the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) funding was received and recognised in FY2026, it is expected to remain below budget until June 2027. It is anticipated that 50% of the FY2027 FAGs funding will be received in this financial year, in line with the budget.

Non-operating income

Commonwealth capital grants are budgeted evenly throughout the year. Claims have been submitted for the first quarter for R2R payment totaling $1.479m including funds relating to works completed in 2025-26.

Operating expenses

Operating expenses are within budget with employee costs under budget year-to-date, due to paid hours being less than budgeted. Other expenses are lower than the budget due to the timing of payments.

Balance sheet

Cash balance YTD was $16.169m. Council rates have been levied, with the instalments now sitting as receivable on the balance sheet. In addition, an associated payable of approximately $2M has been recorded for the Emergency Service and Volunteer Fund, which is levied as part of the rates process.

Capital Works

Capital Expenditure is forecast at $9.7m with 9% of capital works expenditure occurring YTD, with the major road capital works set to commence in October.

Risk Management Implications

Risk identified:

Financial risk

Legislative Implications

The report complies with the requirements of the:
Local Government Act 2020

Environmental Implications

Nil

Financial and Budgetary Implications

The financial risk rating has been assessed as: Medium

Policy Implications

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy/s:

Not applicable

Council Plan Implications

This report supports the following sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2025 – 2029:

Communication Implications

No Communication Implications

Equal Impact Assessment

No Equal Impact Assessment is required

Conclusion

That Council receives and notes the Quarterly Budget Report update for Q4 ending 30 June 2026

Attachments

1. Council Finance Report - YTD Sep 2026 [**13.2.1** - 12 pages]
2. Q 1 Update Annual Plan 2627 [**13.2.2** - 11 pages]

West Wimmera Shire Council

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

As at 30 September 2026

WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

The best of country living

West Wimmera Shire Council
Monthly Finance Report
As at 30 September 2026

Executive Summary

Operating income

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Balance sheet

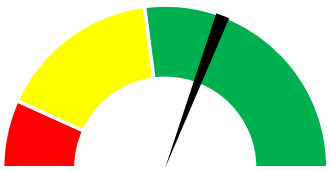
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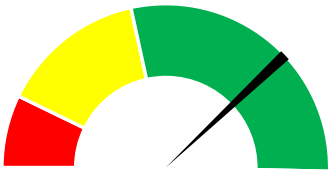
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West Wimmera Shire Council
Key Performance Indicators
As at 30 September 2026

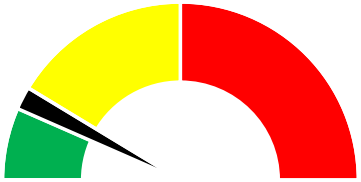
Working Capital Ratio
223%



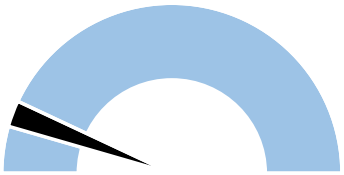
Unrestricted Cash Balance
$10,405,791



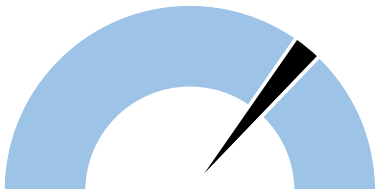
Total Debt / Rate Revenue
16%



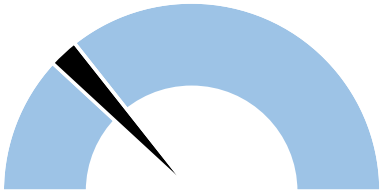
Capital YTD VS Forecast Budget
9%



Income YTD % Forecast Budget
69%



Expenditure YTD % Forecast Budget
24%



West Wimmera Shire Council
Profit and Loss
As at 30 September 2026

Account	YTD Actual	Adopted Budget	Forecast Budget	YTD Adopted Budget	Forecast YTD	YTD Budget Variance	% Var.	Notes
Operating Income								
Rates and Charges	9,506,274	9,526,756	9,526,756	9,492,372	9,492,599	13,902	0%	
User Fees	136,158	664,053	664,052	185,715	185,715	(49,557)	-27%	1
Statutory Fees and Fines	28,414	175,864	175,864	22,004	22,004	6,410	29%	2
Contributions	0	65,004	65,000	16,251	16,250	(16,251)	-100%	3
Operating Grants	1,322,706	9,244,309	4,730,720	2,438,013	1,309,028	(1,115,307)	-46%	4
Interest Income	57,745	174,999	174,999	44,232	43,750	13,513	31%	5
Other Income	179,645	681,699	856,698	207,676	256,673	(28,031)	-13%	6
Total Operating Income	**11,230,941**	**20,532,684**	**16,194,089**	**12,406,263**	**11,326,019**	**(1,175,322)**	**-10%**	
Gross Profit	**11,230,941**	**20,532,684**	**16,194,089**	**12,406,263**	**11,326,019**	**(1,175,322)**	**-10%**	
Non Operating Income								
Net gain / (loss) on disposal of assets	185,000	99,996	99,996	24,999	99,996	160,001	640%	7
Commonwealth Capital Grants	1,479,341	4,131,036	5,388,640	1,032,759	1,182,460	446,582	43%	8
State Capital Grants	181,565	1,099,176	2,182,040	274,794	454,262	(93,230)	-34%	9
Total Non Operating Income	**1,845,905**	**5,330,208**	**7,670,676**	**1,332,552**	**1,736,718**	**513,353**	**30%**	
Operating Expenses								
Employee Costs	2,418,070	11,161,332	11,161,331	2,790,333	3,075,333	(372,263)	-13%	10
Materials & Services	2,354,806	7,138,338	9,593,800	2,204,022	2,637,568	150,784	7%	
Interest Expense	11,886	60,000	60,000	15,000	15,000	(3,114)	-21%	11
Depreciation	2,833,706	10,929,300	10,929,290	2,732,325	2,732,323	101,381	4%	
Other Expenses	73,906	689,573	688,573	129,047	172,794	(55,141)	-43%	12
Other Expenses - Net Loss on Disposal of Asset								
Total Operating Expenses	**7,692,373**	**29,978,543**	**32,432,994**	**7,870,727**	**8,633,018**	**(178,354)**	**-2%**	
Net Operating Profit	**3,538,568**	**(9,445,859)**	**(16,238,905)**	**4,535,536**	**2,693,001**	**(996,968)**	**-37%**	
Net Profit (including Non Operating Income)	**5,384,473**	**(4,115,651)**	**(8,568,229)**	**5,868,088**	**4,429,719**	**(483,615)**	**-11%**	
Work in Progress								
Work in Progress - Wages	44,993	0	0		0	44,993	0%	
Work in Progress - Wages Oncosts	21,613	0	0		0	21,613	0%	
Work in Progress - Contractors	280,507	0	0		0	280,507	0%	
Work in Progress - Materials	471,418	0	0		0	471,418	0%	
Work in Progress - Internal Plant	35,310	0	0		0	35,310	0%	
Work in Progress - External Plant	13,920	0	0		0	13,920	0%	
Work in Progress - Other	0	0	0		0	0	0%	
Total Work in Progress	**867,760**	**0**	**0**		**0**	**867,760**	**0%**	

