

'Katanning is a safe, sustainable and prosperous community.

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 Wednesday 28 May 2025 at the Shire of Katanning's Council Chamber, 52 Austral Terrace, Katanning.

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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 6:00pm.

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 Liz Guidera – Deputy President

Cr John Goodheart Cr Matt Collis Cr Ian Hanna 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: Serena Sandwell (arrived at 6:02pm)

Media: Nil.

Apologies: Denise Gallanagh-Wood, Executive Manager Community

Development Cr Michelle Salter

Leave of Absence:

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil.

4. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

5. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL/IMPARTIALITY INTERESTS

Nil.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME

Nil.

7. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

8. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

9.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – Wednesday 23 April 2025 (SEE ATTACHED MINUTES)

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: CR PAUL TOTINO SECONDED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

OC57/25 That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23 April 2025 are confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN

HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

Nil.

10.1 GENERAL MANAGER OPERATIONS

Nil.

10.2 EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

10.2.1 <u>Schedule of Accounts – April 2025</u>

(ATTACHMENT)

File Ref: FM.FI.4

Reporting Officer: Patrick Kennedy, Manager Finance

Date Report Prepared: 5 May 2025

Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to disclose.

Issue:

To receive the Schedule of Accounts Paid for the period ending 30 April 2025.

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 2024/25	EFT Payments 2024/25	Direct Debits 2024/25	Credit Card 2024/25	Payroll 2024/25	Total Payments 2024/25
July	\$4,136.00	\$684,927.78	\$124,124.10	\$5,494.87	\$242,598.67	\$1,061,281.42
August	\$218.00	\$682,403.96	\$130,875.64	\$11,493.47	\$354,282.34	\$1,179,273.41
September	\$848.25	\$706,783.05	\$78,163.61	\$6,702.68	\$230,693.76	\$1,023,191.35
October	\$865.95	\$1,061,303.44	\$98,988.32	\$6,238.29	\$252,178.79	\$1,419,574.79
November	\$192.00	\$592,465.43	\$248,860.46	\$5,913.72	\$262,613.19	\$1,110,044.80
December	\$39,174.29	\$1,479,775.43	\$106,450.56	\$10,647.26	\$256,017.46	\$1,892,065.00
January	\$200.00	\$437,576.16	\$112,012.92	\$5798.91	\$370,408.74	\$925,996.73
February	\$30,421.98	\$851,922.77	\$107,413.13	\$3,170.98	\$243,383.95	\$1,236,312.81
March	\$224.00	\$1,188,152.48	\$72,047.52	\$4,603.70	\$262,373.17	\$1,527,400.87
April	\$22,392.45	\$1,111,342.54	\$123,595.03	\$9,894.39	\$246,784.98	\$1,514,009.39
May						
June						
Total	\$98,672.92	\$8,796,653.04	\$1,202,531.29	\$69,958.27	\$2,721,335.05	\$12,889,150.57

Officer's Comment:

The schedule of accounts for the month of April 2025 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 PAUL TOTINO SECONDED: CR MATT COLLIS

OC58/25

That Council endorses the Schedule of Accounts as presented, being EFT payments 39469 - 39626 totalling \$1,111,342.54, Cheques 42504-42506 totalling \$22,392.45, Payroll payments totalling \$246,784.98 Direct Debit payments totalling \$123,595.03, Credit Cards (March) totalling \$9,894.39, all totalling \$1,514,009.39, authorised and paid in April 2025.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

10.2.2 <u>Monthly Financial Report – April 2025</u>

(ATTACHMENT)

File Ref: FM.FI.4

Reporting Officer: David Blurton, Executive Manager Corporate Services

Report Prepared: 21 May 2025

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 30 April 2025.

