



Confirmed Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Tuesday, 21st of April 2026

Ravensthorpe Council Chambers

Commencing at 6.00pm

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NOTICE OF MEETING



Notice is hereby given that the

Shire of Ravensthorpe

Ordinary Council

Meeting

Will be held on

Tuesday, 21 April 2026

Commencing at

6.00pm

Located in the

Ravensthorpe Council Chambers

Nicole O'Neill JP
Chief Executive Officer

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MINUTES

Mission Statement *To grow our community through the provision of leadership, services and infrastructure.*

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 18:01.

The Shire President acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, and pays respect to Elders past, present, and emerging.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Rachel Gibson (Shire President)
Cr Benno Sutherland (Deputy Shire President)
Cr Sue Leighton
Cr Robert Miloskeski
Cr Bill Auburn
Cr Helen Burton
Cr Geoff Fyfe

OFFICERS

Nicole O'Neill JP (Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Spencer (Executive Manager Infrastructure Services)
Les Mainwaring (Executive Manager Corporate Services)
Michelle Grobler (Executive Assistant)

APOLOGIES

Rod McGrath (Manager Community and Governance)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Response to Questions – Ms Linda Hay raised at OCM 17 March 2026.

Question 1 – Public Amenities (Hopetoun Foreshore Showers)

Noted. No response required.

Question 2 – Closure of the 48-Hour Caravan Parking Area

Ms Hay asked for an update regarding the closure of the 48-hour caravan parking area, which was previously indicated would close at the end of January.

Response:

Relocation and management options for the 48-hour caravan parking area are still currently being investigated. The community will be updated, and further information will be provided as this

process is finalised

Question 3 – Ravensthorpe Supermarket (Future Fund Purchase)

1. Whether a building and structural report had been completed prior to purchase.
2. Whether cost estimates for required repairs and upgrades were prepared before the purchase.
3. Whether the estimated costs for bringing the building up to standard would be made public.
4. Why the building was purchased without confirmed costing, and who would ultimately be responsible for funding the upgrades.
5. Whether the ratepayers or the Future Fund would be responsible if the total investment approached approximately \$2 million for purchase and refurbishment.

Response:

The Ravensthorpe Hopetoun Future Fund (RHFF) is an independent, place-based charity dedicated to supporting the long-term wellbeing and resilience of the region.

The Shire understands a building and structural report was undertaken prior to purchase, identifying a number of issues requiring attention, and that indicative cost estimates were prepared.

The Ravensthorpe Hopetoun Future Fund (RHFF) has provided a public update on 27 March outlining the current status of the supermarket project and the processes underway.

RHFF has also committed to providing ongoing monthly updates to keep the community informed.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Leighton 15/07/2026 to 26/08/2026 for an annual holiday.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council approve Cr Leighton application for leave of absence from 15 July 2026 to 26 August 2026 inclusive

Moved: Cr Auburn

Seconded: Cr Sutherland

Resolution #37/26

Carried: 6/0

(In favour: Cr Gibson, Cr Sutherland, Cr Miloskeski, Cr Auburn, Cr Burton, Cr Fyfe)

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1. ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 17 MARCH 2026

(Attachment: 7.1) Statutory Environment:

Section 5.22 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides that minutes of all meetings are to be kept and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the Council or Committee, as the case requires, for confirmation.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

That the minutes and associated attachments of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 March 2026 be CONFIRMED as a true and correct record.

Moved: Cr Leighton

Seconded: Cr Miloseski

Resolution #38/26

Carried: 7/0

(In favour: Cr Gibson, Cr Sutherland, Cr Leighton, Cr Miloseski, Cr Auburn, Cr Burton, Cr Fyfe)

7.2. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 07 APRIL 2026

(Attachment: 7.2) Statutory Environment:

Section 5.22 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides that minutes of all meetings are to be kept and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the Council or Committee, as the case requires, for confirmation.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That the minutes and associated attachments of the Special Council Meeting held on 07 April 2026 be CONFIRMED as a true and correct record.

Moved: Cr Miloseski

Seconded: Cr Sutherland

Resolution #39/26

Carried: 7/0

(In favour: Cr Gibson, Cr Sutherland, Cr Leighton, Cr Miloseski, Cr Auburn, Cr Burton, Cr Fyfe)

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS BY ELECTED MEMBERS

CR RACHEL GIBSON (SHIRE PRESIDENT)

18th Mar- RHFF Meeting (Ravensthorpe Hopetoun Future Fund)-

- Discussed local shop works that need quoting on.
- Discussed the budget requirements for the work orders on the building.
- Planned for a community update notice as there have been a few enquiries of where the shop is at.
- Worked on completing the application documents for the RHFF grants that are open now April 1st – April 30th. Visit the RHFF website for more information and application forms at www.rhfuturefund.com.au/currentopportunities

25th Mar – DEMC Meeting (Department Emergency Management Committee)-

- Chair John Munday lead the meeting about the Iranian Conflict and the effects it has on Fuel Supply.

- Strait of Hormuz closure has affected 20% global supply, but 80% still available.
- WA imports all petrol/diesel/avgas from Singapore & Asia
- ACCC are watching fuel prices closely & HMA continue to monitor and escalate against state hazard plan if needed.

26th Mar – CEO handover

- Met with Paul Anderson & CEO Nicole O'Neill to discuss handover notes and general initial processes.

26th Mar – Election Night Results

- Current Councillors, Shire Staff, Community Members and 3 out of the 4 Nominating Candidates met in the Ravensthorpe Council Chambers whilst the counting of the votes was held. This is always an anxious time for those who have put themselves out there and nominated and this year we were very lucky to have four candidates put themselves forward. Congratulations to Cr Helen Burton & Cr Geoff Fyfe who were successful and a big thanks goes to Hayley Wisewould and Max Szulc for putting themselves out there.