Notes

1. Childcare fees 31k and minor private works 12k less than foreacst YTD
2. Planning Fees 6k greater than forecast.
3. Contributions for the construction of the Edenhope Recreation Reserve are sitting on the Balance Sheet to be recognised in line with the project progress
4. Forecast operating grants include a reduction for FAGS of 6.6m, Forecast grants and actuals are a 13k difference for the 1st quarter.
5. Interest received is greater than budget by 13k. A revised interest forecast will be included in a forecast variations report to Council.
6. Other income includes budgeted Vicroads private works. This contract was not extended into 2026-27.
7. Includes gross proceeds of fleet vehicle sales, carrying value adjustment will occur at end of financial year.
8. RTR 1st quarter payment 1.479m includes funding relating to 2025-26.
9. Funding scheduled for receipt in the 1st quarter for the Kaniva Safety review 90k has been delayed to 2nd quarter.
10. YTD hours paid lower than budgeted as per HR statement. October includes 3 pay periods which will reduce the variance.
11. Timing of borrowing costs will align to budget at year end.
12. Timing variation for costs yet to occur including external audit costs 50k.

West Wimmera Shire Council
Balance Sheet
As at 30 September 2026

	Adopted Budget	Forecast Budget	YTD Actual	30 June 2026	
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,494,000	8,410,268	16,169,885	17,421,487	
Trade & Other Receivables	1,597,000	1,597,000	9,214,612	1,607,966	1
Inventory	150,000	150,000	143,331	97,256	
Prepayments	20,000	20,000	0	50,643	
Other Assets	20,000	20,000	195,566	29,329	
Total Current Assets	**6,281,000**	**10,197,268**	**25,723,394**	**19,206,681**	
Non-current Assets					
Property, Plant and Equipment	259,902,000	300,387,055	291,641,443	294,475,148	2
Total Non-current Assets	**259,902,000**	**300,387,055**	**291,641,443**	**294,475,148**	
Total Assets	**266,183,000**	**310,584,324**	**317,364,837**	**313,681,830**	
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Trade & Other Payables	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,395,168	2,175,514	
Trust Funds & Deposits	577,000	577,000	866,807	851,378	
Contract Liabilities	900,000	900,000	1,369,659	1,406,159	
Provisions	2,400,000	2,400,000	2,132,460	2,163,981	3
Loan - Treasury Corporation of Victoria	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	4
Total Current Liabilities	**6,877,000**	**6,877,000**	**7,264,094**	**8,097,032**	
Non-current Liabilities					
Provisions	400,000	400,000	275,172	275,172	3
Total Non-current Liabilities	**400,000**	**400,000**	**275,172**	**275,172**	
Total Liabilities	**7,277,000**	**7,277,000**	**7,539,266**	**8,372,204**	
Net Assets	**258,906,000**	**303,307,324**	**309,825,571**	**305,309,626**	
Equity					
Asset Revaluation Reserves	262,067,000	278,415,000	271,583,212	271,583,212	2
Restricted Reserves	0	2,817,191	2,817,191	2,817,191	
Retained Earnings	(3,161,000)	22,075,133	35,425,167	30,908,455	
Total Equity	**258,906,000**	**303,307,324**	**309,825,571**	**305,308,858**	

Notes

1. Rates raised in full in July and will reduce with quarterly rates installments
2. Asset Capitalisation and Revaluation occured in June 2026 and scheduled for June 2027.
3. Employee provisions reduced at the end of June 2026.
4. Loan repayment of 500k scheduled for repayment in third quarter.

West Wimmera Shire Council
Statement of Cash Flows
As at 30 September 2026

	Adopted Budget	Forecast Budget	YTD Actual 30 June 2026		
Operating Activities					
Rates and Charges	9,468,000	9,526,756	767,696	9,263,320	1
Statutory fees and fines	173,000	175,864	26,713	142,026	
User Fees	657,000	664,052	281,257	615,096	
Grants - Operating	9,152,000	4,730,720	1,312,252	14,177,861	
Grants - Capital	4,035,000	6,164,521	1,675,412	3,120,686	
Contributions	65,000	65,000	0	0	
Interest received	175,000	174,999	87,074	345,686	
Receipts from other income	926,000	856,698	1,088,251	2,974,950	
Employee costs	(10,607,000)	(11,161,331)	(2,927,340)	(10,645,055)	
Payments for materials and services	(7,907,000)	(9,593,800)	(2,603,285)	(10,171,329)	
Cash payments from other operating activities	685,000	(688,573)	(107,436)	(543,448)	
Interest Expense	(60,000)	(60,000)	(11,886)	(78,622)	
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	**6,762,000**	**854,906**	**(411,292)**	**9,201,172**	
Investing Activities					
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(7,795,000)	(9,701,591)	(807,985)	(3,911,477)	
Disposal of assets	532,000	532,000	174,500	85,140	
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	**(7,263,000)**	**(9,169,591)**	**(633,485)**	**(3,826,337)**	
Financing Activities					
Trust Funds & Other Deposits			(11,000)	320,595	
Other cash items from financing activities	(500,000)	(500,000)	509	694,729	
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	**(500,000)**	**(500,000)**	**(10,491)**	**1,015,324**	
Net Cash Flows	**(1,001,000)**	**(8,814,685)**	**(1,055,268)**	**6,390,159**	
Cash and Cash Equivalents					
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	5,495,000	17,224,953	17,224,953	10,834,795	
Net change in cash for period	(1,001,000)	(8,814,685)	(1,055,268)	6,390,159	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	4,494,000	8,410,268	16,169,685	17,224,953	

Notes

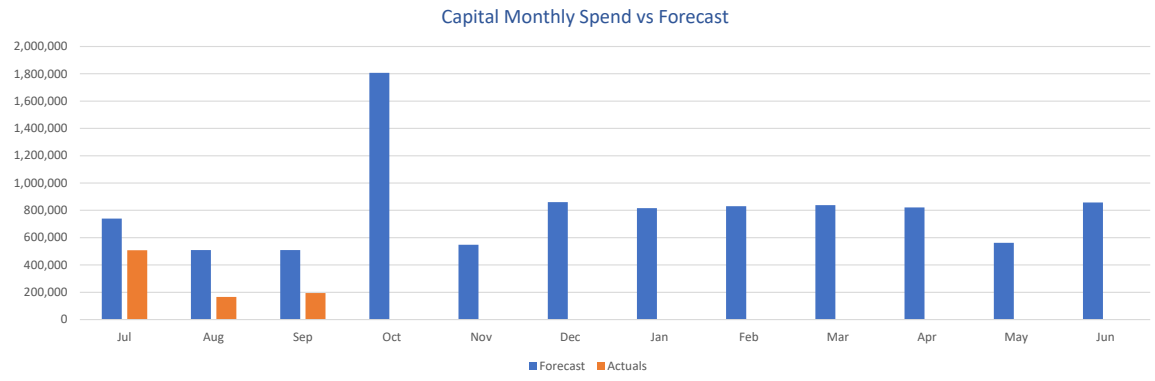
1. Rates installments received in 1st quarter.

