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Katanning
Heart of the Great Southern

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We respect and celebrate our diverse culture.’

**MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

Dear Council Member

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Shire of Katanning held on
Tuesday 21 April 2026 at the Shire of Katanning’s Council Chamber,
52 Austral Terrace, Katanning.

DISCLAIMER

Any applicant or members of the public is advised to wait for written advice from the Council before taking any action on an application or a Council decision.

PRESIDING MEMBER _____

DATE SIGNED _____

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PLEASE NOTE:

Council Meetings are recorded for accuracy of minute taking.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5:35pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Katanning acknowledges the Goreng Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land that we live and work on. We recognise their cultural heritage, beliefs, and continuing relationship with the land and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**PRESENT**

Presiding Member: Cr Kristy D'Aprile - President

Members: Cr Ian Hanna
Cr John Goodheart
Cr Matt Collis
Cr Gemma Trolove
Cr Danny McGrath
Cr Paul Totino

Council Officers: Peter Klein, Chief Executive Officer
Graham Barnes, General Manager Operations
David Blurton, Executive Manager Corporate Services
Taryn Human, Executive Assistant to CEO

Gallery: Troy Collie

Media: Amy Towers

Apologies: Nil.

Leave of Absence: Nil.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Shire President Kristy D'Aprile opened the meeting by advising that it was being recorded in accordance with Local Government regulations. She acknowledged and thanked the Katanning Volunteer Bushfire Brigade for undertaking a hazard reduction burn at Shirley Street Reserve, noting the importance of their efforts in reducing future fire risks.

She recognised several community-led initiatives, including the installation of a new mural at Piesse Lake by the Friends of Piesse Lake and the artist, as well as a new bench along the pathway delivered through a collaboration between Mazenod College student Isaac D'Aprile and the community, addressing a long-standing local need.

The President also commended Shire staff for their ongoing contributions, highlighting positive community feedback. She noted the success of the KLC school holiday program, Clive St improvements by the gardens team, and enhanced service and presentation at the rubbish tip.

Finally, she acknowledged the project manager David Blurton for the Early Childhood Hub project, recognising the progress achieved and strong community interest, and noted the positive momentum being experienced across the community.

4. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

5. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL/IMPARTIALITY INTERESTS

10.1.3	Cr Danny McGrath	Disclosure of Financial Interest
13.1	Cr Danny McGrath	Disclosure of Interest Affecting Impartiality
10.1.3	Cr Ian Hanna	Disclosure of Financial Interest
10.1.3	Cr Paul Totinoi	Disclosure of Financial interest

6. PUBLIC QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME

Troy Collie from Ausgold spoke in support of item 10.1.3, relating to the workforce accommodation development application on Crosby Street. He thanked the Shire for the professional assessment process and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to engage throughout the application's progress. He also confirmed that Ausgold supports the management recommendation.

Mr Collie raised a concern regarding a proposed condition linked to Council Motion OC26, specifically relating to noise management. While Ausgold accepts most aspects of the condition, he noted that one part—relating to specified sound power levels—could be interpreted as limiting the noise output of individual pieces of equipment. He explained that these levels were originally intended for modelling overall site noise, not to set limits on individual equipment. He advised that noise in Western Australia is regulated under the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations and that Ausgold intends to manage compliance through a detailed noise

management plan. Mr Collie suggested that the current wording may be overly restrictive and not reflect the original intent.

As an alternative, he proposed that the specific table referencing sound power levels be removed from the formal conditions and instead included as an advisory note. This would allow the information to guide future planning without imposing unintended operational constraints.

Shire President Kristy D'Aprile thanked Troy Collie for his presentation and advised Council that planning advice had been sought regarding the matter. She noted that, when the item is considered later in the agenda, the CEO will present proposed amendments to the recommendation that are expected to address the concerns raised. She then invited any questions from Council.

7. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

8. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**9.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – Tuesday 24 March 2026**
(See Attached Minutes)**Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority**MOVED:** CR DANNY MCGRATH**SECONDED:** CR GEMMA TROLOVE**OC35/26** That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24 March 2026 are confirmed as a true record of proceedings.**CARRIED: 7/0****FOR:** CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART**AGAINST: NIL.****10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS**

10.1 GENERAL MANAGER OPERATIONS

10.1.1 Kupara Park (Attachment)

File Ref: GV.PO.1
Reporting Officer: Graham Barnes, General Manager Operations
Date Report Prepared: 02 April 2026

Issue:

The current condition of the Kupara Park building is not in a fit state for public use due to safety equipment deficiencies and building defects.

This position is further reinforced by ongoing unauthorised access/break-ins and the continued deterioration of the facility. The combined factors attribute to an increased risk profile and significant increased cost over time.

Body/Background:

Kupara Park is a Shire facility used once a year by the Katanning Machinery Restoration Group for the Vintage Machinery Field Day. Whilst a historical lease arrangement was in place this has long since expired with no further renewals and no current lease agreement.

Recent inspection has identified significant defects and missing safety provisions. This situation creates unacceptable risk to users and exposes the Shire to public liability issues.

The Kupara Park facility is also subject to repeated unauthorised access and break-ins, contributing to the removal/damage of items and ongoing deterioration of the building and services.

Officer's Comment:

The following items have been identified as notable defects:

- Locking mechanisms are non-compliant/unsafe
- The main hall includes an open fireplace, but the flue is broken creating potential risk of smoke/fume ingress and unsafe operation.
- Shutters over the entry doors have been damaged and are now unsecure and flap in the breeze
- Building unable to be locked up/secured due to broken entranceways and doors.
- Broken/damaged ceiling, creating risk of falling materials and possible exposure of building services.
- Overall dilapidation of the building causing unsafe condition onsite (see images attached as Appendix 1).
- Ablution services (main building and separate ablution block) can be utilised but are in poor repair/service

The following items have been noted as current safety equipment deficiencies:

- No first aid kit,
- No fire extinguisher(s),
- No fire blanket,
- No emergency lighting,
- No exit signage,
- No evacuation information.

It is likely that some of these items were once available onsite and have been removed by unauthorised parties. As the site is not secure and continues to be broken into, any replacement safety equipment is also likely to be removed or vandalised, meaning deficiencies will persist and compliance cannot be reliably maintained.

Based on the infrequency of use of the building and the nature of the defects (particularly the heater flue and ceiling damage) and absence of safety provisions, Kapara Park should be considered not fit for occupancy or public use. Ongoing unauthorised access and break-ins further prevent the Shire from maintaining a safe and compliant facility and will continue to drive deterioration and risk.

The Shire has a duty of care to manage risk so far as is reasonably practicable. Continuing to allow public use of the Kupara Park facility with known hazards presents:

- Risk of injury from falling ceiling materials and unsafe building elements.
- Regulatory and public health compliance risk due to temporary food premises permits not being obtained for event food activities, increasing the Shire's exposure should an incident or complaint occur
- Risk of exposure to fumes/smoke from a damaged heater flue.
- Increased incident consequences due to lack of basic safety provisions.
- Significant public liability and reputational exposure for the Shire if the facility remains accessible.

Financial Considerations

While formal costings have not been confirmed, the extent of issues identified indicates that the cost of making the facility compliant and safe is likely to be high and may not represent value for money relative to the facility's condition and ongoing maintenance requirements. Further, as the site continues to be broken into, any remediation or replacement of safety equipment and building components is at risk of recurring loss/damage, reducing the effectiveness of expenditure and increasing whole-of-life costs. It is therefore recommended the Shire proceed on the basis of facility closure rather than remediation.

Immediate Actions (Risk Controls)

Subject to Council decision (or CEO action where required for immediate risk control), implement the following controls immediately:

- Close the building immediately and prevent access where practicable (lock/secure all entry points).
- Install “Facility Closed – Unsafe for Use / No Entry” signage at all building entry points and prominent points on the site.
- Isolate the heater / prevent use (and/or arrange disconnection as required) due to the damaged heater flue and associated risk.
- Record all identified defects and break-in incidents in the Shire’s hazard/maintenance system to maintain a governance and audit trail.
- Implement interim measures to reduce unauthorised entry as practicable (e.g., securing vulnerable access points), noting that ongoing vandalism/break-ins are contributing to deterioration.
- If any request is made to hold an event on the oval/outdoor area:
 - require written confirmation that all required approvals are in place prior to approval (including temporary food premises permits where applicable);
 - ensure a site-specific risk assessment and event management plan is provided; and
 - confirm the building remains closed and inaccessible as a condition of approval.