30th Mar – Local Government Health Alliance Online Meeting

- The 6x Local Governments Alliance Group met in person at Lake Grace and online to discuss moving forward in our pitch to State & Federal Governments for more funding and support in our small local governments for Health services. The Alliance plans to even go back to ALGA National General Assembly Conference held in Canberra to meet with minister's face to face.

2nd Apr – LEMC (Local Emergency Management Committee)

- I chaired my 1st LEMC meeting, previous meeting had been cancelled due to fires and also DBCA AAR debrief.
- We discussed LEMC roles and responsibilities and the way we will move forward and what we have learnt over the last few months during our locals' emergencies.
- Discussed the fuel supply issue and some impacts it may have on our community and some ideas is sources get compromised.
- Shire has diesel supply which they are happy to be used for emergency services if required.

5th April - Hopetoun Markets

- Attended 2nd markets held at McCulloch Park and it seemed to be a huge success with lots of stalls, many people both locals and visitors, kids playing on play grounds, many dogs on leads, food been served and a great ambiance with some good tunes in the back ground.
- Took some queries about shared beach access with humans and bikes, aged care facilities for local residents and tip rules and regulations within our shire.

7th April – Corporate Discussion

- Had the swearing in of our 2x councillors elect, Helen Burton & Geoff Fyfe. This is very exciting to have a full council again and be back to doing what we are here to do, serve our community to the best of our ability.
- We had the election of our Deputy President and we were all very happy to have Cr Benno Sutherland take on this great responsibility.

8th April- Australian Citizenship Gagandeep Kaur

- A special Citizenship Ceremony was held for our Shire resident and staff member Gagan, it was a privilege to officiate this as Gagan was so excited and proud. It felt like a very personal event and congratulations Gagan.

17th April – FQMAN (First Quantum Minerals Australian Nickle)

- On Site Visit

21 April – RDHS (Ravensthorpe District High School)

- Student leader 2026 badge presentation ceremony in the council chambers

CR BENNO SUTHERLAND (DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT)

- Attended Munglinup Community Group AGM and meeting (via Teams)
- Attended National Fuel Round Table in Canberra
- Met with Matt Canavan, Bridget McKenzie and Glenn Sterle regarding fuel security and regional road funding
- Attended meeting with Australian Trucking Association regarding rural fuel security and national road access, including Highway 1 (South Coast Highway)
- Engaged in advocacy discussions relating to “Keep the Sheep” and “Fuel the Bush” initiatives
- Liaised with Main Roads Western Australia regarding state-wide access and road material improvements (including lime sand)
- Spoke with local residents regarding upcoming rainfall and road conditions

CR SUE LEIGHTON

- Ravensthorpe wildflower Show representation at the Melbourne Wildflower festival.
- FQM visit

CR ROBERT MILOSESKI

- Attended the Medallion Metals Community Consultation Group meeting, receiving an informative update on project progress and current activities

CR BILL AUBURN

- Nil.

CR HELEN BURTON

- Special General Meeting 7/4/2026
- Corporate Discussion 7/4/2026
- Ravensthorpe Community Resource Centre Management Committee 14/4/2026
- Ravensthorpe St John Committee Meeting 20/4/2026

CR GEOFF FYFE

- FQM visit
- Hopetoun CRC committee meeting focusing on the ‘Stay in Place’ program advocacy.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil.

10. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Nil.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil.

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

12.1. EXECUTIVE SERVICES

12.1.1. PLANNED PRESCRIBED BURNS SHIRE OF RAVENSTHORPE 2026

File Reference:	.
Location:	Shire of Ravensthorpe
Applicant:	
Author:	Malcom Grant, Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator
Authorising Officer	Nicole O'Neill JP, Chief Executive Officer
Date:	21 April 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil
Previous Reference:	N/A

PURPOSE

1. Provide overview and insight into the planned prescribed burns for the Shire of Ravensthorpe within the Bushfire Risk Mitigation Program for 2026.

BACKGROUND

2. The Shire developed a Bushfire Risk Mitigation Plan, 2024-2029, with particular focus on the townsites, subdivisions and the coastal recreation reserves.
3. The Shire been undertaking controlled burns each season, weather permitting, in accordance with the Mitigation Plan.

COMMENT

4. The Shire recognises the importance of ensuring any bushfire mitigation is undertaken with a strong understanding of the environment, including relevant vegetation complexes, and reviews all such matters when considering prescribed burning proposals.
5. A small number of prescribed burns within road reserves that were not funded in the Mitigation Activity Funds Grants Program, (MAF GP), have been identified to be undertaken.
6. The following showcases the proposed burns over the winter season 2026 within the Shire of Ravensthorpe

Ravensthorpe Town Site MAF GP

36713, Golf Course/Sewer Reserves,
36716, Tourism Reserve NE corner of the roundabout,
36723, Hopetoun Ravensthorpe road, woodlands cleanup,
40740,40741, Windrows of debris in undeveloped road reserves
36797, windrows of debris South Coast Highway, Shire Meridian Reserve, Windrows of debris around the carpark.

Ravensthorpe Town Site UCL/UMR

Windrows of stockpiled debris south east of the Hospital,

Hopetoun Town Site MAF GP

36731, Southern Ocean East Road 4 Mile,
36690, Tamar Street North Drain Reserve,
41201, Hamersley Drive South side, between the Seaview Drive W/E,
41262, windrows of debris, Banksia road reserve, eastern end from Cambewarra Drive to H/Road,
Windrows of debris, East side of Krystal Park, Shire Parklands reserve,

36669, 36765, windrows of debris in Road reserves, streets around Hopetoun, Culham and Wilkinson streets

40745, Hopetoun Rubbish Dump reserve, perimeter of the reserve inside fence.

