



Unconfirmed Minutes

Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, 30 July 2025

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the

Shire of Ravensthorpe

Special Meeting of Council

held on
Wednesday, 30 July 2025
commencing at 6.00pm

Council Chambers,
Ravensthorpe Cultural Precinct
Ravensthorpe

Matthew Bird
Chief Executive Officer

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DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST FORM

(Elected Members/Committee Members/Employees/Contractors)

Local Government Act 1995 (Section 5.65, 5.70, 5.71 & 5.71(B))

To: Chief Executive Officer

Name

☐ Elected Member ☐ Committee Member ☐ Employee ☐ Contractor

☐ Ordinary Council Meeting held on

☐ Special Council Meeting held on

☐ Committee Meeting held on

☐ Other

Report No

Report Title

Type of Interest (*see overleaf for further information)

☐ Proximity

☐ Financial

☐ Impartiality

Nature of Interest

Extent of Interest (if intending to seek Council approval to be involved with debate and/or vote)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

- Note 1 - Elected Members/ Committee Members/Employees refer to the Disclosure of Interest Declaration card when disclosure is being read out at Council or Committee Meeting.**
- Note 2: For Ordinary meetings of the Council, elected members and employees are requested to submit this completed form to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting. Where this is not practicable, disclosure(s) must be given to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the matter being discussed.**
- Note 3: Employees or Contractors disclosing an interest in any matter apart from at meetings, where there is a conflict of interest including disclosures required by s5.71 are required to submit this form to the CEO as soon as practicable.**

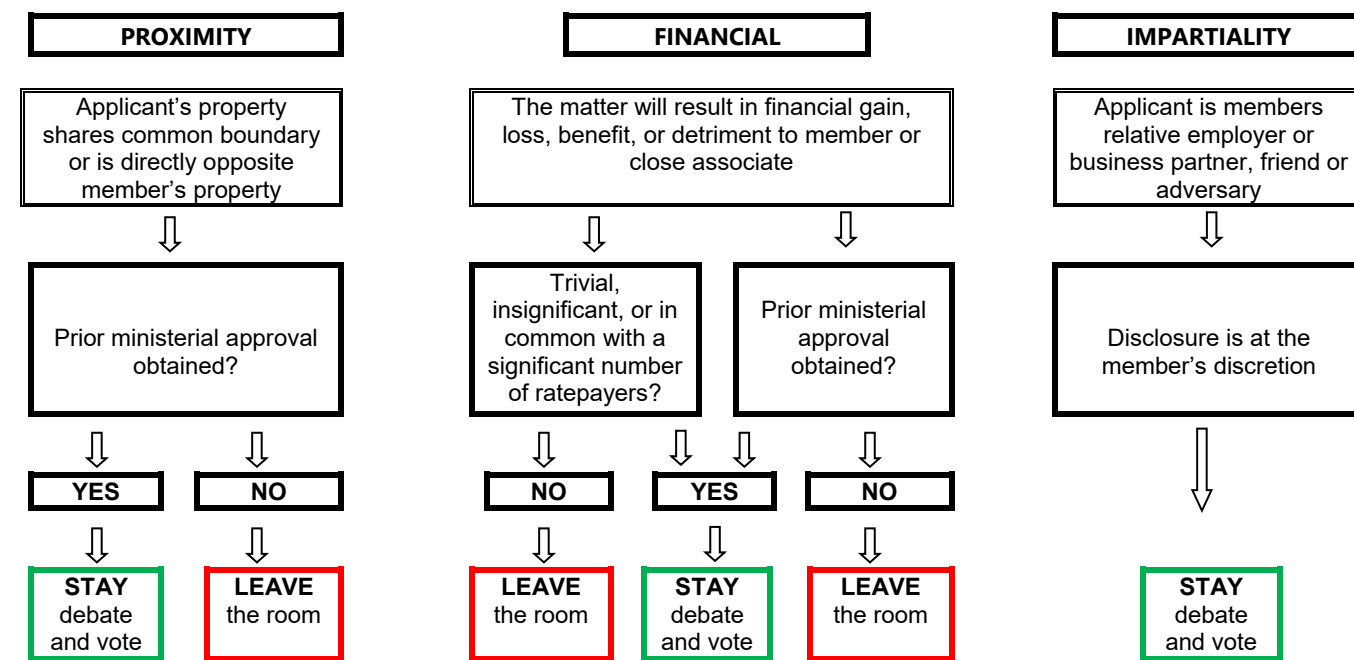
CEO: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

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* Declaring an Interest



Local Government Act 1995 – Extract

s.5.60A - Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonable to expect that the matter will, if dealt with by the local government, or an employee or committee of the local government or member of the council of the local government, in a particular way, result in a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment for the person.

s.5.60B – Proximity Interest

A person has a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns —

- (a) a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land; or
- (b) a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or
- (c) a proposed development (as defined in section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person's land.