Community Impacts and Communications

Closure of the Kapara Park building will impact the Katanning Machinery Restoration Group when looking to hold the Vintage Machinery Field Day event in October.

To manage impacts while maintaining safe community access:

- Notify the known user group immediately that the building is closed to all users due to safety and compliance concerns, however the oval/outdoor area may remain available (subject to conditions and approvals).
- Install clear signage at all building entry points and at the site advising the building is closed – unsafe for use.
- Ensure access not available to any area – refix / refit boarding and security.
- Publish a brief public notice (website/social media) confirming the building is closed until further notice and outlining that the oval/outdoor area may be used only in accordance with Shire approval processes.
- Event use of the site (oval/outdoor area) may still be considered via the Shire’s normal event approval process, however no access to the building is permitted and all relevant approvals must be in place, including temporary food premises permits where food is prepared/sold

Statutory Environment:

Work Health and Safety Act WA (2020)

Policy Implications:

Not applicable

Financial Implications:

As indicated

Risk Implications:

The perceived level of risk is considered to be “Low” risk and can be managed by routine procedures and with current resources.

Strategic Implications:

Alignment to the Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan (2022-2032)

Focus Area:	Social
Aspiration:	Katanning is a vibrant, active place
Objective:	Support and encourage community events that bring us together

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Officer’s Recommendation/Council Motion:

MOVED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

SECONDED: CR DANNY MCGRATH

OC36/26 That Council:

1. Notes that Kupara Park (main building) is not fit for public use due to identified safety equipment deficiencies, building defects, and non-compliance with required legislative, regulatory and Shire requirements
2. Resolves to close the Kupara Park main building to all public access and use, effective immediately, due to unacceptable safety risk and the likelihood that remediation costs would be prohibitive.
3. Resolves that the oval/outdoor area may remain available subject to the Shire’s normal approval processes, and that any event approval is conditional upon:
 - a) No access to the closed building (building to remain secured);
 - b) Submission of an event management plan and risk assessment; and
 - c) Obtaining all required approvals/permits, including temporary food premises permits where applicable.
4. Authorises the CEO to implement closure controls (signage, securing the building, communications to user groups) and update relevant registers/records accordingly.
5. Request a further report should Council wish to consider future options for the site, for example, decommissioning, demolition, replacement, or alternate use. The report to include relevant costings, risk implications, security considerations, and any available funding pathways.

CARRIED: 7/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D’APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART

AGAINST: NIL.

Cr John Goodheart spoke for the motion.

Cr Danny McGrath spoke for the motion.

Cr Kristy D’Aprile spoke for the motion.

10.1.2 Drum Man Reconstruction and Railway Interpretive Area (Attachment)

File Ref: GV.PO.1
Reporting Officer: Graham Barnes, General Manager Operations
Date Report Prepared: 07 April 2026

Issue:

To seek Council support to progress the following two community-driven place-making projects within the Austral Terrace / Truck & Caravan Parking Precinct:

- Reconstruction of the historic “Drum Man” sculpture; and
- Development of a Railway Interpretive Area

Body/Background:

The Shire has received community correspondence from Mr Rob Godfrey proposing the enhancement of the Austral Terrace truck and caravan parking area through the introduction of public art and heritage interpretation elements. The proposal builds on previous discussions with Shire representatives and aims to:

- Improve the visual amenity of the currently underutilised space; and
- Celebrate Katanning’s local history and identity.

The proposal consists of two complementary, but standalone, components. Specifically, these components are:

Drum Man Reconstruction

The “Drum Man” was a locally recognised sculpture formerly located at the site of the BP Service Station on Austral Terrace. Key aspects of this proposal component include:

- Reconstruction of the Drum Man using recycled drums (e.g. 44-gallon drums)
- Potential involvement of local businesses (e.g. Morris Trimming, Great Southern Fuels)
- Opportunity for community group participation (e.g. Historical Society, local artists)
- Potential expansion of the theme along the parking area using painted drums or artwork reflecting local industries (agriculture, rail, milling)

The project is intended to be community-led, with Shire support for facilitation and compliance.

Railway Interpretive Area

A heritage-based installation is proposed to recognise Katanning’s railway history. Key aspects of this proposal component include:

- Installation of an original railway gate (circa 1887) offered by the WA Rail Museum
- Inclusion of additional rail artefacts (subject to availability)
- Interpretive signage outlining the history of the railway and associated sites.

Note: Mr Godfrey has applied for an ARC Infrastructure Grant to cover signage cost of approx. \$2,500

- Simple landscaping to enhance presentation.

This proponent aims to create a small interpretive node within the parking area, linking to the broader local heritage narratives.

In addition to these two key components, it is proposed that the Shire relocates two existing date palms (Shire-owned) to the railway corridor (at the SE end of the truck/caravan parking area adjacent to the Bokarup St intersection) to further enhance the space.

Officer's Comment:

The proposed project is strategically aligned to:

- Community development and place activation objectives
- Heritage recognition and tourism enhancement
- Activation of underutilised public spaces
- Encouragement of community-led initiatives and partnerships

Further to the above the proposed project also offers the following community benefits:

- The enhancement of the visual amenity of a prominent town entry/parking area
- The strengthening of local identity and pride
- The encouragement for community participation in design and delivery
- The creation of a potential visitor interest point

In support of the proposed project risks and considerations have been discussed and key elements are contained in the below table:

Risk	Consideration	Mitigation
Public Safety	Structural integrity of installations	Engineering / design review prior to construction
Planning Approvals / Applications	Scope needs to be specifically defined with colours, materials and finishes confirmed in a planning approval submission which is required prior to building applications being submitted	Confirm defined scope with community members confirming colours, finishes and ensure compliance to scope via project manager during project
Building Applications	Engineering design for structure required to allow for safe install onsite – with local artists creating structure compliance to identified engineering principles	Engage Structural Engineer to be involved in the design and creation of structure
Railway Reserve	The constraint associated with the land being a Crown reserve (for the purpose of railway and vested with the PTA).	PTA discussions and relevant actions
Ongoing maintenance	Responsibility for upkeep unclear	Define ownership and maintenance responsibility
Vandalism	Public art in open area	Durable materials, protective coatings
Budget creep	Undefined scope- engineers requirements unknown	Stage works and confirm budget prior to approval
Heritage accuracy	Interpretation content	Complete appropriate research and liaise with Historical Society & local area subject area experts

Financial Considerations

At this stage, no formal cost estimate has been provided. However indicative cost components may relate to and include items listed in the below table:

Item	Funding Source
Planning Approval	In-kind (Project Officer & Shire Town Planner)
Building Approvals	In-kind (Project Officer & Building Surveyor)

Structural Engineering – involvement in design and construction	TBC
Materials (drums, structural framing)	Donations
Welding	Donation from local contractor
Paint	TBC
Installation	In-Kind (Shire Works and Services)
Landscaping and site Prep	In-Kind (Shire Works and Services)
Transport	In-Kind (Shire Works and Services)
Signage design and fabrication	ARC Infrastructure grant Shire cash contribution if grant unsuccessful
Relocation of trees	In-kind (Shire Works Crew)

A more detailed budget is required prior to final project approval. In summary, the following options are proposed for Council consideration:

Option 1

The Council provides ‘in-principle’ support, endorses the concept and authorises further project development including:

- Development Approval
- Community and agency consultation
- Structural Engineer engagement to confirm structural requirements for Drum Man structure
- Complete costings and finishes required

Option 2

Council does support progression of the project proposal

Statutory Environment:

Work Health and Safety Act WA (2020)

Policy Implications:

Not applicable

Financial Implications:

As indicated (TBC)

Risk Implications:

The perceived level of risk is considered to be “Low” risk and can be managed by routine procedures and with current resources.