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

- Rates levied is \$75,332 (or 1.45%) more than budget. This figure includes an additional \$65,530 in rates attributed to A2140 – WAMMCO property. The GRV valuation for this assessment was received separately from the GRV roll and therefore treated as an interim rate through the rating process.
- Operating Grants, subsidies and contributions is \$1,9231,373 under budget which relates to the prepayment of 70% of the Council's General Purpose Grants in the 23/24 financial year. It is expected that the Grants Commission will pre-pay 70% of Council's 25-26 allocation into this financial year so no adjustment is recommended.
- Fees and charges income is \$125,249 (or 6.34%) over budget which relates to the following items
 - KLC fees \$21,964 more than YTD budget
 - Tenants Fees (Amherst Village) \$20,084 less than budget. Village Solutions is now managing rent collections on behalf of Council.
 - Town hall hire income is \$15,811 more than budget
 - Building Fees & Licences \$11,830 less than budget.
 - Standpipe Fees are \$8,136 more than budget
 - Yarding Fees \$124,136 Katanning Saleyards are more than budget to the end of April, reflecting greater numbers of sheep being processed at the facility.
 - Truck Wash Income \$11,143 more than budget

- Property lease fees are \$7,497 more than budget relating to invoices for the last 5 years for the lease agreement between the Shire and DPIRD for the use of lot 508 Police Pools Road.
- Other Revenue is \$18,457 more than budget relating to workers compensation reimbursements.
- Profit on Asset Sale is \$160,761 more than budget as more Kaatanup Way Lots have sold than budgeted.

Expenditure from Operating Activities

- Employee costs underbudget by \$588,961 reflecting savings achieved due to officer vacancies for the year to date in particular
 - Community Development salaries \$88,474 under budget
 - Community Development Grant Salaries \$46,228 under budget
 - o Road Maintenance \$374,695 under budget
 - Public Works Overhead salaries \$166,482 under budget
- Materials and Contracts are \$918,819 below budget which mainly relates to the following items;
 - Consultants Elected Members \$22,270 under budget
 - Admin Building \$22,236 over budget
 - Professional Advice and Services is \$24,022
 - Integrated planning and reporting \$34,770 under budget
 - CCTV maintenance cost \$19,729 under budget
 - Consultants Town planning are over budget by \$28,725
 - Local Planning Scheme review is underbudget by \$60,000
 - Works program other reserves material component \$44,766 under budget
 - Debt collection legal expenses is \$44,599 under budget which is also a timing issue.
 - Cemetery Master Plans \$12,500 under budget
 - Community Development special projects material cost \$24,806 under budget
 - Youth Activity Expenses \$21,526 under budget
 - Health Consultants are \$15,140 over budget
 - Audit fees are \$84,927 under budget as 23/24 audit fees expense has been allocated to the 23/24 financial year.
 - Tennis club resurfacing contribution \$25,000 under budget
 - Consultants Roads \$20,000 under budget
 - Minor Asset Purchases \$44,766 under budget
 - KAC Contract Management is \$69,866 over budget as previous part payment has been allocated to the incorrect financial year.
 - KAC maintenance expense \$69,538 under budget.
 - KAC consultants \$25,000 under budget
 - Fire mitigation expenses \$63,655 under budget
 - KLC Building Program \$37,921 under budget
 - Consultants Saleyards \$22,500 under budget
 - Fuel and oil purchases \$55,505 under budget
 - Saleyard General Maintenance \$22,500 under budget

bridges and plant.

• Depreciation Expenses are \$44,221 over budget which mostly relates to depreciation on

- Other expenditure is underbudget by \$106,709. A large portion of this relates to suspense account deposit of \$21,572 (GL1123) which is unclaimed funds rating to the sale of lot 885 Wanke St. This amount will be paid to the public trustee in due course. Also Tourism Contributions are underbudget by \$20,000, shop front enhancement scheme \$7,500 and salary package vehicle \$13,064 under budget.
- Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions are \$6,886,944 underbudget. The following grants funds were anticipated to have been received.
 - DFES grant for BFB shed \$250,000 claim yet to be submitted.
 - Early Childhood hub grants \$5,808,544 project yet to commence.
 - University Study hub fit out \$18,670 with change of venue, Council are not responsible for fit out and will therefore not received the grant funds.
 - Roads to recovery is \$69,385 under YTD budget quarterly claim to be made
 - LRCI phase 4 grants for Quartermaine oval and Dore and Piesse St \$81,173. Final claim has been submitted
 - Saleyard ear tagging equipment grant \$536,614 under budget. \$232,790 has been received in May 2025, however the remaining \$303,824 will not be able to be claimed until December 2025 which represents a challenge for cash flow approaching 30 June 2025.
- Proceeds from Asset sales is above budget by \$206,131 relating to disposal of plant and equipment and land (Kaatanup Loop properties)
- Payments for property, plant and equipment and infrastructure are below budget collectively reflecting a delayed start to some projects or delays in invoice payment.
- Payments for construction of infrastructure is \$221,490 over year to date budget.
 Quartermaine oval project budget is \$2,080,859 and expenditure to the end of April is \$2,062,786
- Closing Surplus is \$462,521 more than anticipated at 30 April 2025.