West Wimmera Shire Council
Capital Works Program
As at 30 September 2026

Description	Adopted Budget	Forecast Budget	YTD Actual	Financial Progress %	Project Progress %	Project Comments
Buildings & Structures	**1,387,922**	**922,731**	**137,971**	**15%**		
Edenhope Community Centre Wall Patching and Painting	10,000	10,000	0	0%		
Goroke Library Wall Patching and Painting	10,000	10,000	6,440	64%		
Harrow Discovery Centre Repairs (Deck Area & Roof)	11,000	11,000	0	0%		
Edenhope and Goroke Depot Emergency Power Points	10,000	10,000	0	0%		
Windmill Café - Power Upgrade	15,000	15,000	0	0%		
Kaniva Caravan Park Mens Toilet Urinal Upgrade	10,000	10,000	4,200	42%		
Goroke Kinder Building Upgrade	750,400	0	0	100%	100%	Funding application unsuccessful
Kaniva Hall Toilet Upgrade	36,500	0	0	100%	100%	Funding application unsuccessful
Apsley Hall Accessibility Upgrade	65,812	65,812	0	0%	0%	Target completion December 2026
Lake Wallace Park Run Shelter	12,710	12,710	0	0%	0%	Target completion December 2026
Kaniva Tourism and Wellbeing Precinct	200,000	200,000	0	0%	100%	Funding application unsuccessful
Lions Park New Toilet	250,000	250,000	0	0%	0%	Target completion June 2027
Kaniva Kindergarten Verandah Blind	6,500	6,500	0	0%	100%	Completed
Kaniva Depot Upgrade Scoping/Shovel Ready	0	123,000	127,331	104%	80%	Target completion December 2026
Open Access Libraries Fit Out	0	198,709	0	0%	90%	Target completion October 2026
Land & Land Improvements	**205,866**	**66,316**	**4,755**	**7%**		
Edenhope Kinder Playground Upgrade	160,000	10,000	0	0%	0%	Funding application unsuccessful
Lake Wallace Jetty Handrail	25,866	25,866	0	0%	0%	Awaiting funding outcome
Incidental Park Furniture	20,000	20,000	0	0%	0%	
Kaniva Dog Park	0	10,450	4,786	46%	90%	Target completion November 2026
Apsley Playground	0	0	(31)	100%		
Plant and Vehicles	**1,350,492**	**1,350,492**	**454,562**	**34%**		
Fleet Capital	335,492	335,492	316,229	94%	100%	6 fleet vehicles purchased
Plant Capital	1,015,000	1,015,000	138,333	14%	35%	1 utility purchased, 6 plant on order
Furniture & Equipment	**13,000**	**13,000**	**4,943**	**38%**		
AED Replacement	7,000	7,000	1,163	17%	17%	Work in progress
Chairs for Kaniva and Edenhope Council Chambers	6,000	6,000	3,780	63%	25%	Delivery due September
Street Lighting	**10,000**	**10,000**	**433**	**4%**	25%	Works scheduled by energy provider
Footpaths	**177,540**	**177,540**	**4,807**	**3%**		
Footpath Maintenance	20,000	20,000	4,807	24%	**24%**	Works in progress
Webb St Kaniva from Roache St to Commercial St	38,640	38,640	0	0%	**5%**	Internally programmed; survey completed
Compston St Goroke from Church St to Main St	43,000	43,000	0	0%	5%	Internally programmed; survey completed
Edinburgh Rd Edenhope from Orme St to Wilson St	75,900	75,900	0	0%	15%	To be contracted; design completed
Rural & Urban Drainage	**30,000**	**30,000**	0	**0%**	**0%**	Internally programmed
Kerb & Channel	**25,000**	**25,000**	3,589	**14%**	**14%**	Works in progress
Linemarking	**20,000**	**20,000**	4,846	**24%**	**5%**	Works in progress
Roads	**2,129,470**	**3,967,424**	**80,697**	**2%**		
Budjik St, Kaniva, Madden St - Sport St - DESIGN ONLY		39,000	2,348	6%		
Grant and Richs Rd Ch 800 to 2325 Resheet		0	318	100%	5%	Waiting for favourable weather to commence
Kadnook Connie Rd Recon & Widen Ch990-Ch4710 x 6.2m seal	808,800	833,016	18,084	2%	15%	Design complete & culvert quote being evaluate
Western HWY service road Kaniva Wombat crossings	569,000	569,000	0	0%	5%	DTP approvals in progress
Ballentyne Street Apsley	130,000	130,000	0	0%	0%	To be designed
Mooree Road Recon & Widen Ch4560-Ch5800 with 6.2m seal	59,966	59,966	0	0%	0%	Programmed with InRoads
Goroke Nurcoung Recon & Widen Ch1200-Ch2600 with 6.2m sea	67,704	67,704	0	0%	0%	Programmed with InRoads
Camerons & Lampards Road	250,000	250,000	0	0%	0%	To be designed
Brooks Rd Recon Ch 3000 to Ch 4000 x 4m seal	244,000	244,000	0	0%	15%	Design completed
TAC Project	0	340,000	0	0%		
Local Road Railway Crossings Signage & Speed Limit Installation	0	49,000	0	0%		
Kaniva intersection Safety review with Vicroads	0	788,738	5,400	1%		
Lake St Edenhope Wombat Crossing and Speed Limit	0	102,000	54,547	53%	100%	Completed
Apsley Natimuk Rd and Patyah Bringalbert North Rd corner	0	495,000	0	0%	0%	To be contracted
Reseals	**1,200,000**	**1,200,000**	**0**	**0%**		
Local Roads - Reseals		50,031	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
George Street (Edenhope), Ch 0 to Ch 505, Resealing		32,894	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Dinyarrak Road, Ch 0 to Ch 140, Resealing		13,192	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Apsley Natimuk Road, Ch 18420 to Ch 23030, Resealing		77,120	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Church Street (Goroke), Ch 0 to Ch 599, Resealing		60,871	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Edgars Road, Ch 1730 to Ch 2520, Resealing		41,779	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Clarence Street (Miram), Ch 4145 to Ch 4980, Resealing		42,690	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Dungey Street, Ch 0 to Ch 223, Resealing		24,049	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Goroke Nurcoung Road, Ch 160 to Ch 1200, Resealing		32,076	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Lake Street, Ch 1925 to Ch 2646, Resealing		50,946	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Madden Street Nth, Ch 0 to Ch 280, Resealing		28,308	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Cove Estate Road, Ch 2865 to Ch 3670, Resealing		23,896	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Fry Street, Ch 117 to Ch 585, Resealing		38,748	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Patyah Road, Ch 0 to Ch 520, Ch 9630 to Ch 11160, Resealing		68,937	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Brooks Road, Ch 2085 to Ch 2600, Resealing		15,245	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Broughton Rd Ch4350-6290 Ch7460-7890 Ch8265-9365 Reseal		175,056	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Charam Womb. Rd Ch200-1850 1850-2565 9260-11170 Reseal		96,348	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Church Lane (Douglas), Ch 0 to Ch 350, Resealing		13,472	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Dorodong Road, Ch 12590-13920 21870-22785, Resealing		133,134	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Minimay Frances Road, Ch 5655-6265, Ch 18000-20330, Resealing		106,128	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
Serviceton South Road, Ch 0 to Ch 1250, Resealing		41,369	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October
South Lillimur Road, Ch 18560 to Ch 19600, Resealing		33,711	0	0%	80%	Works finalised in October