Strategic Implications:

Alignment to the:

- Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan (2022-2032)
- Shire of Katanning Corporate Business Plan (FY 2026-2029)

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

MOVED: CR PAUL TOTINO

SECONDED: CR IAN HANNA

OC37/26 That Council:

1. Offers in-principle support for the proposed development of a Railway Interpretive Area within the Austral Terrace parking precinct.
2. Requests the preparation of a detailed concept plan and cost estimate for both the proposed Drum Man Reconstruction Project and Railway Interpretive Area to inform Council prior to it making any further commitment to these projects. This further information should include:
 - A detailed concept/layout plan
 - Design drawings
 - A description of materials & construction methodology
 - A detailed project budget including funding sources
 - Long term maintenance plans
3. Supports a community-led delivery approach, subject to:
 - Compliance with Shire requirements
 - Appropriate supervision and risk management
4. Receives the information requested above before making any further commitment to either of these projects.

CARRIED: 7/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART

AGAINST: NIL.

Cr Paul Totino spoke for the motion.

Cr Ian Hanna spoke for the motion.

Cr John Goodheart spoke for the motion.

Cr Kristy spoke for the motion.



Image of "Drum Man" sculpture formerly located at the site of the BP Service Station on Austral Terrace.



Original railway gate (circa 1887) offered by the WA Rail Museum on a 10-year loan term

The following plan shows the location of the proposed facilities and access point from Henry St.



Accommodation Units and Communal Facilities

The Accommodation Pods are proposed to be developed in two stages.

- Stage 1 - 63 (4 person) pods and including 1 (double room) pod – Capacity of 254 persons
- Stage 2 - an additional 24 (4 person) pods – Capacity of 96 persons

The Accommodation Pods are supported by larger format Communal buildings including:

- A dining and kitchen building; and
- An administration building

The accommodation pods and communal buildings are proposed to be developed with uniform external colours and materials that complement the surrounding landscape.

Landscaping Plan

A landscape plan has been submitted to illustrate vegetation retention areas and vegetation planting areas. The vegetation planting areas have been designed to provide visual screening, improved amenity and shading.

Shire management recommends that special attention be given to vegetation screening adjacent to the Great Southern Highway, where car parking is proposed. Lot 101 Crosby Street is located adjacent to the Great Southern Highway, at the entrance to the Katanning townsite. The provision of screening to the car parking areas is expected to assist in preserving the visual amenity of the tourist route.

Sustainability Plan

A sustainability plan has been submitted to identify opportunities to improve energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction and biodiversity planting.

Sustainable development involves improving our lives and growing the economy without destroying the planet or wasting resources needed by future generations. Strategies proposed include waste recycling, harvesting rainwater, planting trees for shade and the installation of solar panels.

Shire management recommends that the proposed developments be designed to facilitate efficient decommissioning at the end of its intended lifespan, including consideration of open

drainage systems for stormwater management as an alternative to underground piping and crushed bluestone as an alternative to a bitumen seal for internal roads.

Traffic And Parking Plan

A traffic plan has been submitted to assess the current and expected traffic volumes on the local roads, including the expected volume and movement of buses, trucks and light vehicles to and from the proposed accommodation site.

The traffic plan confirms that the proposed use of the site (workforce accommodation) is expected to cause minimal disruption to the existing traffic along Henry Street. Henry Street and the surrounding roads are suitable for the anticipated peak volume movements of 60 light vehicles per hour and two Class 4 Three-Axle Trucks or Buses per hour.

The traffic plan indicates the layout of internal access and parking and the proposed location of a crossover to Henry Street. The crossover is proposed to be located to comply with Austroads site distances.

Henry Street is a designated truck route and as such, the traffic plan submitted recommends that the intersection/crossover to Henry Street includes passing and slip lanes. The intersection treatments will ensure grain trucks on Henry Street are not impacted by vehicles turning into the accommodation site.

The maximum number of people to be accommodated at the camp is 350. The development application includes provision for 191 car parking bays, 6 visitor bays, a bus drop-off zone, and 19 truck parking bays. The proposed provision of car parking bays may be insufficient to accommodate peak demand, resulting in a potential shortfall of dedicated parking spaces. Should additional parking be required, provision can be made for overflow parking areas on the opposite side of Henry Street (Lot 9000).

Waste Management Plan

A waste management plan has been submitted to identify requirements to reduce litter and vermin activity and to increase resource recovery.

The waste management plan recommends that both recycling and general waste receptacles are provided on-site, to manage the expected volume of waste (36,391 litres/week of general waste and 17,848 litres/week of recycling).

To service the volume of waste expected, the waste management plan recommends the development of a dedicated and screened bin storage area of at least 36m².

The waste management plan also recommends the frequent collection of waste to ensure odour and vermin is kept to a minimum.

Shire management recommends implementing the waste management plan to ensure appropriate on-site waste management.

Environmental Noise Assessment

Periods of vehicle noise are expected during shift changes, in the morning (5-6am) and evening (5-6pm). A noise assessment was undertaken, confirming that noise levels from the facility are considered acceptable, as per the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*.

The noise assessment has recommended that a Noise Management Plan be developed. The noise assessment also recommends the development of a noise wall on the boundary between the facility and housing to the east (along Crosby St).

Shire management recommends that a Noise Management Plan is developed and implemented to ensure noise levels comply with assigned levels and ultimately do not impact the neighbouring residential community.

Infrastructure and Servicing

The development application is proposing to contain/manage stormwater onsite and to extend mains power, sewer and potable water infrastructure to the subject site.

The development application is proposing to manage site levels to capture and direct the flow of stormwater to an existing sediment basin (dam). Stormwater stored in the sediment basin can be either irrigated out to landscaped areas or transferred to a dam located at an adjacent recreation reserve.

As noted by Main Roads WA, stormwater should be contained on-site and not impact the adjacent Great Southern Highway. Shire management recommends that the development be undertaken in a manner that enables efficient and orderly decommissioning at the end of its intended lifespan. This may include the use of open drains to manage stormwater, rather than an underground piping system.

Geotechnical Investigations

A geotechnical report, prepared by a geotechnical engineer, has been submitted to determine the site's soil, rock, and groundwater conditions before construction. The geotechnical report has confirmed that:

- Ground conditions are generally not suitable to infiltration. The soil has a high clay content, meaning stormwater is generally trapped on the surface. Stormwater should be managed by compensating swales and detention basins.
- Groundwater was not detected on the site
- Engineer-controlled sand fill material is recommended for any slab and footing development (due to current clay soil structure)

A swale is a shallow, vegetated drainage channel intended to capture and convey stormwater flows in a natural and controlled manner. Shire management recommends the use of swales, rather than an underground piped system to convey the flow of stormwater.

Construction Management

A construction management plan has been submitted to address any environmental risks associated with development, including management of erosion, noise, dust, chemical spills, waste and impacts on native flora and fauna.

It's proposed that all employees on-site are inducted by a site manager on any potential environmental issues and items to be addressed (e.g. dust management and refuelling procedures).

Shire management recommends that the construction management plan be implemented to ensure development is undertaken in an efficient and safe manner.

Officer's Comment:

The reporting documentation confirms that the proposed works and use of the site for 'Workforce Accommodation' can be considered in accordance with the site conditions and the Shire's *Local Planning Scheme No.5*.

The application was advertised to neighbouring landholders and government agencies. A community information session was also undertaken to provide an overview on the proposed development and to address any specific questions.

At the close of advertising, submissions were received from government agencies and members of the public.

There were both supportive and disagreeable comments received from the public. Submissions have been summarized in a schedule, which is attached to this report item. Key elements culminating from submissions have been included as either a condition or advice note.