Jerdacuttup Town site

36614, NE corner of town, east of Munji street, includes UCL,

Munglinup Town site,

36559, East side of the Town oval,

26535, windrows of debris in Main street,

36801, windrows of debris down at the Munglinup River Bridge,

Fitzgerald Town site,

36701, Windrows of debris around the town site,

Mason Bay Recreation Reserve,

36635, Eastern side of the Mason Bay recreation reserve,

Starvation Bay Recreation Reserve,

36637, North side of the Starvation Bay recreation reserve, ie Fisherman's camp in particular,

Road reserves,

40748, Bedford Harbour road, adjacent to Bedford Harbour station house/sheds

Not MAF funded, Springdale road, West of Daniels road,

Not MAF funded, Springdale road, Opposite Orkney Downs,

Not MAF funded, Springdale road, Yippee downs

Not MAF funded, Springdale road, adjacent to Location 2739 Springdale road,

7. The Hopetoun Rural Volunteer Bushfire brigade made a recommendation at their March 2026 meeting for the proposed burn and that they would be providing machinery and support on the day of the planned burn. The Shire will be expected to implement a traffic management plan and approve the involvement of the Bushfire Risk Mitigation officer to oversee the operation. and
8. At the recommendation of the Jerdacuttup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, following their March 2026 meeting, the implementation of a prescribed burn in the Fence road reserve, eastern side, from Springdale road north to the intersection with Middle road is proposed.
9. The volunteers in attendance at this meeting have clearly indicated their support and intention to provide machinery to be in attendance on the day of this planned burn.
10. The Shire will implement a traffic management plan and approve the involvement of the Bushfire Risk Mitigation officer to oversee the operations.

CONSULTATION

11. Shire councillors

12. CEO

13. Volunteer Bushfire Brigades

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

14. Bushfires Act, 1954, Section 34, Burning on Crown lands, subsection (1AC), A bush fire control officer, may subject to the provisions of sections 17 and 18, enter upon any Crown land or reserve except forest land with such servants and workmen or with such vehicles, machinery and appliances as he may think necessary for the purpose of burning bush, in order to reduce or abate a fire hazard which cannot practicably be reduced or abated otherwise than by burning.

15. Sections 17 and 18 of the Bushfires Act, 1954, require the bushfire control officer to comply with the prohibited and restricted burning periods as defined by the relevant local Government authority in their fire control notice.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

16. LO3 Bush Fire Control – Burning Restrictions. Nil implications as the Shire is now inside the unrestricted burning period for the lands outside of subdivisions and townsites, where permits to burn are still required year-round.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

17. There are no financial implications for the Shire of Ravensthorpe for the MAF GP funded prescribed burns.

18. Shire of Ravensthorpe will be required to implement the Traffic Management Plan on Springdale Road and Fence Road on the day of the additional planned prescribed burns in addition to supporting the involvement of the Bushfire Risk Mitigation Officer.

RISK MANAGEMENT

19. The following risks have been identified as a part of this report;

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Reputational with an increased area burnt in the prescribed burn.	Possible	Moderate	Low	Minimise potential for hopovers and or escapes associated with the prescribed burns
Environmental, ensure that all vegetation has matured and is at or above the ideal minimum fire return interval.	Possible	Moderate	Medium	Ensure that the prescribed burns are implemented according to the Prescription

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

20. Request alternative

21. Defer the item and request further information.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

22. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030 and Corporate Business Plan.

Outcome 4: Natural Environment - Our unique world class biosphere is valued and protected for the enjoyment of current and future generations

Item	Objectives and Strategies
4.3	The Shire’s valued natural areas and systems are protected and enhanced

Outcome 5: Governance and Leadership - The Shire of Ravensthorpe partners the community, and is an effective advocate and responsible steward

Item	Objectives and Strategies
5.1	The Shire's community is engaged and involved
5.2	The Council ensures its decisions are well informed and considered
5.3	The Council, with the support of the community, is an effective advocate for resources and facilities which support the vision for the future
5.5	The value of community owned assets is maintained

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

23. Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT COUNCIL,

1. NOTE the planned prescribed burn program for 2026.

Moved: Cr Sutherland

Seconded: Cr Auburn

Resolution #40/26

Carried: 7/0

(In favour: Cr Gibson, Cr Sutherland, Cr Leighton, Cr Miloskeski, Cr Auburn, Cr Burton, Cr Fyfe)

12.1.2. AFFIXING THE COMMON SEAL UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

File Reference:

Location:

Applicant:

Author:

Nicole O’Neill JP, Chief Executive Officer

Authorising Officer

Chief Executive Officer

Date:

21st April 2026

Disclosure of Interest:

Nil

Attachments:

N/A

PURPOSE

1. This report is to advise Council of the documents that have had the Shire of Ravensthorpe Common Seal affixed under delegated authority since the last report to Council.

BACKGROUND

2. Council's G7 Common Seal and Document Signing Authority Policy requires the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report to Council Members via the Monthly Report listing the documents that the Common Seal has been applied to.

COMMENT

3. The Shire’s Common Seal has been affixed to three (3) documents under delegated authority since the last Council Meeting.

Document	Details	Other Parties
Deed	Deed of Gift of Land	Leif Lebbing
Transfer of Land	Transfer of Land – Lot 60 (No.33) Yorrel Street, Munglinup	Leif Lebbing
License Agreement	License Agreement – Hopetoun Combined Emergency Services Facility	FES Ministerial Body

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

4. Consistent with section 9.49A of the Local Government Act 1995.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5. G7 Common Seal and Document Signing Authority Policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. No financial resource impact.

RISK MANAGEMENT

7. The following risks have been identified as a part of this report;

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
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Compliance	Unlikely	Major	Medium	Ensure reporting of all applications of the common seal
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ALTERNATE OPTIONS

- 8. Council may note the report; or
- 9. Defer consideration pending further information being provided.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

10. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030 and Corporate Business Plan.