5.65 - Members' interests in matters to be discussed at meetings to be disclosed.

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

- (a) in a written notice given to the CEO before the meeting; or (b) at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed. (Penalties apply).
- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution under this section if the member proves that he or she did not know:

(a) that he or she had an interest in the matter; or (b) that the matter in which he or she had an interest would be discussed at the meeting.

- (3) This section does not apply to a person who is a member of a committee referred to in section 5.9(2)(f).

5.70 - Employees to disclose interests relating to advice or reports.

(1) In this section: 'employee' includes a person who, under a contract for services with the local government, provides advice or a report on a matter.

(2) An employee who has an interest in any matter in respect of which the employee is providing advice or a report directly to the council or a committee must disclose the nature of the interest when giving the advice or report.

(3) An employee who discloses an interest under this section must if required to do so by the council or committee, as the case may be, disclose the extent of the interest. (Penalties apply).

5.71 - Employees to disclose interests relating to delegated functions.

If, under Division 4, an employee has been delegated a power or duty relating to a matter and the employee has an interest in the matter, the employee must not exercise the power or discharge the duty and:

- (a) in the case of the CEO, must disclose to the mayor or president the nature of the interest as soon as practicable after becoming aware that he or she has the interest in the matter; and (b) in the case of any other employee, must disclose to the CEO the nature of the interest as soon as practicable after becoming aware that he or she has the interest in the matter. (Penalties apply)

5.71A. - CEOs to disclose interests relating to gifts in connection with advice or reports

(1) A CEO who has an interest relating to a gift in a matter in respect of which the CEO proposes to provide advice or a report, directly or indirectly, to the council or a committee must disclose the nature of the interest in a written notice given to the council.

(2) A CEO who makes a disclosure under subsection (1) must not provide the advice or report unless the CEO is allowed to do so under section 5.71B(2) or (6).

(3) A CEO who has an interest relating to a gift in a matter in respect of which another employee is providing advice or a report directly to the council or a committee must disclose the nature of the interest when the advice or report is provided.

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – Extract - In this clause and in accordance with Regulation 19AA "Interest" means an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest and includes an association.

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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 6.02pm.

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

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

Elected Members:

Cr Thomas Major (Shire President)
Cr Mark Mudie (Deputy Shire President)
Cr Rachel Gibson (electronic)
Cr Sue Leighton
Cr Graham Richardson
Cr Robert Miloseski (electronic)

Staff:

Matthew Bird (Chief Executive Officer)
Natalie Bell (electronic) (Executive Manager Projects & Regulatory Services)
Paul Spencer (Executive Manager Infrastructure Services)
Les Mainwaring (Executive Manager Corporate Services)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

APOLOGIES

Cr Roger Mansell

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

ABSENT

Nil

VISITORS

Nil

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS TIME

Nil.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS BY ELECTED MEMBERS

Nil.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil.

10. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS

Nil.

11. MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Nil.

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

12.2 Corporate Services

12.2.1 Adoption of 2025/26 Budget

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

12.1 CORPORATE SERVICES

12.1.1 ADOPTION OF 2025-2026 BUDGET AND NOTES

File Reference:	FM.BU.1
Location:	Nil
Applicant:	Nil
Author:	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Authorising Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	28 July 2025
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	1. Draft Statutory Budget 2025-26 and Notes 2. Revised Fees & Charges 2025-26
Previous Reference:	Nil

PURPOSE

1. To adopt the Annual Budget for the 2025/2026 financial year in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995* and other relevant legislation together with supporting schedules, including imposition of rates and minimum payments, adoption of fees and charges, setting of elected members fees for the year and other consequential matters arising from the budget papers.