Key objectionable comments received from the public relate to traffic safety and land-use permissibility. It was argued that the proposed workforce accommodation would create traffic safety issues on the local road network. It was also argued that the proposed development is non-compliant with the Shire's Local Planning Scheme land use permissibility table (Table 4) and that a decision to approve the workforce accommodation at this point in time, would be inappropriate, given that the proposed Mine site is undergoing an environmental assessment by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

In response to the public comments, Shire administration has made the following key conclusions:

- In accordance with the Shire's Scheme, the proposed 'Workforce Accommodation' can be considered for approval at the subject property. The subject property is zoned 'Industrial Development'. The Shire's *Local Planning Scheme No.5*, Table 4-Zoning Table, defines 'Workforce Accommodation' as being a use that is not permitted in the 'Industrial Development' zone, unless the local government has exercised its discretion by granting development approval. Hence the application submitted is being considered by the local government.
- Shire management believes that the development application for workforce accommodation is unrelated to the environmental assessment currently being undertaken for the proposed Mine site (at Bedgebup), by the Environmental Protection Authority. The grounds for EPA's assessment is based on preliminary environmental factors including clearing of native vegetation. There is no indication from the EPA of its need to assess the proposed workforce accommodation facility.
- Shire management has assessed a traffic plan submitted in support of the development application and believe that the proposed development will not have a detrimental impact on the local road network. The traffic plan has evaluated the current and expected traffic volumes on the local roads, including the expected volume and movement of buses, trucks and light vehicles to and from the proposed accommodation site. The traffic plan confirms that the proposed use of the site (workforce accommodation) is expected to cause minimal disruption to the existing traffic.

Of the submissions received from government agencies:

- MRWA provided key advice on the following:
 - Pedestrian access
 - Crossover to Henry Street
 - Sufficient on-site access and car parking
 - Management of stormwater
 - Light pollution
 - Planting of vegetation
- The Department of Health provided key advice on the following:
 - Infrastructure treatments
 - Mosquito breeding
 - Buffer distances
- The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation provided key advice on the following:
 - Infrastructure treatments
 - Mosquito breeding
- The Water Corporation confirmed that reticulated water and sewer is available to the subject site and provided key advice on the following:
 - Water
 - Wastewater
 - Approval for works
 - Building approval application
- The Public Transport Authority and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services had no comments.

Shire management is recommending that the Council approve the proposed development application involving 'Workforce Accommodation' at Lot 101 Crosby Street, subject to conditions and advice notes being implemented. The conditions and advice notes address key comments received from government agencies and recommendations culminating from the professional reports, which were submitted in support of the development application.

Conditions will ensure the subject site and the adjacent local community is not impacted as a result of the proposed workforce accommodation facility. Potential impacts may include noise, light and visual pollution and odour from waste stored at the site.

The following matters have been addressed via proposed conditions of development:

- Time limited approval
- Decommissioning plan
- Rehabilitation plan
- Construction management plan
- Management of dust
- Management of light pollution to surrounds

- Development in accordance with submitted plans
- Landscaping
- Intersection treatment at Henry St
- Management of waste
- Management of noise
- Development of fence as a noise buffer
- Development of stormwater infrastructure
- Connection to the Water Corporations sewer infrastructure.

Statutory Environment:

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Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan 2022 – 2032

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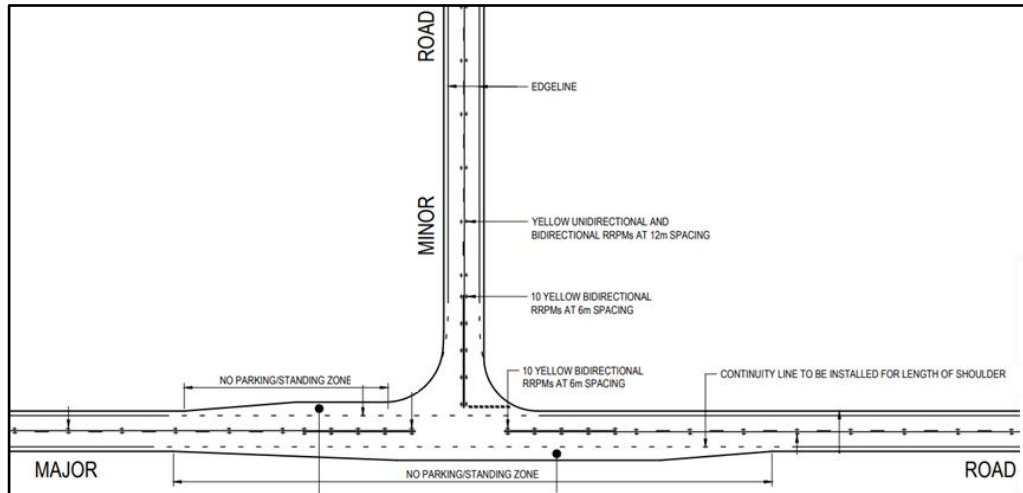
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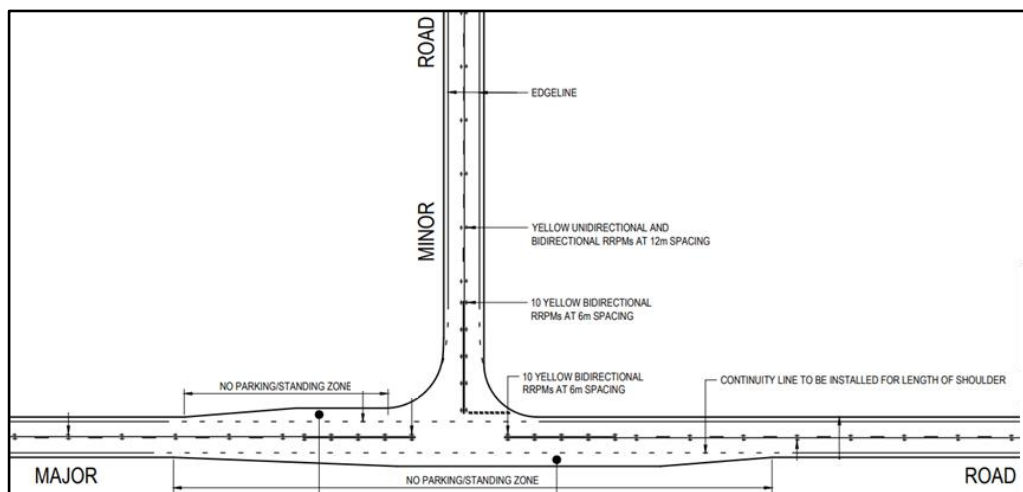
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7. No construction works shall commence prior to 7am without the local government's written approval. No construction works are permitted on Sundays or Public Holidays.
8. The noise generated by any activities on-site shall not exceed the levels as set out under the *Environmental (Noise) Regulations 1997*.
9. The applicant is responsible for ensuring the correct siting of the development on the land the subject of this approval, including fill and final finished floor levels. An identification survey demonstrating correct siting and setbacks of structures, fill and final floor levels may be requested by the local government to ensure compliance with this determination notice and all applicable provisions.
10. Failure to comply with any development approval conditions constitutes an offence under the Planning and Development Act 2005 and the Shire of Katanning Local Planning Scheme No.5 and may result in legal action being initiated by the local government.
11. If the applicant is aggrieved by this determination there is a right of review by the State Administrative Tribunal in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2005 Part 14. An application must be submitted within 28 days of the determination.

12.

Overall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise Emission from all sources not to exceed the levels identified below. In the event that louder equipment or activity is proposed for the site, a review of overall noise emission is required to determine the finalised noise control measures. Noise control for building services plant to be reviewed at the detailed design stage, after the selection of final mechanical plant, to ensure compliance with the acoustic requirements. 			
	Summary of Sound Power Levels (dB)			
	Noise Source	LA10	LA1	LAm _{ax}
	Bus: park brake			74
	Bus: engine start			99
	Bus: door close			93
	Truck driving on site			94
	Truck: park brake			74
	Truck: engine start			99
	Truck: door close			93
	Truck: reversing beeper			95
	Passenger car: reversing beeper			94
	Passenger car: engine start			85
	Passenger car: door close			84
	SPQ AC outdoor units each of 350	56		
Admin AC outdoor units each of 4	69			
Dry Mess Refrig Unit each of 4	75			
Dry Mess AC outdoor units each of 11	69			

CARRIED: 4/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D’APRILE, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR MATT COLLIS, CR JOHN GOODHEART

AGAINST: NIL.

Cr John Goodheart spoke for the motion.

Cr Matt Collis spoke for the motion.

Cr Kristy D’Aprile spoke for the motion.

Councillors McGrath, Totino and Hanna returned to the room at 6:07pm.