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Description	Adopted Budget	Forecast Budget	YTD Actual	Financial Progress %	Project Progress %	Project Comments
Shoulder Resheeting	**400,000**	**400,000**	**73,055**	**18%**	**17%**	Programmed
Shoulder Resheeting General	400,000	400,000	0	0%		
Patyah Bringalbert Nth Rd Shoulder Sheeting		0	24,136	100%	100%	Completed
Patyah Rd Shoulder Sheeting		0	15,181	100%	100%	Completed
Benayeo Rd Shoulder Sheeting		0	33,738	100%	100%	Completed
Resheeting	**1,321,500**	**1,519,088**	**98,103**	**6%**	**7%**	
Resheeting General	1,321,500	0	0			
Pearsons Rd Ch 150 to 1550 Resheet	0	36,186	10,787	30%	100%	Completed
Smiths Rd Ch 0 to 3540 Resheet	0	90,448	75,923	84%	15%	Materials onsite, awaiting favourable weather
Feders Collins Rd Ch 3420 to 4890 Resheet	0	50,061	0	0%	0%	Awaiting favourable weather conditions
Hawkers and Goodwins Rd Ch 6070 to 7070 Resheet	0	9,705	0	0%	0%	Awaiting favourable weather conditions
Hennings Rd Ch 3700 to Ch 4100 Resheet	0	11,188	11,393	102%	100%	Completed
McCrackens Road, Ch 240-550, Ch 650-1350, Resheeting		55,500	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Ferris Road, Ch 930 to Ch 2450, Resheeting		83,500	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Boundary Road South, Ch 2260 to Ch 3260, Resheeting		55,000	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Coads Road, Ch 2810 to Ch 3450, Resheeting		28,500	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
N Hawkers Road, Ch 0 to Ch 1350, Resheeting		60,500	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Lawloit Sansmere Road Ch 700 to Ch 2280, Resheeting		71,000	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Goodwins and Crouches Road, Ch 1360 to Ch 2140, Resheeting		42,000	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Grants and Richs Road, Ch 2330 to Ch 3050, Resheeting		38,700	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Avenue Road, Ch 2530 to Ch 3080, Resheeting		29,500	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
K Rabones Road, Ch 2318 to Ch 3070 Resheeting		40,500	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Zenda Lane, Ch 0 to Ch 270, Resheeting		14,500	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Neaurpurr Minimay Road, Ch 2100-3300, 5700-6700, Resheeting		123,000	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Bulls and Blacks Road, Ch 11450 to Ch 11900, Resheeting		25,000	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Lancasters Road, Ch 100-600, Ch 2300-2750, Resheeting		53,000	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Little Lanes, Ch 630-1550, Ch 2715-3100, Resheeting		73,000	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Straight Road, Ch 0 to Ch 735, Resheeting		41,000	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Hicks Road, Ch 0 to Ch 1500, Resheeting		66,000	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Whissons Road, Ch 700 to Ch1400, Resheeting		30,700	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Lawloit East Road, Ch 740 to Ch 1100, Resheeting		15,700	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Pine Hill Road, Ch 220 to Ch 420, Resheeting		8,700	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Paddy Mulraney Road, Ch 0-630, Ch 2070-2870, Resheeting		75,500	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Patyah Road, Ch 15750 to Ch 16600, Resheeting		42,500	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Warlburtons Road, Ch 5220 to Ch 5960, Resheeting		37,000	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Reimers Road, Ch 550-1250, Ch 2000-3200, Resheeting		95,000	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Domaschenz Road, Ch 0 to Ch 600, Resheeting		30,000	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Caldows Road, Ch 285 to Ch 900, Resheeting		31,700	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
McClures Road, Ch 3800 to Ch 4600, Resheeting		29,500	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
E Burns Road, Ch 1000 to Ch 1680, Resheeting		25,000	0	0%	0%	Scheduled to commence in November
Total	**8,270,790**	**9,701,591**	**867,760**	**9%**	**35%**	

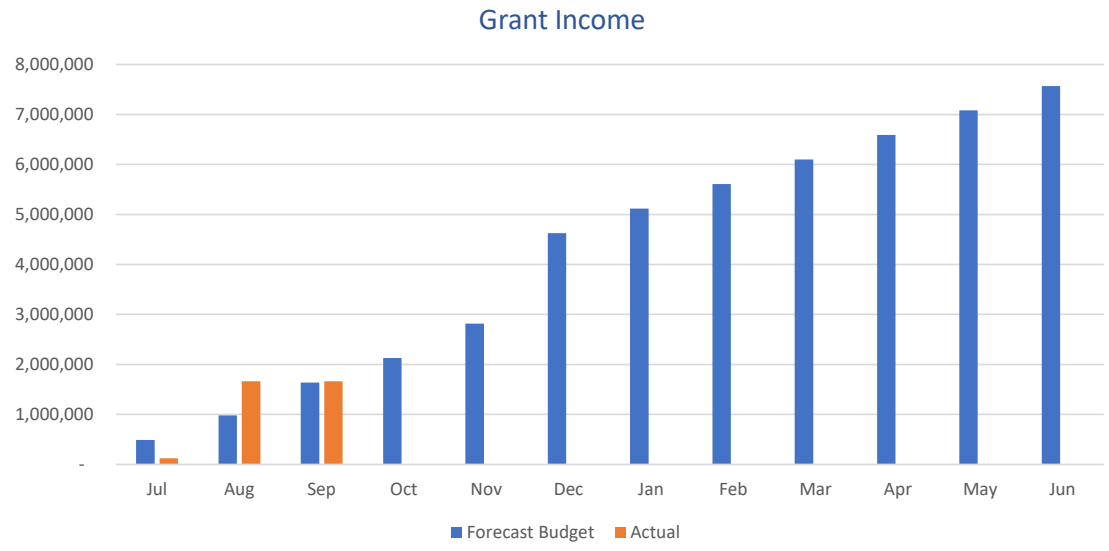


West Wimmera Shire Council

Capital Grants

As at 30 September 2026

Tracking Details	Adopted Budget	Forecast Budget	Actual Income	Unclaimed Grant	Comment
Roads to Recovery	2,903,231	4,729,840	1,479,341	3,250,499	Includes 25-26 C/Fwd
Roads					
Kadnook - Connewirricoo Rd - Recon & Widening	658,800	658,800	-	658,800	
Lake St Edenhope Wombat Crossing and Speed Limit	-	73,000	58,400	14,600	
Apsley Natimuk Rd & Patyah Bringalbert North Rd Cnr	-	506,800	-	506,800	
Kaniva intersection Safety review with Vicroads	569,000	1,106,000		1,106,000	
Buildings & Property					
Lake Wallace Jetty Handrail	25,866	-	-	-	Grant app unsuccessful
Edenhope Kinder Playground Upgrade	150,000	-	-	-	Grant app unsuccessful
Goroke Kinder Building Upgrade	750,400	-	-	-	Grant app unsuccessful
Kaniva Hall - Toilet Upgrade (Tiny Towns App)	27,375	-	-	-	Grant app unsuccessful
Apsley Hall - Accessibility (Tiny Towns App)	54,359	54,359	23,206	31,153	
Lake Wallace - Park Run Shelter (Tiny Towns App)	9,532	9,532	9,959	- 427	
Edenhope Aerodrome Upgrade	-	81,000	-	81,000	Project Completed 25-26
Open Access Libraries Fit Out	-	198,709	-	198,709	Funding passed to HRCC
Footpaths					
Webb St., Kaniva, Roache St - Commercial st	38,640	22,500	22,500	-	
Compston St, Goroke, Church St - Main St	43,000	24,300	24,300	-	
Edinburgh Rd Edenhope from Orme St to Wilson St	-	34,840	43,200	- 8,360	
Land Improvements					
Kaniva Dog Park	-	22,500	-	22,500	
Local Road Railway Crossings Signage	-	48,500	-	48,500	
Total	**5,230,203**	**7,570,680**	**1,660,906**	**5,909,774**	