BACKGROUND

2. The Local Government Act requires Council's by 31 August each financial year to prepare and adopt, in the form and manner prescribed, a financial budget for its municipal fund for the financial year ending the next following June.
3. The draft 2025/26 Annual Budget has been compiled based on the principles contained within the Strategic Community Plan and prepared in accordance with the presentations made to councillors through Budget Workshop briefings on 29 April and 6 May 2025.
4. The differential general rates strategy was adopted by council 20 May 2025 in reference to the adopted Long-Term Financial Plan 2025-2035.
5. At the Special Council Meeting 20 May 2025, Council resolved to:

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the following differential rates across all categories to form the basis of the proposed rate setting for the 2025/26 budget.***

	<i>Cost in \$</i>	<i>Minimum</i>
<i>GRV Residential</i>	<i>0.129734</i>	<i>\$1,077.00</i>
<i>GRV Commercial</i>	<i>0.161125</i>	<i>\$1,077.00</i>
<i>GRV Industrial</i>	<i>0.161125</i>	<i>\$1,077.00</i>
<i>GRV – Transient Workforce Camps /</i>		
<i>Short Stay Accommodation</i>	<i>0.332208</i>	<i>\$1,077.00</i>
<i>UV - Rural</i>	<i>0.003377</i>	<i>\$1,077.00</i>

UV – Mining

0.243744

\$1,077.00

- 2. Adopt the Objectives and Reasons for the Proposed Differential rates for 2025/2026**
- 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to advertise the differential rates and call for public submissions in accordance with Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 for a minimum of 21 days**
- 4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make application to seek Ministerial approval under Section 6.33 of the Local Government Act 1995 to impose differential rates that are more than twice the lowest differential rate being imposed.**
- 5. Adopt the draft Long-Term Financial Plan 2025/26 to 2035/36 as the policy of rating strategy, plus addendum of LTFP assumptions including rates.**
- 6. To set a 4.95% increase of rating yield from last year and to revise the rates in the dollar at point 1 to support that increase.**

	Cost in \$	Minimum
GRV Residential	0.129672	\$1,077.00
GRV Commercial	0.161048	\$1,077.00
GRV Industrial	0.161048	\$1,077.00
GRV – Transient Workforce Camps / Short Stay Accommodation	0.332050	\$1,077.00
UV - Rural	0.003375	\$1,077.00
UV – Mining	0.243628	\$1,077.00

6. Proposed rates were advertised on the 23 May 2025 and at the end of the 21-day statutory advertising period ending 15 June 2025 there were two submissions for Council to consider. At the Ordinary Council Meeting 17 June 2025, Council gave due considered to the matters raised in submissions from International Graphite and FQM Australia Nickel Pty Ltd.
7. Application was subsequently made for Ministerial approval under Section 6.33 of the Local Government Act 1995, and approval for differential rates was received 15 June 2025.

COMMENT

8. The overall strategy for the 2025/26 budget is shaped by the continued response to the impacts of closure of the Ravensthorpe Nickel Operations and the Arcadium Lithium mine with the loss of over 500 jobs in a community of just over 2000 people. The economic flow on effects to the community has been significant during the past twelve months, with the shire noticing significant downgrades on revenues from airport passenger services, bulk commercial waste fees and childcare services. To give an indication of the speed of the downturn, airport revenues fell from \$2.16M in 2023/24 to a budget of just \$5,000 for 2025/26. Notwithstanding there has been the consideration of cost of living pressures by only marginally increasing rates in 2025/26 by 4.95% (an increase of 0.45% from last year's 4.5%). To maintain this steady rate position amid falling revenues, projects and spending have been driven down where possible, strategic financial decisions have been made such as Childcare Services. This has taken place whilst trying to maintain existing core service levels and the community expectations of shire funds replacing

previous mining support for social and recreational activities. In a lot of respects this is a further transitional budget that will allow time to achieve a soft landing. At this point there will still be a need to closely monitor the trajectory of the Long-Term Financial Plan, so that longer term financial strategies can align with available revenue to meet the ever-increasing cost demands of the community.