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

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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 PAUL TOTINO SECONDED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

OC59/25 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 30 April 2025, as presented.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN

HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

AGAINST: NIL.

Cr John Goodheart spoke for the motion.

10.3 EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Nil.

10.4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

10.4.1 Endorsement of Fire Management Requirement Brochure

(ATTACHMENT)

File Ref: ES.AT.1

Reporting Officer: Cindy Pearce, Community Emergency Services Manager

Date Report Prepared: 5 May 2025

Issue:

Council to endorse the 2025 - 2026 Fire Management Requirement Brochure.

Body/Background:

The Fire Management Requirement Brochure is published annually and distributed to all residents and property owners within the Shire.

The Fire Management Requirement Brochure provides landowners and occupiers with information on their responsibilities regarding fire prevention. Also included in the brochure are the contact details of Local Bush Fire Control Officers and information on general fire related matters.

The following changes have been made for the 2025-2026 season,

- Standalone Power systems have been included, with fire break requirements.
- Update of Fire Control Officers and positions.
- Remove the section relating to a Variance being given.
- Remove the section relating to Nuisance Smoke.

Officer's Comment:

Council endorsement of the recommended changes in the brochure is required prior to printing and distribution.

Statutory Environment:

Bushfire Act 1954 Section 33

Guidelines For Planning in Bushfire Prone Area- Version 1.4.0

Bushfire Management Plan (Local Structure Plan) Lot 52 & 2979 Illareen Road. Version 1.1

Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2024-2026 Version 1.1

Moojabing Heights Fire Management Plan April 2008

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

Annual provision in the budget for printing approximately \$3,000.

Gazetting of the Brochure in the Government Gazette \$500.

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" and can be managed by routine procedures and with current resources.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan 2022 - 2032

Focus Area Social

Aspiration Katanning is a vibrant, active place that encourages its community to thrive. **Objective** To provide support for the physical and mental health and wellbeing of our

community.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

MOVED: CR IAN HANNA SECONDED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

OC60/25 That Council, in accordance with Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, endorses the 2025 – 2026 Shire of Katanning Fire Management Requirements Notice, as presented.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS AGAINST: NIL.

Cr John Goodheart spoke for the motion.

10.4.2 Relocation of Weights Gym

File Ref: CP.DE.4

Reporting Officer: Peter Klein, Chief Executive Officer

Date Report Prepared: 13 May 2025

Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to disclose.

Issue:

The current weights gym is too small to cater for current demand and a larger site, capable of facilitating a 24/7 service and accommodating demand growth is required.

Body/Background:

The current weights gym is 130m² and inadequately caters for current users. In 2024, the gym catered for almost 10,000 visits and generated \$19,500 in revenue. Many users visit multiple times per week and pay an annual membership.

Current developments including Ausgold and WAMMCO's proposals to establish separate workforce camps within the Katanning town site are expected to result in an increasing demand for gym services over the next few years.

Ausgold has indicated that it may make a financial contribution to expanding the KLC gym in lieu of it building a gym within its own camp site.

Council's FY25 budget includes funding to establish 24/7 access to the existing gym. However, given the gym's current limitations and difficulties associated with expanding the gym from its current location, management recommends that the proposed 24/7 access upgrade not be delivered.

Various options have been explored but the most cost effective and easiest solution to deliver is to relocate the weights gym to the KLC extension area. This area is currently used by Serena Sandwell where she provides gymnastic classes during school terms.

In 2024, gymnastics was responsible for 1,603 visits and KLC entrance fees generated \$4,900 (plus spectator fees of at least this value again).

Serena effectively uses the entire KLC extension area (approximately 750m²) during her classes. She has only an informal agreement supporting her access and use of the area and pays an annual licence fee of \$500/yr.