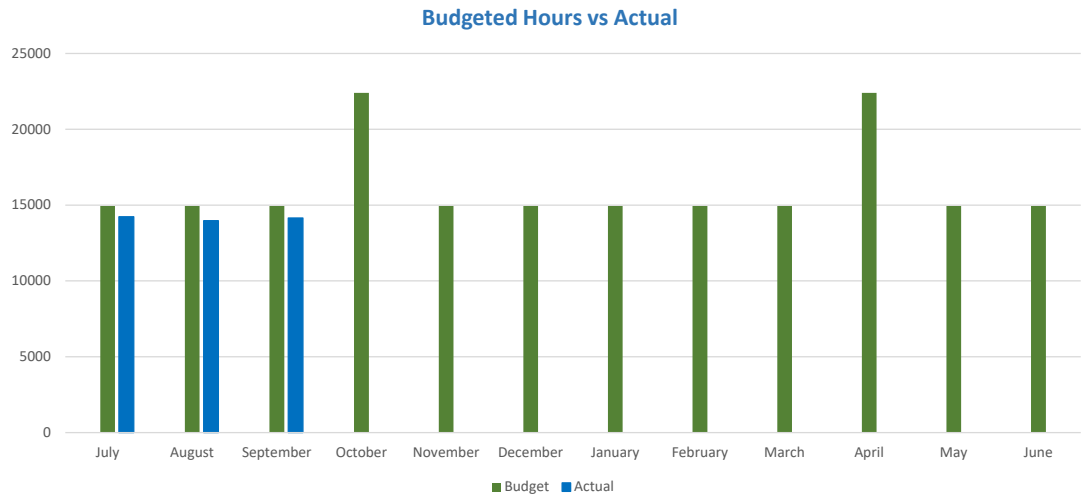


West Wimmera Shire Council
Human Resources Statement
As at 30 September 2026

Account Code & Name	YTD Actuals 26-27	YTD Actuals 25-26	Variance $	Variance %	Comments
Employee Costs - Allowances	32,497	36,295	3,798	12%	
Employee Costs - Annual Leave	94,031	145,458	51,427	55%	
Employee Costs - Employee Health and Welfare	470	0	(470)	-100%	
Employee Costs - FBT	39,360	9,696	(29,664)	-75%	
Employee Costs - LSL	20,509	18,067	(2,442)	-12%	
Employee Costs - Parental Leave Paid	0	10,788	10,788	-	
Employee Costs - Other	4,053	2,096	(1,957)	-48%	
Employee Costs - Overtime	18,324	19,776	1,451	8%	
Employee Costs - Personal Leave	72,059	83,623	11,564	16%	
Employee Costs - Pre-Employment Checks	1,335	1,680	345	26%	
Employee Costs - Public Holidays	0	0	0	-	
Employee Costs - RDO	29,607	27,045	(2,562)	-9%	
Employee Costs - Salaries	1,637,188	1,842,707	205,519	13%	
Employee Costs - Superannuation	225,275	236,165	10,890	5%	
Employee Costs - DB Employer Superannuation	5,825	11,423	5,597	96%	
Employee Costs - Travel	7,660	6,428	(1,232)	-16%	
Employee Costs - Workcover	0	200	200	-	
Employee Costs - Compassionate Leave	645	589	(55)	-9%	
Employee Costs - Workers Compensation Paid	250,844	362,903	112,059	45%	
Employee Costs - Oncosts	766,554	883,511	116,957	15%	
Employee Costs - On Costs Recovered	(788,167)	(885,171)	(97,004)	12%	
Total	**2,418,070**	**2,813,279**			

Total Employees (paid last fortnight)	**115**

	Budgeted YTD	Total Hours YTD	Variance $	Variance %	Comments
Budgeted Hours vs Total Hours	**44,816**	**42,355**	(2,460.46)	-5%	



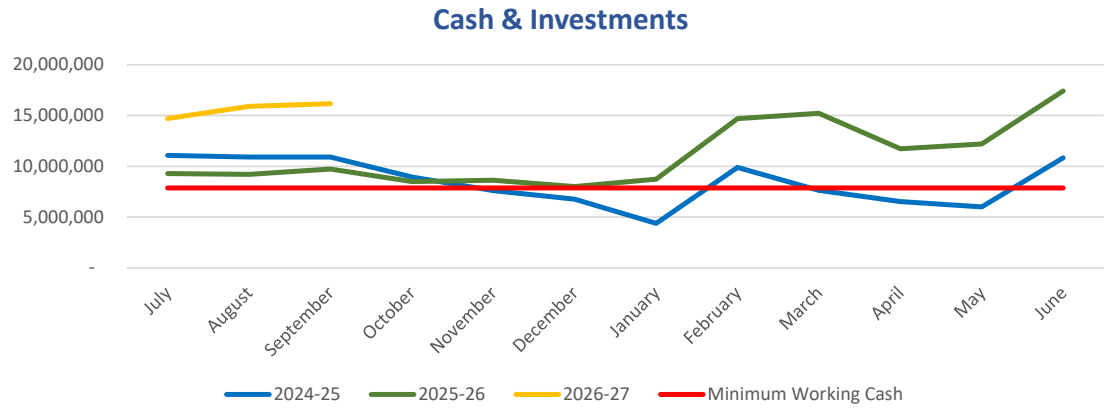
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Investment Register

As at 30 September 2026

Bank / Financial Institution	Investment Type	Term (Days)	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Principal Invested	Interest at Maturity
General Accounts	General Account	-	-	0.40%	991,707	
NAB Maximiser	11am At Call	-	-	1.75%	734,954	
Bank of Queensland - At Call	11am At Call	-	-	4.40%	275,458	
AMP Notice Account	31 Day Notice a/c	-	-	4.70%	6,167,945	
					8,170,064	
Bank of Queensland	Term Deposit	150	23-Nov-26	5.10%	1,000,000	20,959
Bank of Queensland	Term Deposit	213	22-Jan-27	5.30%	1,000,000	30,929
Westpac	Term Deposit	180	23-Dec-26	5.17%	2,000,000	50,992
Westpac	Term Deposit	240	23-Feb-27	5.23%	1,000,000	34,389
Bendigo	Term Deposit	365	23-Jul-27	5.10%	2,000,000	102,000
AMP (Curve Securities)	Term Deposit	270	23-Mar-27	5.25%	1,000,000	38,836
					8,000,000	278,104
					16,170,064	