9. The main focus of cost revisions for 2025/26 were decreases in;
 - Lower staff resources at the airport -\$275,000 to cater for cessation of flights.
 - Lower staff resources from the outsourcing of Childcare Services -\$1,076,000.
 - The total capital works program has been reduced by \$1,006,000 or 18.5%.
10. This budget has been prepared to include information required by the *Local Government Act 1995*, *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and the Australian Accounting Standards.
11. The main features of the draft budget include:
 - Rates have been set with an overall increase of 4.95% (Last Year 4.50%) across general categories with a focus on cost of living notwithstanding the financial pressures from loss of revenue.
 - This year's Capital Works Program is \$4, 412,000.
 - Significant Capital Works Projects and Plant Replacement \$100K or over
 - \$260K Waste Trailer
 - \$174K Mason Bay Road 2kms
 - \$130K Cowles Road SLK 0 to SLK 4.2
 - \$114K Hayes Road SLK 7.65 to SLK 11.33
 - \$155K West Point SLK 37.96 to SLK 42.96
 - \$107K Rawlinson Road SLK 5.02 to SLK 8.47
 - \$224K Southern Ocean Road Re-Seal SLK 7.8 to SLK 11.8
 - \$235K Jerdacuttup Road SLK 5.2 to SLK 10
 - \$160K West River Road Resheet SLK 0 to SLK 5.0
 - \$150K Concrete Footpath Construction programme
 - \$235K Loader Replacement
 - \$252K Tip Truck Replacement
 - \$460K Grader Replacement
 - \$110K Single Cab Truck Replacement
 - \$130K Small Loader Replacement
 - \$140K GTE Water Cart Ranker Replacement
 - Building maintenance allocation of \$1.058M (LY \$986K).
 - Debt Servicing costs of \$137K (LY\$170K) Principle and Interest for existing loan debt, with no new borrowings in 25/26.
 - Decrease in Plant Replacement Reserve \$389K (LY decrease \$659K).
 - Increase in Building Reserve \$91K (LY increase \$41K).
 - Decrease in Road Reserve \$154K (LY decrease \$3K)
 - Increase in Airport Reserve \$21K (LY increase \$40K)
 - Decrease in Waste Reserve & Sewerage Reserve \$95K (LY decrease \$95K)

- Community Development fund \$68K (LY \$71K) and other Presidential donations of \$10K (LY \$10K) provided.
- Community Groups and event funding recurring allocations:
 - \$ 25,000 Council Annual Events programme
 - \$ 5,000 Ravensthorpe Historical Society – Visitor Services
 - \$ 13,337 Fitzgerald Biosphere Support and Promotion
 - \$ 7,000 RAIN Project assistance for declared weeds
 - \$ 25,000 Hopetoun Progress Association Unit Management Support
 - \$ 30,000 Ravensthorpe Regional Arts Council Support
 - \$ 20,000 Ravensthorpe Regional Arts Council grant pledge
 - \$ 3,500 Fitzgerald Business Network Support
 - \$ 60,856 Hopetoun CRC – Library
 - \$ 60,856 Ravensthorpe CRC – Library
 - \$ 5,000 Hopetoun CRC – Visitor Services
 - \$255,549 LY \$212,210 +20%
- \$160K for Bushfire mitigation on-ground services.
- \$291K Medical services and facilities operating investment.
- \$885K Waste Refuse collection and disposal net operating and facility cost.
- \$525K Public Conveniences and Cemeteries net operating costs
- \$630K Public Halls net operating and facility costs.
- \$2.129M Recreation and Sporting net operations and facilities.
- \$315K Road Construction net contribution of general funds.
- \$5.546M Road Maintenance net contribution of general funds.
- \$486K Aerodromes net contribution of general funds.

The draft budget has been developed to achieve an \$0K balance at year end 30 June 2026. An estimated surplus of \$2.406m is anticipated to be brought forward from 30 June 2025, however this is unaudited and may change as it has been pre-estimated prior to the completion of all end of year accounting activities in an effort to deliver an earlier budget adoption. Any change will be addressed as part of the half yearly budget review.

The draft 2025/26 budget continues to deliver on strategies derived through community consultation and adopted in May 2021 by council as the Strategic Community Plan maintaining a high level of service across all programs.

The main economic driver for this year's budget has been the associated loss of revenues from the closure of both operational mines in the area. Council is now turning its focus to developing tourism potential in the region as a more sustainable longer-term economic driver in order to counter balance the sharp rises and falls experienced from the mining sector.

12. The Shires Integrated Planning framework and long-term strategies have played an integral role in developing the Shire's vision for the future and has allowed for the development of priorities to achieve the consensus of community aims.