Several meetings have been held with Serena over the last couple of weeks to explore the practicality of sharing the KLC extension area between her gymnastics and the weights gym.

After initially not seeing a way through, Serena has now agreed she could make it work based on the following terms, and I quote;

- a) "We need to be able to put equipment in and out so either need the end with the big roller door or we would need an access port like that put in
- b) "We would need the full wall to wall of 21x18 (the room is 42x18) so that would be $\frac{1}{2}$ for the new weights room and $\frac{1}{2}$ for the gymnastics which is 378 each but this also

means that we cannot be a fire exit as we lose an incredible amount of space for that which we would not have available to lose.

- c) "We could not co-locate with group fitness. The space would be too small to support it
- d) "We would need to be able to mat the walls for safety reasons.
- e) "If we are no longer a fire exit I would like the room locked because we come in WAY too often with people having been in the room on our equipment."

Serena has also offered the following to consider when setting up for the weights room, and I quote again;

- "It cannot be 'shared space' as there would be massive safeguarding issues from a gymnastics perspective, if it stayed as one big room the weights room would have to be closed any time we have a class on, and if the weights room was to be set up with 24/7 access then I would need iron clad guarantees that no one would be on our equipment and no one can guarantee that now so there HAS TO BE a solid wall. That to me would have to be non-negotiable.
- "The current weights room is fully temperature controlled. The gymnastics room is completely open to the outside temperatures. If it is -2 outside, it will be -2 inside and if it is 40 degrees outside it will be 40 degrees inside. That will not be conducive to people trying to train, and you will have to consider sealing that end of the room, including the fact that the sky lights all 'rain' on the inside of the room any time it frosts/gets too cold overnight.
- "To seal the room for temperature control the internal wall will have to go all of the way to the roof, it couldn't be a partial wall. This would also be required for the music the weights room can be very loud depending on who is training and what they have playing.
- "With the extra roof height, the heating/air con would be considerably larger ongoing than the current room.
- "The gymnastics room has the large amount of venting because it is responsible for airflow for the main floor. If you seal the new weights room than the airflow would be restricted to the main floor so you will need to have a plan in place for that.
- "If the weights room has 24/7 access at the back of the KLC then the gates will have to be open to allow for that. To protect the ovals from damage all gates are locked overnight so if there is going to be access then there needs to be a new plan for that.
- "Any time there is football/football training there is no available parking at the back of the gym. As that is also one of the prime times that the weights room will be in use it will need a plan, and when football is on they lock the gates so that they can charge entrance. If the hockey gate is open for the gym there will need to be a plan for that.
- "The back of the KLC can be a scary place (particularly for females) at night/in the dark. You will need serious plans for lighting, security cameras, security.
- "Now KLC staff can monitor the weights room/door from the front counter, you will need a plan in place for how that monitoring will work from 2 basketball courts away. Currently to ensure no one is in the gymnastics room when they shouldn't be, they have to go and look."

Management acknowledges that the matters raised by Serena will need to be addressed in designing the KLC extension as a space shared between gymnastics and the weights gym.

To progress this concept a design scope will need to be drafted and a design and costing delivered. It is proposed that \$25,000 be drawn from the KLC reserve to deliver this design and costing, this financial year.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Utilisation of reserve funds to design the required upgrade is proposed.

Overall cost to council from delivering this upgrade is expected to be off-set by a capital contribution from Ausgold. This concept & the relevant capital contribution is currently under consideration.

Risk Implications:

Project risk is considered medium and this is predominantly associated with reputational risk resulting from community dissatisfaction with the gymnastics area being reduced and some activities being compromised.

There is a risk that Ausgold's project does not proceed, or it decides not to make a capital contribution to the works. This risk is managed by only proceeding with design and a quantity surveyor's cost estimate, at this stage. Approval for the construction will be deferred to a later time when Ausgold's intentions are known.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan 2022 – 2032

Focus Area Economic

Aspiration Katanning is an economic hub of the Great Southern region, offering a range

of employment and business opportunities.

Objective To work alongside local businesses to facilitate employment, growth and

development.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

MOVED: SECONDED:

OC/25 That Council approve;

- a) Using the FY25 budget allocation for gym access, to instead design a revised layout for the KLC extension area to enable it to accommodate both the weights gym and gymnastics services.
- b) Contract the design works and report back to Council on cost and financing options.