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Outstanding Debtors

As at 30 September 2026

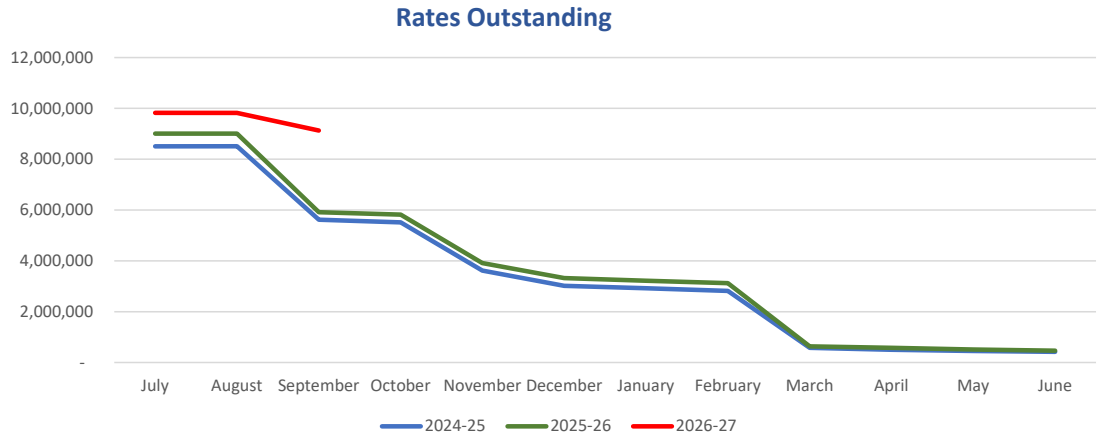
Debtors Outstanding	Total
General Debtors	233,781
Rate Debtors	8,983,635
Provision for Doubtful Debts	- 2,804
	9,214,612

Ageing by due date	Total	Current	<1 Month	1 Month	2 Months	3 Months	Older
General Debtors	233,781	42,377	2,152	39,742	24,136	112,784	12,590

Ageing by due date	Total	Current	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year	Older
Rate Debtors	8,983,635	8,673,139	119,312	55,844	48,951	27,776	58,613

Rate Debtors as a % of Total Rates	**94.50%**
Rate Debtors - (Industry Average @ 30th June)	**10.55%**

Notes



ANNUAL PLAN
2026/27
Q1 Update



WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

BUDGET INFORMATION

2021-25 Council Plan goals	FY26/27budget ($'000)	YTD Actual ($'000)
Goal 1: HEALTHY, INVITING & CONNECTED COMMUNITY	$20,674	$5,996
Goal 2: DIVERSE & GROWING ECONOMY	$1,305	$220
Goal 3: RESILIENT & SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT	$2,439	$625
Goal 4: OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE	$5,559	$1,241

KEY FOCUS AREAS 2026-27

* Major Initiatives in 2026-27 budget

GOAL 1: Healthy, Inviting & Connected Community

Council Plan Initiative	2026/27 Action	Action Type	% Completed
1.1.1	Investigate opportunities with service providers to implement a childcare service in Goroke	Partner / Support	25%
1.1.2	Investigate partnership opportunities with Parents Groups and Community to ensure the long-term sustainability of kindergarten services within the shire	Partner / Support	100%
1.1.2	Planning & Delivery of increased Pre-Prep (4 year old) Hours from Feb 27 (16-20hrs)	Deliver	100%
1.1.2	Deliver Bush Kinder Program in Kaniva	Deliver	100%
1.1.2	Deliver Toy Library Pilot (pending funding)	Deliver	10%
1.1.3	Delivery of (subject to funding) Goroke Kinder Building Upgrades & Edenhope Kinder Playground Upgrades.	Deliver	0%
1.1.4	Continue to deliver supported playgroups at Harrow and Goroke, and support other community playgroups as required.	Deliver/Partner / Support	100%
1.2.1	Advocate for and support mental health and wellbeing providers through regular engagement with regional partners	Advocate	100%
1.2.10	Advocate to health service providers to maintain service levels, support telehealth, and achieve the best possible outcomes for the community	Advocate	100%
1.2.11	Advocate for GP access across the shire	Advocate	100%
1.2.2	Identify partnership opportunities to address health and wellbeing issues associated with social isolation	Partner / Support	100%
1.2.3	Identify partnership opportunities to reduce tobacco and vaping use across the shire	Partner / Support	100%

GOAL 1: Healthy, Inviting & Connected Community (Continued)

Council Plan Initiative	2026/27 Action	Action Type	% Completed
1.2.4	Identify partnership opportunities to reduce harm from alcohol and other drugs across the shire	Partner / Support	100%
1.2.5	Explore partnership opportunities to increase cancer prevention screening at a local community level	Partner / Support	100%
1.2.6	Support health and wellbeing partners delivering active ageing programs	Partner / Support	100%
1.2.7	Incorporate healthy eating where possible in current Council run programs	Deliver	100%
1.2.8	Support and/or deliver the 16 Days of Activism program in partnership with local organisations	Partner / Support	30%
1.2.9	Provide support to organisations delivering programs to improve gender equity and reduce family violence within the shire	Partner / Support	100%
1.3.1*	Delivery Kaniva Bowling Club Upgrade, Edenhope Changerooms Upgrade	Deliver	70%
1.3.1	Progress delivery of Kaniva Tourism & Wellbeing Precinct Project (pending funding) , Harrow Scoreboards Project (pending funding), Lake Wallace Jetty Handrail (pending funding), Edenhope Early Years Yard Upgrade (pending funding), Goroke Kinder Building Upgrade (pending funding), Apsley Hall upgrade (pending funding), Kaniva Hall toilet upgrades(pending funding) & Edenhope Park Run Shelter (pending funding)	Deliver	25%
1.3.1	Partner with Wimmera Sports Assembly to deliver the "Partners in Place" program (subject to funding)	Partner / Support	25%
1.3.4	Seek funding to upgrade the Kaniva and Goroke swimming pools and amenities	Seek / Explore	25%
1.3.5	Seek funding to plan and upgrade the Edenhope swimming pool and amenities	Seek / Explore	25%
1.3.6*	Deliver Toilet Upgrade & Seek funding to progress the Edenhope Lions Park Development	Deliver/Seek	25%
1.3.7	Delivery of the Serviceton Bowling Club Facility Upgrade (subject to funding)	Deliver	15%

GOAL 1: Healthy, Inviting & Connected Community (Continued)