Outcome 1: Economy - The population is growing, in tandem with a thriving, resilient local economy

Item	Objectives and Strategies
1.2	The right resources and infrastructure are in place to support local commerce and industry

Outcome 3: Built Environment - The built environment is accessible, honours history and provides for the economic and social needs of residents, industry and visitors

Item	Objectives and Strategies
3.1	Shire of Ravensthorpe has appropriate housing choice available to the community

Outcome 5: Governance and Leadership - The Shire of Ravensthorpe partners the community, and is an effective advocate and responsible steward

Item	Objectives and Strategies
5.2	The Council ensures its decisions are well informed and considered

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

11. Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes the report.

Moved: Cr Sutherland

Seconded: Cr Miloseski

Resolution #41/26

Carried: 7/0

(In favour: Cr Gibson, Cr Sutherland, Cr Leighton, Cr Miloseski, Cr Auburn, Cr Burton, Cr Fyfe)

12.2. CORPORATE SERVICES

12.2.1. SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNT PAYMENTS – MARCH 2026

File Reference:	GR.ME.8
Location:	Shire of Ravensthorpe
Applicant:	Nil
Author:	Acting Accountant
Authorising Officer	Acting Executive Manager Corporate Services
Date:	21 April 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Schedule of Paid Accounts March 2026
Previous Reference:	Nil

PURPOSE

1. Council is presented the list of payments made from the Municipal and Trust Accounts under delegation since the last Ordinary Council Meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (Regulation 13 and Regulation 13A).

BACKGROUND

2. Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer annually through Delegation 1.2.12 Payments from the Municipal or Trust Funds.
3. Trade Creditors are subject to strict monitoring and control procedures. In accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (Regulation 13), reporting on payments made from Municipal Fund and Trust Funds must occur monthly.
4. Effective from 1 September 2023 under Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (Regulation 13A), if a local government has authorised an employee to use a credit, debit or other purchasing card, a list of payments made using the card must be prepared each month.

COMMENT

5. The schedule of accounts as presented have been checked and are fully supported by vouchers and invoices which are submitted herewith, and which have been duly certified as to the receipt of goods, the performance of services, to prices computation, costings and the amounts that have been paid.

CONSULTATION

6. Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

7. Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations
8. Regulation 13A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

9. Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. This item discloses Council's expenditure from Municipal funds which have been paid under delegated authority.

RISK MANAGEMENT

11. The following risks have been identified as a part of this report;

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Reputational That Council does not receive the schedule of account payments.	Rare	Insignificant	Very Low	That Council receives the schedule of account payments.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

12. Nil

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

13. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030 and Corporate Business Plan.

Outcome 1: Economy - The population is growing, in tandem with a thriving, resilient local economy

Item	Objectives and Strategies
1.2	The right resources and infrastructure are in place to support local commerce and industry

Outcome 5: Governance and Leadership - The Shire of Ravensthorpe partners the community, and is an effective advocate and responsible steward

Item	Objectives and Strategies
5.2	The Council ensures its decisions are well informed and considered
5.3	The Council, with the support of the community, is an effective advocate for resources and facilities which support the vision for the future
5.4	The Shire of Ravensthorpe is known as a good employer, and staff have the capacity and skills to deliver identified services and strategies

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

14. Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

- RECEIVE the monthly lists of payments made from the Municipal Accounts or by employees via purchasing cards for the month of March 2026 (Attachments 1) totalling \$1,177,344, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (Regulation 13 and Regulation 13A).

Moved: Cr Auburn

Seconded: Cr Fyfe

Resolution #42/26

Carried: 7/0

(In favour: Cr Gibson, Cr Sutherland, Cr Leighton, Cr Miloseski, Cr Auburn, Cr Burton, Cr Fyfe)

File Reference:	N/A
Location:	Shire of Ravensthorpe
Applicant:	Nil
Author:	Acting Executive Manager Corporate Services
Authorising Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	15 April 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	Monthly Financial Reports for 31 March 2026
Previous Reference:	Nil

PURPOSE

1. This report presents the monthly Financial Statements for the period from the 1 July 2025 to the 31 March 2026 for Council endorsement.

BACKGROUND

2. The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is prepared in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 r. 34 s. 6.4. The purpose of the report is to provide Council and the community with a reporting statement of year-to-date revenues and expenses as set out in the Annual Budget, which were incurred by the Shire of Ravensthorpe during the reporting period.

COMMENT

3. The Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31 March 2026 is contained in the Attachments.

Statement of Financial Activity

This report shows the expenditure and revenue from financing and investing activities and compares the actual results with the adopted budget and revised budget.

The current surplus YTD is \$5.4m, which is significantly higher than the budgeted YTD deficit of \$589k. This is due to reduced spend on capital expenditure assets YTD, with an increase in spend by the end of the financial year.

Report on Significant Variances

This report contains explanations for items with a material variance. Actual values for the year to date are compared to the year to date budget to present a percentage variance as well as the variance amount.

The variances to date are primarily due to timing differences between the budget and the actual being spent. There is a favourable permanent variance of \$1.01m where we have received grants that were not budgeted for.

CONSULTATION

4. Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

5. Section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 apply.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6. Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. All expenditure has been approved via adoption of the 2025/2026 Annual Budget, 2025/2026 Budget Revision or resulting from a Council Motion for a budget amendment.

RISK MANAGEMENT

8. The following risks have been identified as a part of this report;

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Reputational – That Council does not receive the Financial Activity Statements as required by S6.4 of the <i>LG Act 1995</i> .	Rare	Insignificant	Very Low	That council receives the Financial Activity Statements as required by legislation.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

9. Council may adopt the recommendations; or
10. Defer consideration and seek further information.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

11. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2020–2030, Corporate Business Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan 2025.