10.2 EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

10.2.1 Schedule of Accounts – March 2026 (Attachment)

File Ref: FM.FI.4
Reporting Officer: Patrick Kennedy, Manager Finance
Date Report Prepared: 7 April 2026
Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to disclose.

Issue:

To receive the Schedule of Accounts Paid for the period ending 31 March 2026.

Body/Background:

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. A Local Government is to develop procedures for the authorisation of, and payment of, accounts to ensure that there is effective security for, which money or other benefits may be obtained.

Below is a summary of the payments made for the financial year:

Month	Cheques 2025/26	EFT Payments 2025/26	Direct Debits 2025/26	Credit Card 2025/26	Payroll 2025/26	Total Payments 2025/26
July	\$3,479.90	\$1,038,558.66	\$129,657.91	\$9,080.42	\$364,302.86	\$1,545,079.75
August	\$578.00	\$1,596,393.93	\$301,498.65	\$7,885.55	\$253,211.73	\$2,159,567.86
September	\$626.15	\$1,102,477.89	\$80,981.22	\$2,198.64	\$250,009.26	\$1,436,293.16
October	\$1,418.50	\$1,537,396.75	\$102,701.30	\$7,073.10	\$260,790.25	\$1,909,379.90
November	\$386.00	\$1,418,117.99	\$394,104.55	\$13,388.27	\$282,638.90	\$2,108,635.71
December	\$790.30	\$1,263,756.50	\$84,452.56	\$6,992.52	\$373,733.45	\$1,729,725.33
January	\$366.00	\$1,119,863.13	\$93,449.62	\$3,346.46	\$260,562.76	\$1,477,587.97
February	\$797.25	\$1,278,643.62	\$145,475.37	\$3,618.64	\$264,611.67	\$1,693,146.55
March	\$1,121.05	\$1,966,769.01	\$87,687.40	\$9,085.18	\$270,810.30	\$2,355,472.94
April						
May						
June						
Total	\$9,563.15	\$12,321,977.48	\$1,420,008.58	\$62,668.78	\$2,580,671.18	\$16,394,889.17

Officer's Comment:

The schedule of accounts for the month of March 2026 is attached.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995.

6.8. Expenditure from municipal fund not included in Annual Budget

(1) A local government is not to incur expenditure from its municipal fund for an additional purpose except where the expenditure —

- (a) is incurred in a financial year before the adoption of the annual budget by the local government; or
- (b) is authorised in advance by resolution*; or
- (c) is authorised in advance by the mayor or president in an emergency.

* Absolute majority required.

Policy Implications:

There are no direct policy implications in relation to this item.

Financial Implications:

Expenditure in accordance with s6.8 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1995.

Risk Implications:

This item has been evaluated against the Shire of Katanning's Risk Assessment and Acceptance Criteria. The perceived level of risk is considered to be "Low" risk and can be managed by routine procedures and with current resources.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan 2022 - 2032

Focus Area Leadership

Aspiration Katanning is an inclusive and respectful community.

Objective To ensure that Shire resources are utilised in a manner that represents the best interest of the whole community.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority.

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

MOVED: CR GEMMA TROLOVE

SECONDED: CR IAN HANNA

OC39/26 That Council endorses the Schedule of Accounts as presented, being EFT payments 40983 - 41107 totalling \$1,966,769.01, Cheques 42531-42533 totalling \$1,121.05, Payroll payments totalling \$270,810.30 Direct Debit payments totalling \$87,687.40, Credit Cards (February) totalling \$9,085.18, all totalling \$2,355,472.94 authorised and paid in March 2026.

CARRIED: 7/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART
AGAINST: NIL.

10.2.2 Monthly Financial Report – March 2026 (Attachment)

File Ref: FM.FI.4
Reporting Officer: David Blurton, Executive Manager Corporate Services
Report Prepared: 14 April 2026
Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to disclose

Body/Background:

This item presents the Monthly Financial Report, which contains the 'Statement of Financial Activity' for the period ending 31 March 2026.

The report includes information which meets the statutory requirements of the Local Government Act and Financial Management Regulations. Other relevant financial information is provided to Elected Members to compare finance performance of the various business functions of the Shire against adopted budgets.

Council adopted (in conjunction with the Annual Budget) a material reporting variance threshold of 10% with a minimum value of \$10,000. Material variances between budgeted and actual expenditure are reported at Report 3 of the Monthly Financial Report.

Officer's Comment:

Below are the highlights for this reporting period:

Revenue from Operating Activities

- General Rates Income is \$59,897 more than budgeted at the end of the month. The 25-26 budget includes provision for \$50,000 to be written off in rates during the year none of which has been processed yet. Interim rates are \$8,626 more than anticipated to the end of the month.
- Operating Grants and Subsidies are \$84,759 less than budgeted which relates to the following;
 - Harmony festival grants \$52,497 less than budget
 - CESM contributions are \$34,483 more than budgeted.
 - Fire prevention grants are \$16,481 less than budgeted.
 - Bush Fire Brigade LGGs grant is \$23,086 less than expected.
 - Regional Council income is \$13,027 less than budget.
- Fees and Charges are \$169,997 more than budget relating to
 - Saleyard fees to end of the month are \$119,360 more than budgeted.
 - KLC Gym and Fitness fees are \$17,227 more than YTD budget
 - Planning Assessment Fees are \$42,792 more than budget.
- Other Revenue is \$24,244 less than YTD Budget relating to insurance claims reimbursement being more than budgeted.
- Profit on asset disposal is \$48,781 more than budget relating to disposal of Kaatanup Loop Properties.

Expenditure from Operating Activities

- Employee costs are \$300,380 less than budgeted which relates mainly to
 - salary costs for Administration staff \$51,507 under budget
 - Training and development Administration Staff \$10,592 under budget
 - superannuation for PWO employees \$30,181 under budget
 - works program – fire prevention is \$25,980 more than budget
 - events wages are \$41,111 under budget
 - Refuse Site wages \$91,495 more than budget
 - Works program other reserves is \$124,877 under budget
 - Salaries Community Development is \$17,692 under budget.
 - Road maintenance is \$90,032 under budget
 - Town Planning salaries \$20,692 under budget
 - Footpath maintenance is \$23,438 under budget
 - PWO salary costs are \$13,120 over budget
 - KLC wages \$36,734 under budget
 - Hardwaste pickup \$24,283 over budget

- Materials and Contracts is \$752,843 less than budget. The following variances from budget are noted
 - Subscriptions and memberships are \$28,677 under budget relating to timing of payment.
 - Computer software subscriptions are \$62,632 under budget relating to timing. Subscription for synergy soft for 25-26 was paid in 24-25 financial year.
 - IT Hardware is \$17,988 under budget.
 - IT support is \$37,146 under budget.
 - Integrated Planning and reporting \$15,000 under budget
 - Debt collection legal costs are \$12,491 over budget relating to timing. This cost is recoverable.
 - Consultants – other governance are \$15,100 under budget
 - Audit Fees are \$97,190 under budget however an accrued expense journal has been processed \$82,940 to transfer Audit fees expense for 24-25 financial accounts to the 24-25 financial year as was the case in previous financial year.
 - Consultants admin are \$23,120 over budget
 - Professional advice and services are \$15,347 under budget.
 - CCTV maintenance costs are \$14,095 under budget
 - Building Consultant services are \$22,097 under budget
 - Non potable water planning \$15,003 under budget
 - KAC Maintenance expense is \$47,363 more than budget. Unfortunately, the budget for refurbishment works on the pool was not carried over into 25/26. This will need to be considered in the 25/26 midyear budget review.
 - Minor Asset purchases are \$16,546 under budget
 - Local Planning Scheme review is \$15,003 under budget
 - Grant expenditure – community development is \$21,696 under budget
 - Works program – other reserves is \$106,498 under budget

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- KLC grounds and maintenance is \$11,508 over budget
 - Harmony Festival grant expenditure is \$41,852 less than budget
 - Youth activities expenses are \$22,709 less than budget
 - Road Maintenance Materials \$44,861 under budget
 - Economic Development Services is \$15,000 under YTD budget
 - Fire mitigation expenses is \$24,164 under budget
 - KAC payment is \$40,000 over budget due to timing of contract payment.
 - Consultants – Sanitation is \$22,500 under budget
 - Regional Council expenses is \$10,532 under budget.
 - Consultants – PWO is \$15,067 under budget.
 - Fuel and Oil costs are \$14,432 under budget
 - Community Development Grant expenditure is \$21,696 under budget
 - KLC Building maintenance is \$14,349 over YTD budget relating to timing of floor sanding maintenance item.
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- Utility charges are \$25,242 under budget relating to the timing of payments for accounts.