Council Plan Initiative	2026/27 Action	Action Type	% Completed
1.4.2	Seek funding for Town Community Plans	Seek / Explore	25%
1.4.3	Continue to deliver community grant program	Delivery	25%
1.4.4	Continue to support community events through Council grant programs	Partner / Support	100%
1.4.5	Continue to implement and promote our community & business grants	Deliver	100%
1.4.6	Advocate for better community transport options within the shire (Kaniva - Horsham bus service, The Overland stopping at Kaniva)	Advocate	100%
1.5.1	Continue to fund and partner with Western Bulldogs Community Foundation to support delivery of youth services programming within the shire	Partner / Support	100%
1.5.1	Partner with Kaniva and Harrow Neighbourhood houses to deliver School Holiday Programs in Edenhope, Harrow, Kaniva and Goroke (pending funding)	Partner / Support	0%
1.6.1	Advocate for traffic calming initiatives (and appropriate speed limits) within township main streets	Advocate	25%
1.6.1	Advocate for Rail Crossing signals at Serviceton	Advocate	90%
1.6.2	Advocate for continued TAC funding to implement the Safer Local Roads and Streets Program action plan	Advocate	25%
1.6.3	Seek funding for Dergholm ablution block	Seek / Explore	25%
1.6.4	Seek funding for the Edenhope, Apsley, Goroke and Harrow structure plans	Seek / Explore	25%
1.6.5	Seek funding for Harrow, Apsley and Goroke streetscape planning	Seek / Explore	25%
1.6.6	Seek funding to maintain Council Buildings and Infrastructure to support community need.	Seek / Explore	25%
1.6.6	Ensure agreements in place for all Councils managed Assets and Land	Deliver	25%
1.6.6	Maintain and facilitate access to Council facilities for community and commercial use	Deliver	25%

GOAL 2: Diverse and Growing Economy

Council Plan Initiative	2026/27 Action	Action Type	% Completed
2.1.1*	Deliver Council 2026–27 Annual Road Maintenance Program	Deliver	25%
2.1.1*	Deliver Council 2026–27 Capital Road Works Program	Deliver	45%
2.1.1	Develop of Council 2027–28 Capital Road Works Program	Deliver	15%
2.1.2	Seek funding to implement streetscape plans for Kaniva and Edenhope – including Kaniva intersection improvements	Seek / Explore	25%
2.1.3	Progress implementation of a schedule to clean signs and replace ageing signs across the shire	Deliver	25%
2.2.1	Explore opportunities to support improved housing quality in West Wimmera townships, including renovations, to ensure homes are fit for purpose (ie Harrow housing opportunity)	Seek / Explore	25%
2.2.2	Seek funding for West Wimmera key housing projects – e.g. Kaniva- Kelly Street housing development, Edenhope - Langford Street development	Seek / Explore	25%
2.3.1	Implement actions from Business Friendly Councils Program	Deliver	25%
2.3.2	Seek funding to incorporate the Kaniva Structure plans and associated actions in the West Wimmera Planning Scheme	Seek / Explore	100%
2.4.1	Seek funding for signage review	Seek / Explore	25%
2.4.2	Review West Wimmera Signage Strategy and update rules/guidelines based on community feedback	Deliver	5%
2.4.3	Seek funding to scope and plan for the Harrow Discovery Centre upgrade	Seek / Explore	25%
2.4.4	Advocate for a Kaniva stop for The Overland Train	Advocate	25%
2.4.5	Subject to agreement with Vic Rail, seek funding to restore and activate Serviceton Railway Station	Seek / Explore	25%
2.4.6	Explore free & freedom camping opportunities in the shire	Seek / Explore	0%
2.5.2	Seek funding to increase activity in industrial areas in Kaniva and Edenhope	Seek / Explore	25%
2.5.3	Progress implementation & advocacy of Digital Connectivity Plan	Deliver	25%

GOAL 3: Resilient & Sustainable Environment

Council Plan Initiative	2026/27 Action	Action Type	% Completed
3.1.1	Complete Action Plan for Flood Studies	Deliver	100%
3.1.2*	Complete West Wimmera Planning Scheme amendments to incorporate Harrow and Chetwynd flood studies.	Deliver	50%
3.2.1	Seek funding to develop and implement the West Wimmera Waste Management Strategy	Seek / Explore	85%
3.3.1	Review and implement Corella Management Plan	Deliver	50%
3.3.2	Maintain Website and social media with updates on kangaroo and deer management options	Partner / Support	0%
3.3.3*	Undertake roadside pest and weed control, subject to annual funding	Deliver	20%
3.3.5	Seek additional funding and partner with other organisations to control pests and weeds across the shire	Seek / Explore	0%
3.3.5	Management of Weeds at Lake Wallace	Partner / Support	25%
3.4.1	Continue to share opportunities with our community on info sessions, grants and changes to land use. (i.e. carbon farming, drought funding and support)	Partner / Support	25%
3.5.1	Support the planning and coordination of emergency management activities in partnership with relevant agencies	Partner / Support	100%
3.5.2	Advocate for (and support) multi-agency centres for CFA and SES in Kaniva and Goroke and upgrades for CFA sheds across the shire.	Advocate	50%
3.5.3	Work with relevant organisations to optimise emergency planning, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery to support our community	Partner / Support	25%

GOAL 4: Operational Excellence

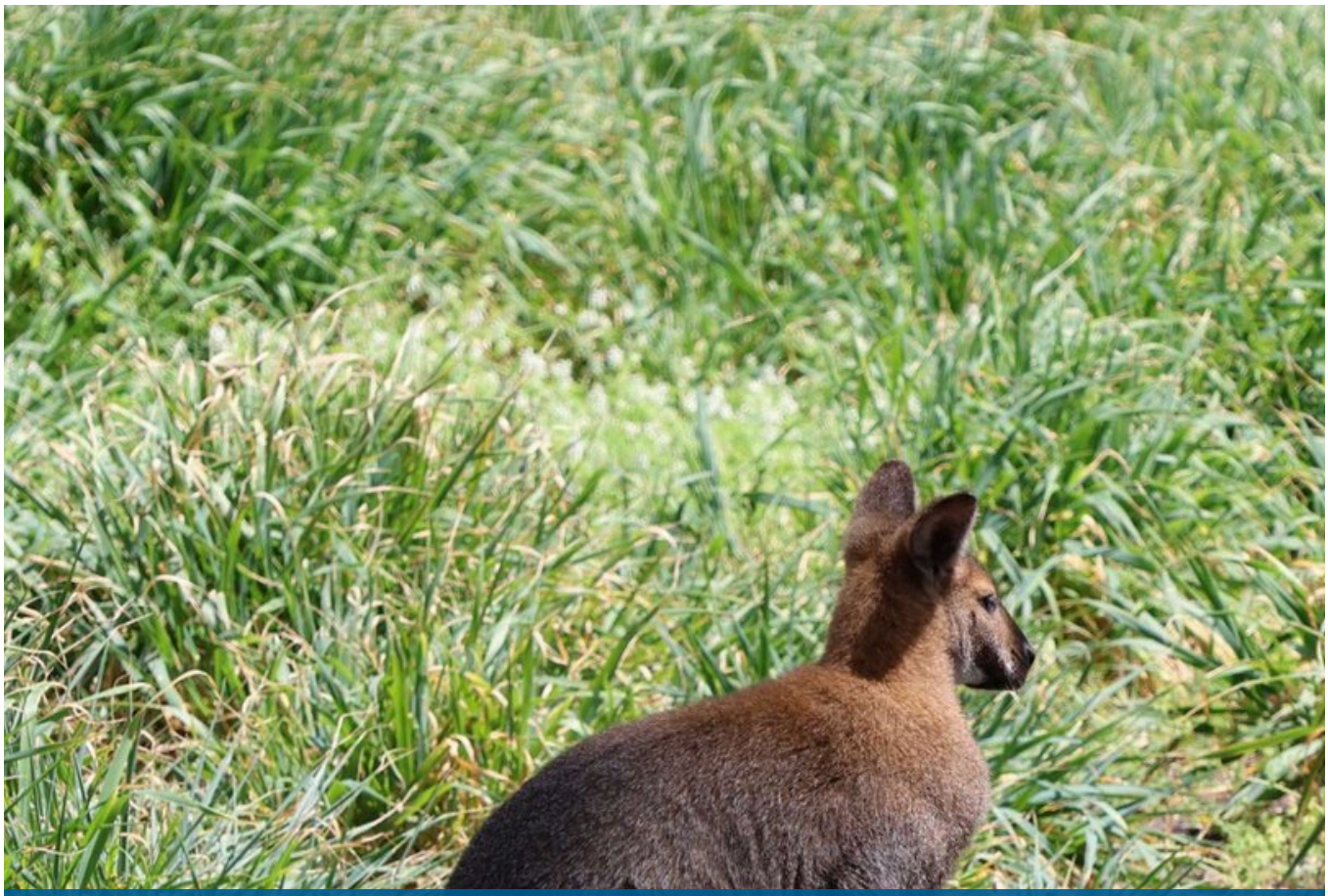
Council Plan Initiative	2026/27 Action	Action Type	% Completed
4.1.1	Review of Community Forums and creating opportunities for engagement with Councillors and Community	Delivery	80%
4.1.1*	Delivery of Business Acceleration Fund - Website & Open Forms Upgrade	Delivery	10%
4.1.2	Continue to build awareness of the innovation platform for community ideas and ensure community members are updated on project status	Delivery	25%
4.1.3	Continue to engage with BGLC and other Indigenous groups as per community engagement and procurement policy	Partner / Support	25%
4.2.1	Review current CRM System and explore opportunities to improve the customer experience	Seek / Explore	25%
4.2.2	Partner with service providers across the shire to support improved community outcomes	Partner / Support	100%
4.4.1	Develop an advocacy document	Deliver	80%
4.4.2	Maintain alliance with neighbouring councils to advocate to state and federal governments	Advocate	25%
4.5.3	Provide monthly reports on Council's financial performance	Other	20%
4.5.3	Internal Audits 2026–27 Project Management, business continuity and disaster management	Other	25%
4.5.3	Development of 2027–28 Budget	Deliver	0%
4.5.3	Development of 2025/26 Annual Financial & Performance Statement	Deliver	90%
4.5.3	Development of 25/26 Annual Report	Deliver	90%
4.6.1	Explore plant and equipment upgrades that improve outcomes for the West Wimmera community	Seek / Explore	30%