CARRIED/LOST:

FOR:

AGAINST:

Council Motion:

MOVED: CR LIZ GUIDERA SECONDED: CR PAUL TOTINO

OC61/25 That council lay the motion on the table pending further information.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN

HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

10.4.3 <u>Landfill Management</u>

(ATTACHMENT)

File Ref:

Reporting Officer: Peter Klein, Chief Executive Officer

Date Report Prepared: 13 May 2025

Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to disclose.

Issue:

Clarity is required about the remaining useful life of the current landfill cells and the timing of actions required to ensure Council's future provision of landfill services.

Body/Background:

Ask Waste Management were contracted by Council management to;

- 1. Determine the remaining operational life of the existing landfill cells
- 2. Identify potential expansion areas
- 3. Provide a series of recommendations for the timely approval and establishment of new landfill capacity.

A copy of the Ask Waste Management report on the Katanning Landfill site is attached.

Key findings detailed in the Ask Waste Management report, are as follows;

- 1. In 2024 an estimated 3,878 tonnes of waste was received and this consumed 6,300m³ of cell capacity.
- 2. The current cells have an estimated 3 to 4 years of capacity remaining.
- 3. There is ample expansion capacity for a long-life landfill, but this is subject to achieving environmental approval & significant tree/vegetation clearing is required.
- 4. The current tip has encroached into the 35m buffer (to the road) = licence breach.
- 5. The amount of windblown litter = licence breach.

The current landfill comprises two cells pit and two soil stockpiles. These are shown in the following diagram;



The potential site development is shown in the following diagram;



The existing cells and soil stockpiles involve sections 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.

The next steps are to;

- 1. Address licence compliance issues, as soon as possible
- 2. Amend site operating plan to;
 - a) implement efficiency recommendations, and
 - b) optimise use of existing landfill volume
- 3. Seek advice from DWER about whether a works approval is required to excavate landfill cells under #1 & #2 soil stockpiles
- 4. Seek advice from DWER about a clearing permit application for the remaining sections 7 to 18.

DWER advice about the need for a works approval will determine what environmental investigations we must undertake to support approval to construct new landfill capacity on the current soil stockpile sites. This DWER feedback will inform the funds we need to allocate in the FY26 budget to expansion works.

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

The cost of cell expansion is expected to be material but cannot be determined until DWER advice on the steps required to excavate under #1 & #2 soil stockpiles is known.

These costs to be considered as part of the FY 26 budget process.

Risk Implications:

Council operates the landfill under a licence agreement with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. Current operations are in breach of licence conditions and must be addressed, as soon as possible.

Approvals for opening new landfill sites are time consuming and are generally supported by comprehensive environmental monitoring. It is important that Council plan new development

well ahead of current landfill capacity being fully consumed. Not acting now would risk significant reputational damage if our site ran out of capacity and waste had to be sent to neighbouring shires.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan 2022 - 2032

Focus Area Economic

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of employment and business opportunities.

Objective To work alongside local businesses to facilitate employment, growth and

development.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

OC/25 That Council notes the Ask Waste Management report and requests that

management report again once the DWER requirements for excavating #1 & #2

soil stockpiles is known.

CARRIED/LOST:

FOR:

AGAINST:

Council Motion:

MOVED: CR LIZ GUIDERA SECONDED: CR IAN HANNA

OC62/25 That Council:

- 1. Address licence compliance issues, as soon as possible.
- 2. Amend site operating plan to;
 - c) implement efficiency recommendations, and
 - d) optimise use of existing landfill volume
- 3. Seek advice from DWER about whether a works approval is required to excavate landfill cells under #1 & #2 soil stockpiles
- 4. Seek advice from DWER about a clearing permit application for the remaining sections 7 to 18.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN

HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

AGAINST: NIL.

Cr Liz Guidera spoke for the motion.

10.4.4 MOU - Great Southern Regional Organisation of Councils (GS ROC) (ATTACHMENT)

File Ref: CM.MT.6

Reporting Officer: Peter Klein, Chief Executive Officer

Date Report Prepared: 13 May 2025

Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to disclose.

Issue:

Great Southern shires have expressed an interest in collaborating to create regional benefit and an MOU is proposed to organise how this collaboration will be delivered.