 - Other Expenditure is \$51,526 under budget mainly relating to election expenses and community grants program expenses yet to be paid.

 - Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions are \$3,174,241 less than expected at the end of the month, relating to
 - Airport runway grant \$394,275 under budget
 - Katanning Early Childhood Hub Project is \$2,569,615 less than YTD budget. Budgeted WATC funds of \$4.8m are yet to be claimed.
 - Regional Road Group Grant is \$61,598 less than YTD budget.
 - Roads to Recovery Grants is \$27,606 more than budget.
 - Grant Income – other culture is \$24,801 under budget relating to only 50% payment of BMX track upgrade grant received so far.

 - Proceeds from disposal of assets are \$151,821 less than budget which reflects that a delay in sale of some plant items.

 - Acquisition of Property, Plant and Equipment and infrastructure is \$4,508,873 less than expected for the following reasons;
 - BFB Shed \$127,440 under budget due to some delays in delivery of the project.
 - Amherst Village improvements \$45,000 under budget
 - Amherst Village Deposits \$20,997 more than anticipated relating to contractual arrangements in refunding share of profit for outgoing tenants.
 - Early Childhood hub \$2,445,594 under budget. First claim was paid in August 25 rather than July 25 as anticipated putting claims one month behind the budgeted payment schedule.
 - Airport Runway project is \$750,000 under budget as it is yet to commence.
 - Cemetery Improvements \$27,569 under budget due to some delays in project delivery.

- Plant purchases \$266,000 underbudget due to timing.
- Cat pound \$10,000 underbudget as the project yet to commence.
- Noongar Artwork Project \$181,000 under budget and yet to commence
- Roadworks materials \$366,929 under budget
- Roadworks employee cost \$184,299 under budget
- CCTV equipment \$12,500 under budget

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.4 Financial Report

- (1) A local government is to prepare an annual financial report for the preceding financial year and such other financial reports as are prescribed.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

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

Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 sets out the form and content of the financial reports which have been prepared and are presented to Council.

Policy Implications:

The Shire has several financial management policies. The finances have been managed in accordance with these policies.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications for this report.

Risk Implications:

This item has been evaluated against the Shire of Katanning's Risk Assessment and Acceptance Criteria. The perceived level of risk is "Low" risk and can be managed by routine procedures and with current resources.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan 2022 - 2032

Focus Area Leadership

Aspiration Katanning is an inclusive and respectful community.

Objective To ensure that Shire resources are utilised in a manner that represents the best interest of the whole community.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority.

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

MOVED: CR GEMMA TROLOVE

SECONDED: CR IAN HANNA

OC40/26 That Council, in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, receives the Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending 31 March 2026, as presented.

CARRIED: 7/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART

AGAINST: NIL.

Cr Ian Hanna spoke for the motion.

Cr John Goodheart spoke for the motion.

10.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

10.3.1 Policy Review (Attachment)

File Ref: GV.PO.1
Reporting Officer: Peter Klein, Chief Executive Officer
Date Report Prepared: 7 April 2026
Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to disclose

Issue:
Periodic review of Shire policies.

Body/Background:

The Council's policies are key governance documents and are the mechanism by which Councillors direct the values & performance of Council staff to ensure a consistent approach across the organisation to solving problems.

The Katanning Shire Council has a list of 48 policies and these are currently required to be reviewed by Councillors, on a periodic basis.

To make this process manageable, several policies will be presented to each future Forum/Council meeting.

This month the four policies are presented for review are;

- 1) Recognition of Long Serving Employees
- 2) Employee Superannuation
- 3) Graffiti Removal & Prevention
- 4) Donation of Centenary Plaques

Officer's Comment:

Management has reviewed these policies and recommends that the Recognition of Long Serving Employees and Graffiti Removal & Prevention policies both be withdrawn. Both are considered to deal with operational matters and do not need to be covered by a policy. In particular, long service employees are already covered by an internal procedure and graffiti removal is managed via the existing feedback form process and the Customer Charter.

Current versions of these two policies are included as attachments to this paper.

Minor amendments have been recommended in respect to the Employee Superannuation and Donation of Centenary Plaques policies. Marked-up versions of these policies are included as attachments to this paper.

Statutory Environment:

The *Local Government Act 1995* at clause 3.1 specifies that the general function of a local government is to provide for the good government of persons in its district.

Policy Implications:

Subject to council approval the current policies will be updated & replaced.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Risk Implications:

Low.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan 2022 - 2032

Focus Area Leadership

Aspiration Katanning is an inclusive and respectful community.

Objective To facilitate diversity and representation within the decision-making process.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority.

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

MOVED: CR IAN HANNA

SECONDED: CR PAUL TOTINO

OC41/26 That Council approves the following amended policies;

- 1) Employee Superannuation
- 2) Donation of Centenary Plaques

That Council withdraws/deletes the following policies:

- 1) Recognition of Long Serving Employees
- 2) Graffiti Removal & Prevention

CARRIED: 7/0

**FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR
MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART**

AGAINST: NIL.

Cr Ian Hanna spoke for the motion.

Cr Paul Totino spoke for the motion.

Cr Kristy D'Aprile spoke for the motion.

10.3.2 Corporate Plan Review

File Ref: GV.PO.1
Reporting Officer: Peter Klein, Chief Executive Officer
Date Report Prepared: 6 April 2026
Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to disclose

Issue:

To approve amendments to the 2026 – 2029 Corporate Business Plan.

Body/Background:

On Friday 13 February the Katanning Council met to review its strategic priorities and the following summary of outcomes was resolved;

What are the things we must achieve in the next 3 years to enable us to say we've been successful?	
1	Investment attraction (strategic)
2	Population growth (strategic)
3	Youth engagement & retention (strategic) -
4	Improved social outcomes (address low SEIRD eg homelessness, domestic violence, food security, truancy) (strategic)
5	Improved services / engagement with older & retired community members. Strategic
6	Improved transport network (footpaths & roads) – Investment is strategic
7	Improved water security - (inc. greening Prosser Park)
8	Improved tree canopy
9	24/7 Gym & top oval precinct
10	Local businesses have capitalised on Ausgold opportunity
11	Expanded medical service (CT, maternity & dialysis)
12	BAU best practice (roads, gardens, tip & leisure services) – included in current strategy but word more strongly.
13	Sustaining workforce considering Ausgold's emergence as a local employer. – strategic
14	Upgrade of shire assets (pool, KLC, roads)
15	Creation of more industrial land (review of TPS#5
16	Improved representation on community advisory groups – CALD etc

	Adequately covered by existing Strategic Plan
	Included but requires higher prioritisation
	Not adequately covered by Strategic Plan

Council then listed the following opportunities that it could pursue to deliver long term prosperity;

Transformational opportunities - positioning Katanning for long term prosperity	
1	Industrial land development.
2	Residential land development.
3	Water sustainability (desal)
4	Power availability.
5	Regional landfill.
6	Working closer with neighbouring local governments.
7	Worker/Staff housing.
8	Improved wages (Staff attraction & retention strategy).
9	Outsource the airport to encourage investment to enable commercial aircraft.
10	New industry from desal expansion.
11	Economic diversity (ag, mining, tourism).
12	Accommodation availability (RV Park, new caravan park, motel accommodation).
13	Offering roundabout site for a new caravan park operator.

Transformational opportunities - positioning Katanning for long term prosperity	
14	Advocate for Katanning to be a government service hub. - solve future use by State Government of Reidy House.
15	Accessing Ausgold's waste rock suitable for road construction.