CONSULTATION

13. All Councillors and Executive Team

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

14. *Local Government Act 1995 - 7.12A. Duties of local government with respect to audits - A local government is to examine the report of the auditor prepared under section 7.9(1), and any report prepared under section 7.9(3) forwarded to it, and is to determine if any matters raised by the report, or reports, require action to be taken by the local government; and ensure that appropriate action is taken in respect of those matters*
15. *Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.2 requires that not later than 31 August in each financial year, or such extended time as the Minister allows, each local government is to prepare and adopt, (Absolute Majority required) in the form and manner prescribed, a budget for its municipal fund for the financial year ending on the next following 30 June.*
16. *Divisions 5 and 6 of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1995 refer to the setting of budgets and raising of rates and charges. The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 details the form and content of the budget. The draft 2021/22 budget as presented is considered to meet statutory requirements.*
17. *Section 67 of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007 (Receptacle Charges for Waste Collections)*
18. *Section 41 of the Health Act 1911 for the management and maintenance of community effluent systems.*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

19. Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

20. A balanced budget for the 2025/26 financial year. Specific financial implications are as outlined in the commentary section of this report and as itemised in the draft 2025/26 budget attached for adoption.

RISK MANAGEMENT

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

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis		Mitigation
Performance (operational) – Council is required to prepare and adopt a budget by 31 August, in the form and manner prescribed, a budget for its municipal fund for the financial year ending 30 th June next, following that 31 August.		Unlikely	Moderate	Medium	Council to adopt the budget before 31 August or seek extension.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

22. Nil.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

23. This item is relevant to the Councils approved Strategic Community Plan 2021 and Corporate Business Plan 2021-2025

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
5.6	Financial systems are effectively managed

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

24. Absolute Majority

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Mudie and seconded by Cr Leighton

Resolution # 67/25

That Council;

Part A – Municipal Fund Budget for 2025/26

Pursuant to the provisions of section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Part 3 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 the council adopt the Municipal Fund Budget as contained in the attachment to this agenda and the minutes for the Shire of Ravensthorpe for the 2025/26 financial year which includes the following:

- Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature and Type on page 2 showing a net result for that year of (\$5,240,030).
- Statement of Cash Flows on Page 3 showing Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year of \$1,554,517.
- Statement of Financial Activity on page 4 showing an end of year budget balance of \$0.
- Notes to and Forming Part of the Budget on pages 6 to 27.

Carried 6/0

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Leighton and seconded by Cr Richardson

Resolution # 68/25

That Council;

Part B – General and Minimum Rates, Instalment Payment Arrangements

1. For the purpose of yielding the deficiency disclosed by the Municipal Fund Budget adopted at Part A above, council pursuant to sections 6.32, 6.33, 6.34 and 6.35 of the Local Government Act 1995 impose the following general rates and minimum rates on Gross Rental and Unimproved Values.

1.1 General Rates

Residential (GRV)	12.9672 cents in the dollar
Commercial (GRV)	16.1048 cents in the dollar
Industrial (GRV)	16.1048 cents in the dollar
Transient Workforce/Short Stay Accom. (GRV)	33.2050 cents in the dollar
Rural (UV)	0.003375 cents in the dollar
Mining (UV)	0.243628 cents in the dollar

1.2 Minimum Payments

Residential (GRV)	\$1,077
Commercial (GRV)	\$1,077
Industrial (GRV)	\$1,077
Transient Workforce/Short Stay Accom. (GRV)	\$1,077
Rural (UV)	\$1,077
Mining (UV)	\$1,077

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

- Full payment and 1st instalment due date 15 September 2025
- 2nd quarterly instalment due date 17 November 2025
- 3rd quarterly instalment due date 19 January 2026
- 4th quarterly instalment due date 23 March 2026

3. Pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 67 of the Local Government (Financial Management) regulations 1996, council adopts an instalment administration charge where the owner has elected to pay rates (and service charges) through an instalment option of \$10 for each instalment after the initial instalment is paid.

4. Pursuant to section 6.45 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 68 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, council adopts an interest rate of 5.5% where the owner has elected to pay rates and service charges through an instalment option.

5. Pursuant to section 6.51 (1) and subject to section 6.51 (4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, council adopts an interest rate of 11% for rates (and service charges) and costs of proceedings to recover such charges that remains unpaid after becoming due and payable.

Carried: 6/0

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Leighton and seconded by Cr Richardson

Resolution # 69/25

That Council;

Part C – General Fees and Charges for 2025/26

Pursuant to section 6.16 of the Local Government Act 1995, council adopts the Fees and charges included with the draft 2025/26 budget.