Outcome 5: Governance and Leadership - The Shire of Ravensthorpe partners the community, and is an effective advocate and responsible steward

Item	Objectives and Strategies
5.5	The value of community owned assets is maintained
5.5.1	Assets renewals and upgrades are funded to the level required to maintain asset value and agreed service levels
5.5.2	Projects are well-planned planned and delivered on time and on budget, with effective and thorough risk management and reporting
5.6	Financial systems are effectively managed
5..6.1	Financial management and reporting systems are able to deliver on all administrative and management functions (including reporting), and long-term financial planning requirements

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

12. Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

RECEIVE the March 2026 Monthly Financial Reports as presented.

Moved: Cr Leighton

Seconded: Cr Burton

Resolution #43/26

Carried: 7/0

(In favour: Cr Gibson, Cr Sutherland, Cr Leighton, Cr Miloseski, Cr Auburn, Cr Burton, Cr Fyfe)

12.3. PROJECTS AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Nil.

12.4. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

12.4.1. ACCREDITED MASS MANAGEMENT SCHEME INCREASES

File Reference:	N/A
Location:	Shire Ravensthorpe
Applicant:	Nil
Author:	Executive Manager Infrastructure Services
Authorising Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	14 April 2026
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment:	Nil
Previous Reference:	N/A

PURPOSE

1. For Council to consider making a request to Main Roads Western Australia to increase capacity of existing Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS) from Level 1 to both Level 2 and Level 3 for Restricted Access Vehicles (RAV) route RAV7, TriDrive3 and TriDrive4 networks.

BACKGROUND

2. Normal vehicles such as motorbikes, cars, semi-trailers are permitted to drive anywhere on the network, however larger vehicles such as b-doubles, road trains, c-trains etc known as Restricted Access Vehicles and are only allowed to operate on roads approved by Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA).
3. When RAV network route N7 was first approved, bridges and geometric issues such as corners, intersections, sighting distance etc were taken into consideration to enable RAV7 compliant configurations to safely traverse the network.
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5. Later, MRWA introduced AMMS a scheme that enables accredited operators to run with higher loads, improving their efficiency and safety. This accreditation requires the operator to employ a proven loading control method such as a weighbridge or similar device.
6. The Shire currently allows RAV7.1 vehicles as shown in Figure 1, this allows AMMS accredited operators to run with RAV 7 configured vehicles at AMMS Level 1. Figures 2 & 3 show much smaller road networks available for RAV7.2 and RAV7.3 vehicles.