After more detailed consideration the following three initiatives were considered the highest priority;

Top Three New Initiatives		Votes
1	Regional waste management	3
2	Accommodation availability (12 & 13) - staff housing - short stay - tiny homes, farm stays, cabins, RV & caravan park - general housing	2
3	Water sustainability	2

Also highlighted were the following existing & emerging priorities;

Key Existing Priority
Industrial & residential land availability - dependent on power & water infrastructure

Emerging Key Internal Challenge (key internal)
Staff attraction & retention - dependent on power & water infrastructure

The Corporate Business Plan has been subsequently updated to reflect the strategic objectives outlined above.

Statutory Environment:

Under the Local Government Act 1996 the Council is required to plan for the future.

Policy Implications:

There are no specific policy implications relating directly to this item.

Financial Implications:

To be addressed during the FY27 budget deliberations.

Risk Implications:

The risk to Council from not actively planning for the future presents a reputational risk ranked by management as having a high likelihood and a major consequence.

Consequence	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
Likelihood					
• Almost Certain	Medium	High	High	Severe	Severe
• Likely	Low	Medium	High	High	Severe
• Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High
• Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
• Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium

Mitigation of this risk by undertaking the planning and by amending the Corporate Business Plan, as outlined by this paper, will reduce the likelihood of reputational risk to low with a minor consequence.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan 2022 - 2032

Focus Area Leadership

Aspiration Katanning is an inclusive and respectful community.

Objective To facilitate diversity and representation within the decision-making process.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority.**Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:****MOVED: CR JOHN GOODHEART****SECONDED: CR PAUL TOTINO****OC42/26 That Council approves the 2027 – 2030 Corporate Business Plan.****CARRIED: 7/0****FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR
MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART****AGAINST: NIL.**

Cr John Goodheart spoke for the motion.

Cr Paul Totino spoke for the motion.

Cr Kristy D'Aprile spoke for the motion.

10.3.3 KECH – Childcare Facility Lease

File Ref: GV.PO.1
Reporting Officer: David Blurton & Peter Klein
Date Report Prepared: 8 April 2026
Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to disclose

Issue:

To approve in principle, the lease agreement for inclusion with the childcare provider EOI documentation.

Body/Background:

The Katanning Early Childcare Hub project includes the construction of a 67-position childcare facility.

To provide services from this facility the Shire of Katanning will lease the premises to a licensed operator. An expression of interest seeking proposals from qualified and licensed childcare providers will be issued soon.

Included in the expression of interest documentation will be a draft lease agreement, the current version of which is attached.

Key terms are as follows;

Term: 10 years.
Start date: 1 January 2027.
Opening hrs: 5 days/week (excepting public holidays). Closure over Christmas/New Year must not exceed 14 days.
Rent: A valuation report will be provided with the EOI documents, but the final rent payable is subject to negotiation with the preferred service provider.
Rent review: CPI Review on each anniversary of the Commencement Date, including any Further Term.
Market review: Nil.
Repainting: Lessee must repaint the premises on the 10th anniversary of the Lease and within 30 days of Lease Termination.
Assignment: Assignment and/or sub-letting is not permitted without Council's prior consent.
Outgoings: The Lessee agrees to pay outgoings (full list at clause 5.2) and include rates & rubbish charges, ESL, water rates, utility charges, maintenance & repair of fixtures & fittings, grounds maintenance, CCTV maintenance and fire mitigation costs.
Liability: The Lessee is liable for all acts or omissions of the Lessee's staff & agents on the premises.
Indemnity: The Lessee indemnifies the Lessor against all actions, claims, costs or proceedings made against the Lessor in respect to any loss, injury, property damage or death caused by the Lessee's occupation of the premises.
Liability limit: The Lessor will not be liable for loss, damage or injury to any person or property on the premises. The Lessor will not be liable for any failure to observe any of its obligations due to any cause beyond the Lessor's control.

Lessor Insurance: Lessor is required to insure the building for its full replacement value against damage caused by fire, storm, earthquake, act of God, leakage etc and the Lessee commits to reimburse the Lessor for any premiums, excess or other costs arising.

Lessee insurance: Lessee must take out public liability insurance (\$20M), property insurance to cover damage the Lessee causes to the building, fixtures & fittings and workers compensation insurance.

Whitegoods: The Council will supply the following whitegoods & appliances and the Lessee must maintain and yield them up in good condition & working order on Lease termination.

PRODUCT	BRAND	SIZE	LOCATION	QTY
125L Bar Fridge Code: HRBF125	Hisense VIEW PRODUCT	840 x 475 x 556mm Height x Width x Depth	1 x per Activity Room	4
Freestanding Dishwasher Code: DW60FC1X2	Westinghouse VIEW PRODUCT	850 x 598 x 598mm Height x Width x Depth	1x Kitchen, 1 x Staff	2
341L Top Mount Fridge Code: WTB3400WK	Westinghouse VIEW PRODUCT	1756 x 598 x 650mm Height x Width x Depth	2 x Kitchen, 1 x Staff	3
1100W Microwave with Trim Kit Code: NN-ST665B & NNTK612G	Panasonic VIEW PRODUCT	310 x 525 x 388mm Height x Width x Depth	1x Kitchen, 1 x Staff	2
Induction Cooktop Code: SI2M7953D	Smeg VIEW PRODUCT	49 x 900 x 510mm Height x Width x Depth	Kitchen	1
Electric Oven Code: OB90S9MEX3	Fisher & Paykel VIEW PRODUCT	478 x 895 x 564mm Height x Width x Depth	Kitchen	1
Undermount Rangehood Code: HP90IDCHX3	Fisher & Paykel VIEW PRODUCT	513 x 830 x 290mm Height x Width x Depth	Kitchen	1
Washing machine Code: WH8060J3	Fisher & Paykel VIEW PRODUCT	850 x 600 x 590mm Height x Width x Depth	Laundry	2
Clothes Dryer Code: DE7060G2	Fisher & Paykel VIEW PRODUCT	830 x 600 x 575mm Height x Width x Depth	Laundry	1

Please note, the requirement for the preferred respondent to supply its own playground equipment has not been included as this equipment will be supplied by Buildon under the landscaping variation.

Statutory Environment:

A lease is recognised by the *Local Government Act 1995* as a disposal of land and prescribes a process at section 3.58 that must be followed before we can execute the lease agreement with the preferred provider. The relevant extract from section 3.58 follows;

3. A local government can dispose of property other than under subsection (2) if, before agreeing to dispose of the property —
- (a) it gives local public notice of the proposed disposition —
 - i) describing the property concerned; and
 - ii) giving details of the proposed disposition; and
 - iii) inviting submissions to be made to the local government before a date to be specified in the notice, being a date not less than 2 weeks after the notice is first given; and
 - (b) it considers any submissions made to it before the date specified in the notice and, if its decision is made by the council or a committee, the decision and the reasons for it are recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

This matter presents a financial benefit to Council & the Katanning community as it mobilises the land's lease & rateable values and improves childcare services. The property has been valued by Acumentis who determined a lease valuation of \$167,500/annum. The rent payable is subject to negotiation.

Risk Implications:

This item has been evaluated against the Shire of Katanning's Risk Assessment and Acceptance Criteria and is considered to present a low compliance/reputational (non-compliance) risk.

Mitigating this risk by conducting this expression of interest will further reduce this risk.

Strategic Implications:**Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan 2022 – 2032**

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|-------------------|---|
| Focus Area | Economic |
| Aspiration | Katanning is an economic hub of the Great Southern region, offering a range of employment and business opportunities. |
| Objective | To enable more businesses to locate in Katanning to support the needs of the local population. |

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

MOVED: CR PAUL TOTINO

SECONDED: CR MATT COLLIS

OC43/26 That Council approves the draft Childcare Facility Lease being circulated with the expression of interest documentation for the selection of a preferred childcare service provider.

CARRIED: 7/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART
AGAINST: NIL.

Cr Paul Totino spoke for the motion.

Cr Matt Collis spoke for the motion.

Cr John Goodheart spoke for the motion.

10.3.4 Audit Risk & Improvement Committee TOR

File Ref: GV.PO.1
Reporting Officer: Peter Klein, Chief Executive Officer
Date Report Prepared: 8 April 2026
Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to disclose

Issue:

To approve the revised terms of reference for the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee.

Body/Background:

Amendments to the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations have introduced the requirement for local governments to establish an Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee (ARIC) with a broader set of responsibilities than previously given to the audit committee.