Body/Background:

During the 4 March 2025 Great Southern ROC meeting it was agreed that a draft MOU be further considered and presented to the next meeting for endorsement. The next GS ROC meeting is being held on Monday 19 May and a copy of the MOU being presented to this meeting is attached.

The Great Southern ROC will not be an incorporated association, nor will it be established under the Local Government Act (Part 3, Division 4). That is, it is not a regional local government. The Great Southern ROC will be established under the general functions of local governments (clause 3.1). Participating local governments will do so voluntarily.

Great Southern ROC may not borrow money or apply for grants in its own right. It is not intended that the Great Southern ROC will take out any policies of insurance and while attending Great Southern ROC meetings or undertaking Great Southern ROC business the members' local government insurances will apply.

Great Southern ROC may apply for an Australian Business Number (ATO recognises unincorporated groups) and therefore may open a bank account. If a bank account is opened the executive officer and the hosting local government CEO could, for example, be signatories for the account to ensure that momentum can be maintained in the delivery of initiatives.

By virtue of having a bank account, the Great Southern ROC may directly contract the executive officer.

The obligations of a nominated host local government include the following;

- a) Borrowing funds (the debt becomes a liability of the host local government)
- b) Applying for grants and managing grant recipient obligations,
- c) Host local government CEO;
 - i. assumes direct executive officer line management, and
 - ii. is a co-signatory for the Great Southern ROC's bank account.

To assist the discussion and agreement on the MOU, the following key terms are presented for ease of reference;

#	Issue	Proposal		
1	Name	Great Southern Regional Organisation of Councils		
2	Delegates	Participant may appoint one voting member and a non-voting		
2	Delegates	deputy member.		
3	Votes	Each Participant has one vote.		
4	Attendance	Both the member and delegate may attend.		
5	Observers	The CEO may attend and participate in the meeting.		
6	Chair & Deputy	Elected by the members.		
7	Term	Two years.		
8	Financial	The Great Southern ROC may resolve to require Participants to		
0	contributions	make a financial contribution to its operation.		
9	Funding share	Different annual contribution may be requested from a Band 3		
9	Fulluling Share	local government compared to a Band 4 local government.		
10	Specific project	The Great Southern ROC may resolve to require Participants to		
10	funding	make an additional financial contribution to a Special Project.		
		Project plan and budget to determine Participant's financial		
11	Winding up of a	contributions to a Special Project and on winding up the surplus		
11	special project	be allocated and any outstanding debt paid, in proportion to		
		the contributions outlined in the Project Plan & Budget.		
12	Term of MOU	MOU termination by agreement and if not extended, will		
12	Term of Wioo	expire on 30/6/28.		
13	Minimum	3 years.		
15	membership	,		
14	Participant	Shall be reimbursed or contribute to any debt in proportion to		
	termination	relevant contribution.		
15	New members	By Great Southern ROC resolution.		
	New member	In addition to the annual operating fee (if applicable) the Great		
16	payments	Southern ROC may require a new member to pay an "entry		
	payments	fee".		

Statutory Environment:

Nil

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Local governments are expected to cover their own cost of travel & meeting attendance.

An annual operating fee can be requested from participating local governments.

Local governments might additionally be requested to contribute to the cost of a Special Project.

Risk Implications:

The overall risk of this proposal is considered low. Not participating could alienate the Shire of Katanning from its neighbouring shires and other local governments who are participating in the GS ROC.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan 2022 – 2032

Focus Area Economic

Aspiration Katanning is an economic hub of the Great Southern region, offering a range

of employment and business opportunities.

Objective To work alongside local businesses to facilitate employment, growth and

development.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

MOVED: CR LIZ GUIDERA SECONDED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

OC63/25 The Draft Great Southern ROC Memorandum of Understanding be approved

for execution subject to there being no material changes made during the GS

ROC meeting being held on 19 May 2025.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN

HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

AGAINST: NIL.

Cr Liz Guidera spoke for the motion.

Cr John Goodheart spoke for the motion.

Cr Kristy D'Aprile spoke for the motion.

10.4.5 <u>Great Southern ROC – Executive Officer</u>

(ATTACHMENT)

File Ref: CM.MT.6

Reporting Officer: Peter Klein, Chief Executive Officer

Date Report Prepared: 13 May 2025

Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to disclose.