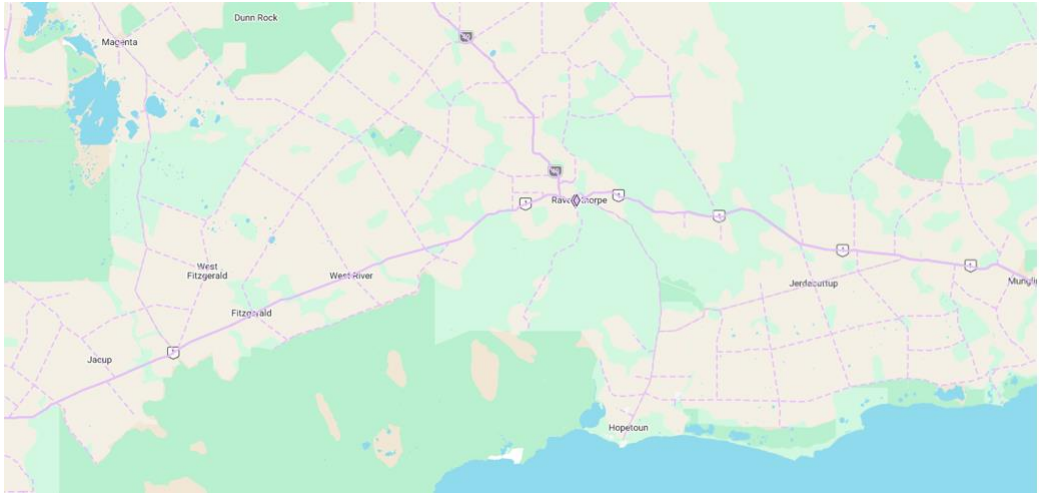


Figure 1 – RAV7.1

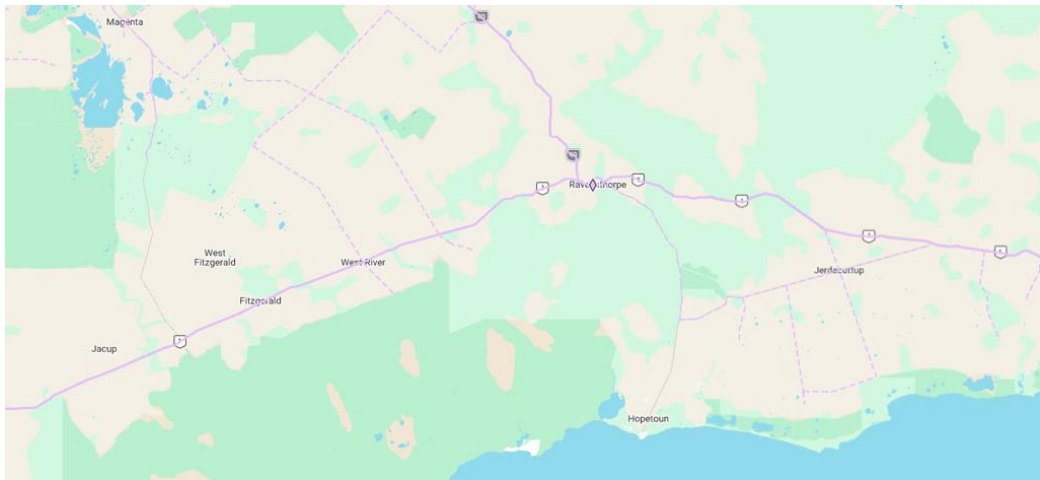


Figure 2 – RAV7.2

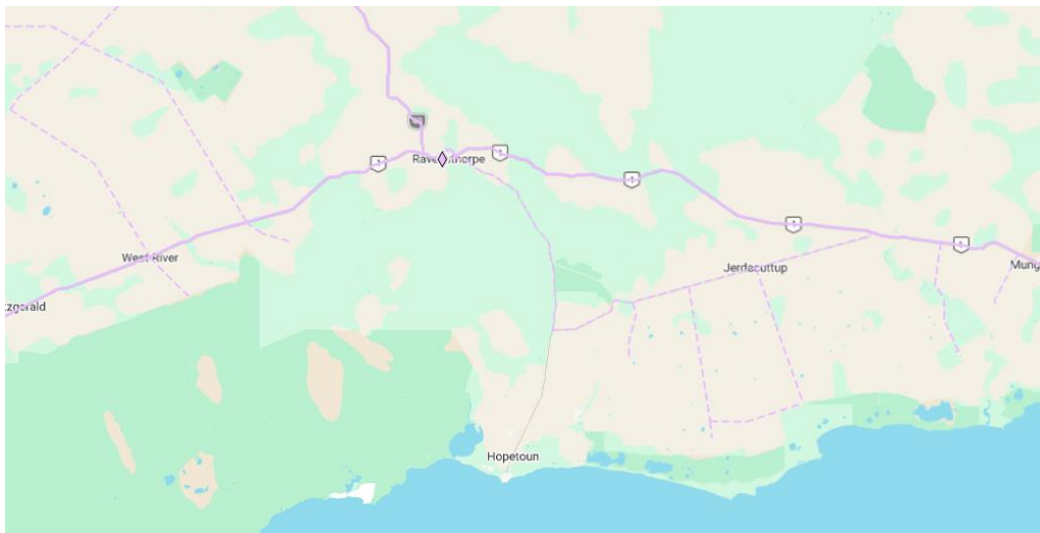


Figure 3 – RAV7.3

7. Figure 4 shows the current network for Tri-drive Level 3 (TD3.1), with Figures 5 & 6 showing the reduced networks for AMMS Level 2 and Level 3.



Figure 4 – TD3.1

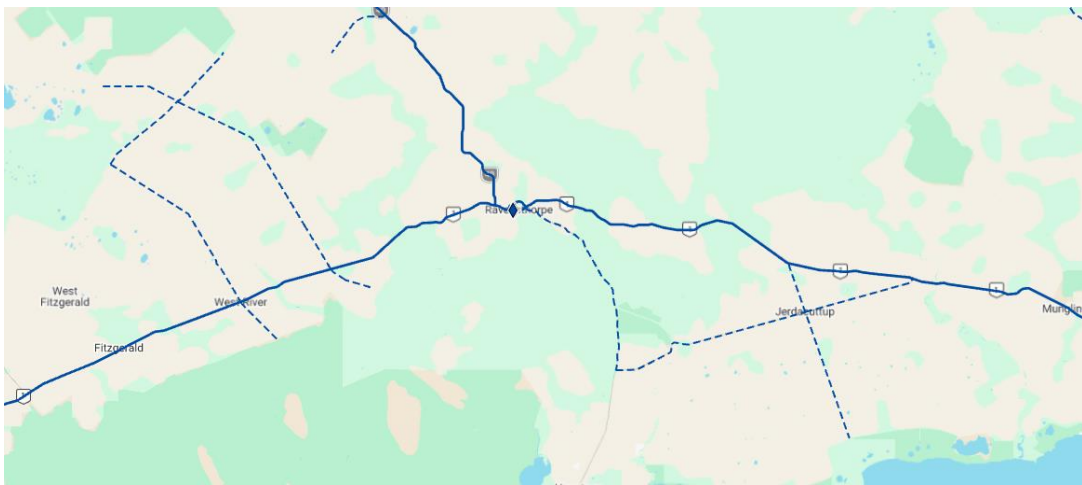


Figure 5 – TD3.2

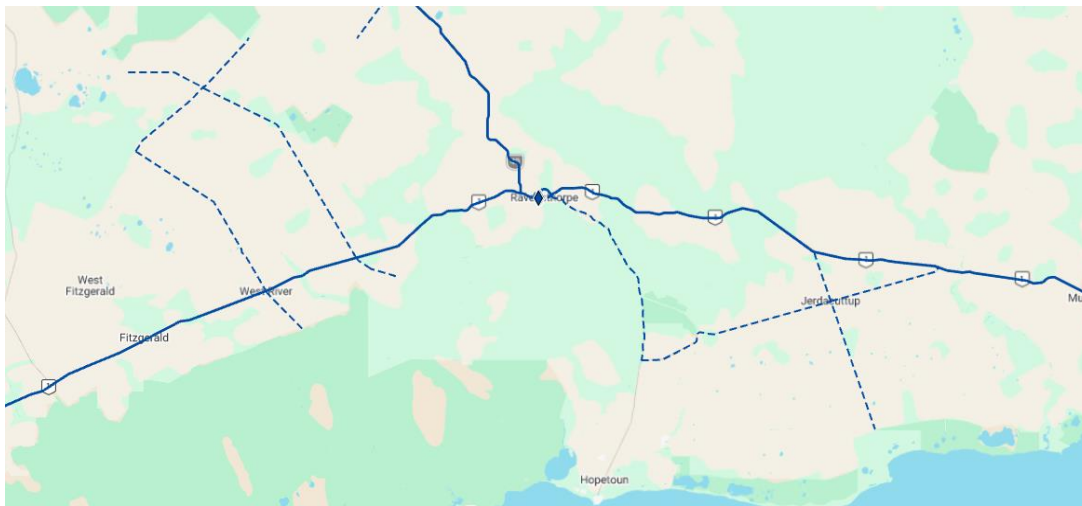


Figure 6 – TD3.3

8. Figure 4 shows the current network for Tri-drive Level 3 (TD3.1), with Figures 5 & 6 showing the reduced networks for AMMS Level 2 and Level 3.