Carried: 6/0

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Major and seconded by Cr Mudie

Resolution # 70/25

That Council;

Part D – Other Statutory Fees for 2025/26

1. Pursuant to section 53 of the Cemeteries Act 1986 council adopts the fees and charges for cemeteries within Shire boundaries included in the draft 2025/26 budget.
2. Pursuant to regulation 53 of the Building Regulations 2012 the council adopts a private swimming pool inspection fee of \$78.00.
3. Pursuant to section 67 of the Waste Avoidance and Resources Recovery act 2007, council adopt the following charges for the removal of domestic and commercial waste:

3.1 Residential Commercial and Industrial Premises 240L Refuse Bin Collected Weekly
\$406.70 pa

3.2 Residential Commercial and Industrial Premises 240L Recycling Bin Collected Fortnightly
\$144.30 pa

4. Pursuant to Section 41 of the *Health Act 1911* council adopt the following sewerage charges for the management and maintenance of community effluent systems within the town sites of Munglinup and Ravensthorpe:

4.1 General Rates

- Ravensthorpe (GRV) 2.8615 cents in the dollar
- Munglinup (GRV) 3.2690 cents in the dollar

4.2 Minimum Payments

- Ravensthorpe (GRV) \$246
- Munglinup (GRV) \$246

4.3 Other Properties

- First Fixture \$246
- Per Additional Fixture \$153

Carried: 6/0

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Major and seconded by Cr Leighton
That Council;

Resolution # 71/25

Part E – Elected Members Fees and Charges

1. Pursuant to section 5.99 of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 34 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, council adopts the following annual fees for payment of elected members in lieu of individual meeting fees:

President	\$23,560
Councillors	\$15,768
2. Pursuant to section 5.99A of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations 34A and 34AA of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, Council adopts the following annual allowances for elected members:

Phone, fax, IT & Telecommunications	\$1,300
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3. Pursuant to section 5.98(5) of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulation 33 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, council adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition to the annual meeting allowance:

President \$15,525

4. Pursuant to section 5.98A of the Local Government Act 1995 and regulations 33A of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, council adopts the following annual local government allowance to be paid in addition to the annual meeting allowance:
- Deputy President \$3,881

Carried: 6/0

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Richardson and seconded by Cr Miloseski

Resolution # 72/25

That Council;

Part F – Material Variance Reporting

In accordance with regulation 34 (5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, and AASB 1031 Materiality, the level to be used in statements of financial activity in 2025/26 for reporting material variances shall be 10% or \$100,000, whichever is the greater.

Carried: 6/0

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Leighton and seconded by Cr Gibson

Resolution # 73/25

That Council;

Part G – Rates Exemption

That pursuant to section 6.47 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, and in keeping with past years, the 2025/26 rates on the following properties be waived as community support and recognition for these organisations.

- Assessment A14326 – 62 Esplanade – CWA of Hopetoun
- Assessment A11569 – 23 Dunn Street – Diocesan Trustees of Bunbury Inc.
- Assessment A430 – 21 Dunn Street – Diocesan Trustees of Bunbury Inc.
- Assessment A611 – 21 Morgans Street – St Johns Ambulance Australia Ravensthorpe Sub Centre
- Assessment A776 – 49 Esplanade – The Roman Catholic Bishop of Bunbury
- Assessment A589 – 38 Kingsmill Street – The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust WA
- Assessment A636 – 51 Morgans Street – Ravensthorpe Community Centre
- Assessment A13375 – 16 Chambers Street – Hopetoun Progress Association Inc
- Assessment A914 – 12 Chambers Street – Hopetoun Progress Association Inc
- Assessment A786 – 37 Veal Street – Hopetoun Progress Association Inc

Subject to eligibility of exemption being reviewed.

Carried: 6/0

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved by Cr Richardson and seconded by Cr Gibson

Resolution # 74/25

That Council;

Part H – Councillor Superannuation

That pursuant to sections 5.99B(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, as a class 3 local government, council makes the election not to pay superannuation payments to its council members.

Carried: 6/0

13. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

14. MEETING CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked the Executive Manager Corporate Services and the Executive Team for their work on the 2025/26 budget, and declared the meeting closed at 6.15pm.