The changes in legislation and relevant regulations have been reviewed and the attached AIRC Terms of Reference has been produced to comply with these amended conditions.

Policy Implications:

There are no specific policy implications relating directly to this item.

Financial Implications:

Sitting fees for two independent members will apply.

Risk Implications:

The likelihood of Council suffering reputational and financial effects from not adjusting the Terms of Reference is considered “Almost Certain” and the consequence is Major.

Consequence	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
Likelihood					
• Almost Certain	Medium	High	High	Severe	Severe
• Likely	Low	Medium	High	High	Severe
• Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High
• Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
• Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium

Mitigation of this risk by amending the Terms of Reference as proposed reduces this risk to being “Unlikely” with an “Insignificant” consequence.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan 2022 - 2032

Focus Area Leadership

Aspiration Katanning is an inclusive and respectful community.

Objective To facilitate diversity and representation within the decision-making process.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority.

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

MOVED: CR PAUL TOTINO

SECONDED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

OC44/26 That Council approves the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference, as presented.

CARRIED: 7/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART

AGAINST: NIL.

Cr Paul Totino spoke for the motion.

Cr Kristy D'Aprile spoke for the motion.

10.3.5 Great Southern Treasures – Service Level Agreement (Attachment)

File Ref: ED.ET.1
Reporting Officers: Peter Klein, Chief Executive Officer
Date Report Prepared: 16 April 2026
Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Issue:

To consider renewing the Service Level Agreement with neighbouring local governments for the continuation of the Great Southern Treasures tourism organisation.

Body/Background:

The current 3-year Great Southern Treasures MOU expires on 30 June 2026 and a replacement MOU and revised Service Level Agreement (SLA) have been circulated by GST for our consideration and execution. The revised SLA is attached along with draft budgets for this year's Bloom Festival and the 2026/27 GST marketing budget.

Current signatories to the expiring MOU and SLA are listed below:

- Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup
- Shire of Cranbrook
- Shire of Gnowangerup
- Shire of Jerramungup
- Shire of Katanning
- Shire of Kent
- Shire of Kojonup
- Shire of Woodanilling

However, the Shires of Kojonup, Kent & Jerramungup have recently announced they will not be renewing their commitment to this program due to value for money concerns. Their withdrawal from the arrangement reduces the available budget from \$106,000 to \$66,000/annum.

As a result, the service that can be provided by GST has also reduced in a material way. Specifically, GST plans to deliver the following

- Coordinate delivery of a Bloom Festival
- Management and ongoing development of the GST website;
- Active social media management and audience growth;
- Seasonal electronic newsletters to subscribers;
- Production and promotion of an annual digital GST Visitor Guide;
- Media and influencer engagement where budget permits.

The following actions delivered in previous years will not be delivered under the new SLA;

- Participation in cooperative campaigns with Australia's South West and Tourism WA (subject to funding model);
- Content development.
- Yoorn (Bobtail) Trail Activation

The expenditure on marketing will take the biggest hit with a \$30,000 reduction in their investment into social media delivery, website management, publications, content development and cooperative initiatives.

Local government contributions to the delivery of these services is summarised as follows;

Shire	Contribution
Woodanilling	\$7,000
Broomehill-Tambellup	\$13,000
Cranbrook	\$13,000
Gnowangerup	\$13,000
Katanning	\$20,000
Total	\$66,000

Officer’s Comment:

There has been a substantial regional investment in the intellectual property created by GST over a significant number of years. In addition, the efforts of GST to promote the region has established a presence for the Great Southern within the tourism market as demonstrated by social media and webpage reports. It is unlikely we could achieve this operating independently.

As individual organisations, participants generally don’t have the resources or skills to produce and promote marketing content to the tourism sector and consequently the remaining participants see continuing value in their ongoing financial support for this initiative.

In addition, a regional approach to tourism promotion is important to the viability of our accommodation and tourism providers given the limited offering shires individually are providing. Our tourism promotion is therefore considered more effective by using the cooperative model promoted by GST.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Ongoing contributions to Great Southern Treasures of \$20,000 per year.

Risk Implications:

This item has been evaluated against the Shire of Katanning’s Risk Assessment and Acceptance Criteria. The perceived level of risk is considered to be “Low” risk and can be managed by routine procedures and with current resources.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan 2022 – 2023

Focus Area Economic**Aspiration** Katanning is an economic hub of the Great Southern region, offering a range of employment and business opportunities.**Objective** To promote and facilitate tourism opportunities that showcase the unique character, culture and offerings of Katanning.**Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority**PROCEDURAL MOTION:****Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority**MOVED: CR JOHN GOODHEART****SECONDED: CR IAN HANNA****OC45/26** That Council suspends standing orders.**CARRIED: 7/0****FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART****AGAINST: NIL.****PROCEDURAL MOTION:****Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority.**MOVED: CR DANNY MCGRATH****SECONDED: CR GEMMA TROLOVE****OC46/26** That Council resumes standing orders.**CARRIED: 7/0****FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART****AGAINST: NIL.**

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority.

Officer's Recommendation:

OC/26 That Council determines a position regarding the revised Service Level Agreement presented by Great Southern Treasures.

Council Motion

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority.

MOVED: CR DANNY MCGRATH

SECONDED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

OC47/26 That Council not re-commit to the revised service level agreement as presented by Great Southern Treasures and instead work with its Great Southern VROC partners to identify a more broadly acceptable approach to marketing the region to the tourism sector.

CARRIED: 7/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART

AGAINST: NIL.

Cr Danny McGrath spoke for the motion.
Cr John Goodheart spoke for the motion.
Cr Ian Hanna spoke for the motion.
Cr Paul Totino spoke for the motion.

11. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

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

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED: CR GEMMA TROLOVE

SECONDED: CR DANNY MCGRATH

OC48/26 That Council closes the meeting to the public to consider the proposed lease site allocations to Commodity Ag & KWFC.

CARRIED: 7/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART

AGAINST: NIL.

Members of the public left the room at 6:44pm.

Cr Danny McGrath disclosed an interest affecting impartiality as he is a sponsor of the Wanders Football Club.

13.1 Proposed Lease Sites – Commodity Ag & KWFC

File Ref: GV.PO.1
Reporting Officer: Peter Klein, Chief Executive Officer
Date Report Prepared: 8 April 2026
Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to disclose

Reason For Confidentiality

The report is confidential in accordance with section **5.23 (2) (e) (iii)** of the *Local Government Act 1995*, being a matter that, if disclosed, would reveal information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person.

PROCEDURAL MOTION:

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

SECONDED: CR DANNY MCGRATH

OC49/26 That Council suspends standing orders.

CARRIED: 7/0

**FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR
MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART
AGAINST: NIL.**

PROCEDURAL MOTION:

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority.

MOVED: CR DANNY MCGRATH

SECONDED: CR GEMMA TROLOVE

OC50/26 That Council resumes standing orders.

CARRIED: 7/0

**FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR
MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART
AGAINST: NIL.**

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

MOVED: CR IAN HANNA

SECONDED: CR DANNY MCGRATH

- OC51/26** **That Council approves;**
- i) The allocation of the proposed portions of Lot 2809 to the proponent to facilitate its business objectives.**
 - ii) Management negotiating a lease agreement with the proponent for this purpose.**
 - iii) The allocation of the available balance of Lot 9000 & Lot 2809 (approximately 41ha) to the Katanning Wanderers Football Club (KWFC).**
 - iv) The execution of a peppercorn lease with KWFC under common seal, in respect to the available balance of Lot 9000 & Lot 2809 subject to there being no material variation to the approved lease template.**

CARRIED: 7/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART

AGAINST: NIL.

Cr Ian Hanna spoke for the motion.

Cr Danny McGrath spoke for the motion.

Cr Kristy D'Aprile spoke for the motion.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED: CR DANNY MCGRATH

SECONDED: CR GEMMA TROLOVE

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

OC52/26 That Council reopens the meeting to the public.

CARRIED: 7/0

**FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR IAN HANNA, CR DANNY MCGRATH, CR GEMMA TROLOVE, CR
MATT COLLIS, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR JOHN GOODHEART**

AGAINST: NIL.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6:57pm.