GOAL 4: Operational Excellence

Council Plan Initiative	2026/27 Action	Action Type	% Completed
4.6.10	Coordinate Professional Development for Councillors as required under Local Government Regulations	Deliver	100%
4.6.10	Roll out of new Governance Rules/Council Meeting Policy as per LGV review	Deliver	0%
4.6.2	Provide professional development support for operations staff to optimise the use of Council equipment & resources	Deliver	25%
4.6.3*	Delivery of Business Acceleration Fund - Digitisation of building and planning records	Deliver	20%
4.6.3	Develop System integration and recording of plant and capital salaries	Deliver	20%
4.6.3	Undertake Microsoft security and maturity review	Deliver	50%
4.6.3	Progress implementation of the Reliansys Compliance Module	Deliver	5%
4.6.5	Consider shared services model for building services and other services	Other	100%
4.6.6	Progress upgrade current asset management system to improve depreciation management	Other	75%
4.6.8	Continue to explore opportunities for AI Road Condition Assessments	Seek / Explore	25%
4.6.9	Ongoing LMS Training - Online training for all staff (Code of Conduct, cultural awareness training)	Other	25%
4.7.1	Risk Assessment on Lone Workers	Other	25%
4.7.4	Complete Risk Assessment & Review incident reporting and investigation processes	Deliver	50%
4.7.4	Develop an operation risk register in reliasys	Deliver	0%
4.7.6	Risk Assessment on handling and risk management processes for hazardous materials	Other	100%

GOAL 4: Operational Excellence

Council Plan Initiative	2026/27 Action	Action Type	% Completed
4.8.1	Complete annual workforce plan inline with annual plan and budget	Deliver	0%
4.8.2	Progress implementation of Training Matrix	Deliver	50%
4.8.4	Progress Implementation of Quality Plan	Deliver	100%
4.8.4	Progress Review and Update of Contracts Register	Deliver	25%



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14 Corporate and Community Services

14.1 Non-Council Owned Community Halls Grant

Directorate: *Corporate and Community Services*
Report Author: *Community Development and Business Support Manager*
Report Purpose: *For Decision*

Purpose

For Council to consider an application from Connewirricoo Community Centre for a Non-Council Owned Community Halls Grant of $639.91.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves the Non-Council Owned Community Halls Grant to the Connewirricoo Community Centre for reimbursement of $639.91 for the annual Public Liability insurance cost.

Declaration of Interest

No officer declared an interest under the *Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)* in the preparation of this report.

Background

The Connewirricoo Community Centre is seeking reimbursement of the cost of the annual Public Liability Insurance under the Non-Council Owned Community Halls Grant. The community centre is a volunteer organisation which hosts meeting and community events throughout the year.

Non-Council Owned Community Halls Grant 2026/2027			
Grants approved	Amount	Total Grant Budget	Balance if approved
Connewirricoo CC	$639.91	$6,000.00	$5,360.09
Grants pending	00.00		

The grant application has been assessed as meeting the grant criteria and policy.

Risk Management Implications

Risk identified:

There are no obvious risks for Council to mitigate or eliminate in regard to the proposal considered for funding support in this report.

Legislative Implications

Not Applicable

Environmental Implications

Not applicable

Financial and Budgetary Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

This report is supported by the following West Wimmera Shire Council Policy/s:

Council Grants Policy

Council Plan Implications

This report supports the following sections of the West Wimmera Shire Council Plan 2025 – 2029:

Goal 1 – Healthy, inviting and connected community
1.6 Maintain and enhance community infrastructure and streetscapes.

Communication Implications

No Communication Implications

Equal Impact Assessment

No Equal Impact Assessment is required

Conclusion

This application meets the criteria and assessments in accordance with the Council Grants Policy.

Attachments

Nil

15 Infrastructure Development and Works

No Reports

16 Sealing Schedule

Nil.

17 Late Items of Business

Pursuant to West Wimmera Shire Council Governance Rules – Division 3 Section 20:

20. Late Business

If the agenda for a Council meeting makes provision for late business, business cannot be admitted as late business other than by resolution of Council, and only then if it:

- *20.1 relates to or arises out of a matter which has arisen since distribution of the agenda; and*
- *20.2 cannot safely or conveniently be deferred until the next Council meeting.*

18 Confidential Reports

OFFICER RECCOMENDATION:

That Council considers the confidential reports below in accordance with Section 66 (5) (a) and (b) of the Local Government Act 2020 and records the ground or grounds for determining to close the meeting to the public as follows:

Item 18.1 C-NOV2026-PE001 Building Control Services Tender
(g) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—

(i) relates to trade secrets; or

(ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;

19 Close of Meeting

Next Meeting:

16 December 2026

Edenhope