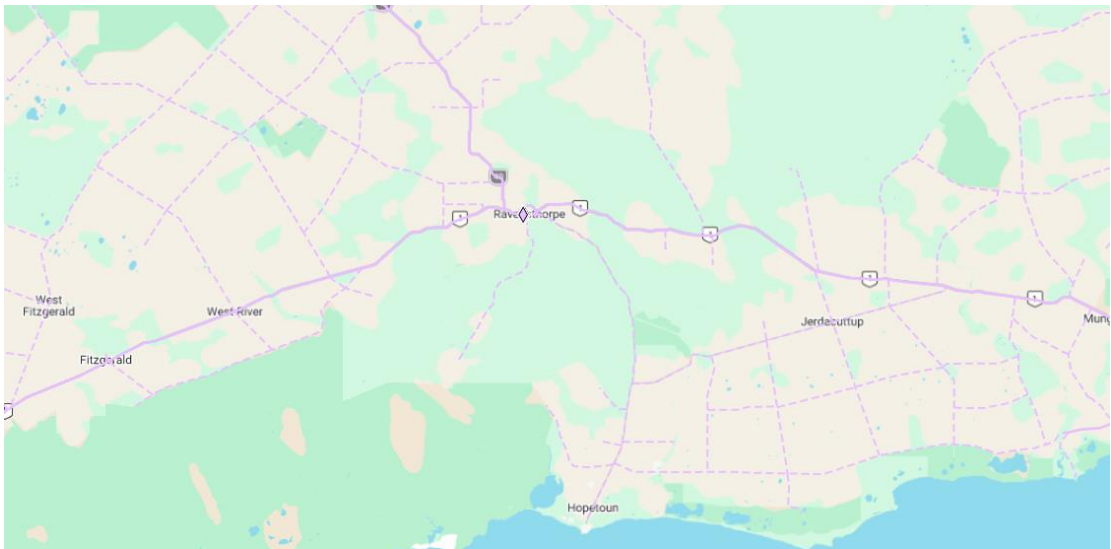


Figure 7 – TD4.1

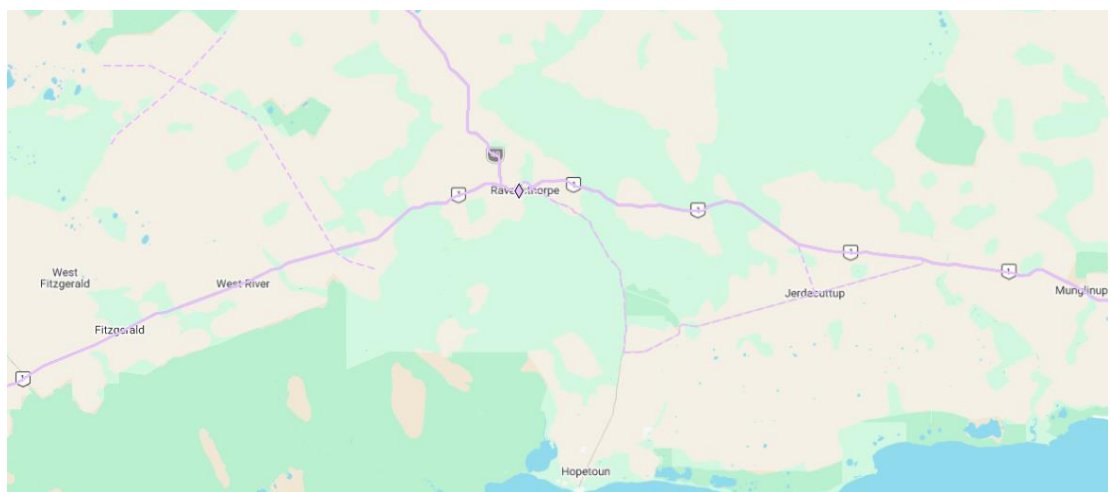


Figure 8 – TD4.2

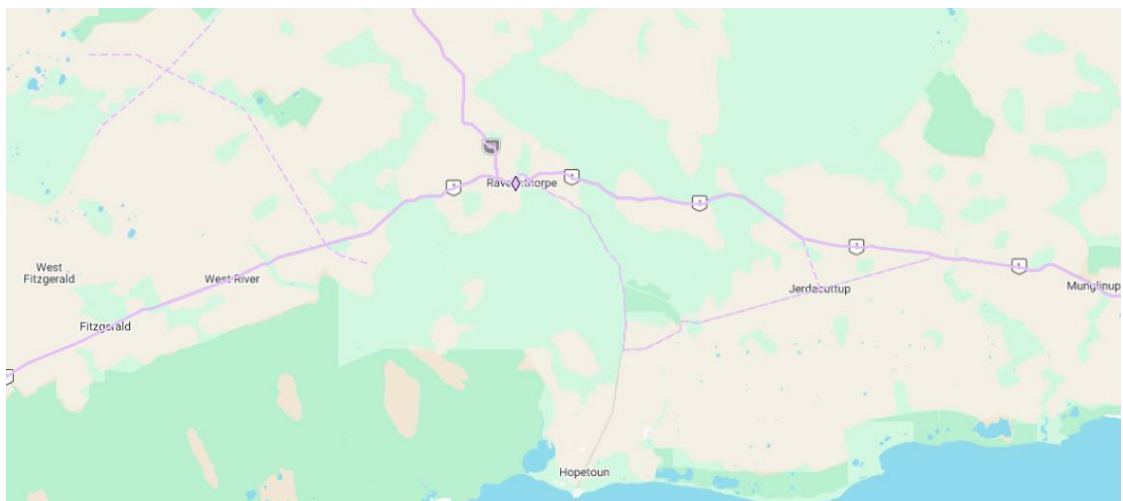














Figure 9 – TD4.3

9. The table below shows the allowable loading for RAV7, 7.1, 7.2 & 7.3, enabling an extra 4 to 6.5 tonnes to be carried on the same truck configuration at AMMS Level 1.

Vehicle Configuration	Common Name	Maximum Length	Maximum Statutory Mass	Maximum Mass under AMMS 1	Maximum Mass under AMMS 2	Maximum Mass under AMMS 3
			Approved Network	Approved Network	Approved Network	Approved Network
	AB-Triple	≤ 36.5m	108.5t Tandem Drive N7	115.0t Tandem Drive N7.1	119.0t Tandem Drive N7.2	123.5t Tandem Drive N7.3
	BA-Triple	≤ 36.5m	108.5t Tandem Drive N7	115.0t Tandem Drive N7.1	119.0t Tandem Drive N7.2	123.5t Tandem Drive N7.3
	Truck & 2 Dogs	≤ 36.5m	108.5t Tandem Drive N7	115.0t Tandem Drive N7.1	119.0t Tandem Drive N7.2	123.5t Tandem Drive N7.3

10. The table below shows the allowable loading for TD3.1, TD3.2 & TD3.3 and TD4.1, TD4.2 & TD4.3, enabling an extra 2 to 10 tonnes to be carried on the same truck configuration at AMMS Level 1.

RAV Category	RAV Description	Max. Length	Max. Mass & Approved Network			
			Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Category 1	1A – Prime Mover & Semi Trailer 	20 m	55 t TD1.1	57 t TD1.2	59 t TD1.3	
Category 2	Refer to AMMS Tri Drive Truck, Trailer Combinations					
Category 3	3A – Prime Mover, Semi Trailer & Pig Trailer or Dolly 	3A	27.5 m	73 t	75 t	77 t
	3B – B-double 	3B	27.5 m	76.5 t	79.5 t	82.5 t
	3C – A-double 	3C	27.5 m	98 t	102 t	106 t
	All	-	-	TD3.1	TD3.2	TD3.3
Category 4	4A – B-Double towing a Dolly 	4A	27.5 m + Dolly	76.5 t + Dolly	79.5 t + Dolly	82.5 t + Dolly
	4B – A-Double towing a Dolly 	4B	27.5 m + Dolly	98 t + Dolly	102 t + Dolly	106 t + Dolly
	4C – A-Double 	4C / 4D	36.5 m	98 t	102 t	106 t
	4E – BA-Triple 	4E / 4F	36.5 m	119.5 t	124.5 t	129.5 t
	4F – AB-Triple 	All	-	-	TD4.1	TD4.2

COMMENT

11. The opportunity to enable RAV7.2 and RAV7.3 vehicles to use the network currently allowed for RAV7.1 will offer transport cost efficiency benefits to farmers. There are also safety benefits with this as the same transport volume task can be achieved with fewer trucking movements. The same can be said for migrating TriDrive networks TD3.1 to TD3.3 and TD4.1 to TD4.3

12. The risks associated with increasing AMMS levels include:

- a. Bridge load ratings: we only have one registered bridge on Springdale Rd, it is almost new and in good condition, so there should be no problem with RAV7.3 rating, however this will be confirmed in writing with MRWA during the process
- b. Pavement strength:
 - i. The sealed roads are already rated at RAV7.3 (ie Jerdacuttup Rd)
 - ii. Several of the principal gravel roads that connect to sealed roads are already rated for RAV7.3, the changes for RAV7.1 roads generally refer to lesser used roads that will experience higher axle loads because of this change but at the same time carry the same overall grain task with fewer truck movements, providing some balance. There could be some initial localised pavement failures that require some additional maintenance and/or re-sheeting, it is difficult to quantify such an impact, however it is considered to be both incremental and necessary.

13. The Shire has commenced discussions with MRWA, that have revealed that these changes require a desktop process only, no field work or site visits are required. The process would be started by the Shire writing a formal letter to MRAW requesting the change, then a 1-2-month process to implement it.
14. Shire Officers are also reviewing the Conditions associated with each approved RAV Network and will report back to the Council at a later date.

CONSULTATION

15. Councillors and Executive Management Team.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

16. Road Traffic Act 1974

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

17. Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

18. The changes to the AMMS level are a desktop exercise only with no cost to council. There could be some cost increases for gravel pavement maintenance due to the additional loading, however the Shire already allows such vehicles on several roads already, so the overall impact is expected to be marginal and short term, such as additional grading and some localized gravel sheeting.

RISK MANAGEMENT

19. There is a medium risk that some road pavement could deteriorate more quickly due to the increased loading, however this is considered to be short term and manageable.

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Financial	Rare	Insignificant	Very Low	Monitor road performance during harvest and attend to issues as they arise
	Unlikely	<u>Minor</u>	Low	
	<u>Possible</u>	Moderate	<u>Medium</u>	
	Likely	Major	High	
	Almost Certain	Catastrophic	Extreme	

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

20. Stay with current AMMS Level 1
21. Defer the report and seek further information.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

22. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030 and Corporate Business Plan.

Outcome 1: Economy - The population is growing, in tandem with a thriving, resilient local economy

Item	Objectives and Strategies
1.1	To grow business and employment

VOTING REQUIREMENT

23. Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

- 1. Request Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) to increase roads currently rated for AMMS Level 1 to both AMMS Level 2 and Level 3.**

Moved: Cr Sutherland

Seconded: Cr Gibson

Resolution #44/26

Carried: 7/0

(In favour: Cr Gibson, Cr Sutherland, Cr Leighton, Cr Miloseski, Cr Auburn, Cr Burton, Cr Fyfe)

13. MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

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

Nil.

15. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil.

16. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Shire President, Cr Rachel Gibson, declared the meeting closed.

The meeting closed at: 6:15 pm

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Signed by Shire President:



Date: 19.5.2026

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