Issue:

To facilitate delivery of Great Southern ROC objectives, it is proposed that an executive officer be appointed.

Body/Background:

The contracting of an executive officer generates operating expenses that must be recovered from participating GS ROC members. An annual membership fee will be implemented to meet this cost and this paper seeks the Shire of Katanning's approval to contribute to the cost of engaging an executive officer.

In addition to the attached draft contract for engagement of an executive officer, developing a costing has been influenced by the following context and assumptions;

- The requirement for an executive officer is driven by the Great Southern ROC strategy, the number of work fronts and the delivery complexity.
- The strategy is not yet agreed so it is difficult to determine support hours required.
- Hours are therefore based on the 615hrs/yr of actual executive officer support hours contracted by the North Eastern Wheatbelt ROC.
- Mileage for meetings etc applies & it's assumed the executive officer will be local.
- It is assumed the executive officer will;
 - * work from home.
 - * be engaged as a contractor by a member council (host council).
 - be supplied with a computer (year 1 expense).
 - * supply their own mobile phone.

The proposed costs are outlined in the following tables

Expenses costs	Unit	Total
Contractor Expenses		
Hours/yr	615	
Base salary/hr	\$72.50	
Sub Total		\$44,588
IT & Incidentals		
Phone, internet & general office		\$1,400
Accommodation & sustenance*		\$1,500
Projects**		\$16,000
Annual audit		\$1,500
Meeting expenses***		\$4,000
Sub Total		\$24,400
Travel		
Travel (km/yr)	1,500	
ATO rate/km	\$0.88	
Sub Total		\$1,320
Grand Total		\$70,308

No.	Annual Fee Differential Fee		% Difference	
Members	Equal	Band 4	Band 3	70 Difference
4	\$17,577	\$16,346	\$18,807	15%
5	\$14,062	\$13,077	\$15,046	15%
6	\$11,718	\$10,898	\$12,538	15%
7	\$10,044	\$9,341	\$10,747	15%
8	\$8,788	\$8,173	\$9,404	15%

*Accommodation & sustenance covers executive officer expenses.

**Projects – unlinked for delivery of actions, studies, reports etc.

***Meeting expenses covers lunches, morning & afternoon teas and post meeting refreshments.

Please note, to implement actions under the Inland Great Southern Drought Resilience Plan, the Great Southern Development Commission has offered \$42,000 for the employment of an executive officer to assist with implementation of actions under this plan.

The Inland Great Southern Drought Resilience Plan is broad and identifies actions across each of the strategic objectives outlined in the draft Great Southern ROC strategic plan. The three strategic objectives of GS ROC are;

- 1. Economic Viability
- 2. Operational efficiency
- 3. Climate resilience

Due to the broad alignment of objectives between the Great Southern ROC draft strategic plan and the Inland Drought Resilience Plan, the GSDC has agreed to allocate the \$42,000 it has available, to meet the cost of contracting an Executive Officer to the Great Southern ROC.

To enable this to occur, the Great Southern ROC MOU would need to be signed by participating Councils and a host local government would need to be identified.

Statutory Environment:

Nil.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Financial Implications:

If approved, the Shire of Katanning's FY26 budget should reflect that it will contribute pro rata, up to \$13,800 /year over the three-year MOU term to meet the cost of contracting an executive officer and to cover other expenses of GS ROC up to a total of \$70,500/year.

Local governments might additionally be requested to contribute to the cost of a Special Project/s.

Risk Implications:

The overall risk of this proposal is considered low. Not contributing to the engagement of an executive officer will likely make the GS ROC an ineffective entity.

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan 2022 – 2032

Focus Area Economic

Aspiration Katanning is an economic hub of the Great Southern region, offering a range

of employment and business opportunities.

Objective To work alongside local businesses to facilitate employment, growth and

development.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

MOVED: CR JOHN GOODHEART SECONDED: CR PAUL TOTINO

OC64/25 That the Shire of Katanning

- i. Endorse the draft contract for engagement of an executive officer,
- ii. Approves its FY26, FY27 & FY28 Budgets including an allocation of up to \$13,800 per year (pro-rata) to meet its share of the Great Southern ROC's annual operating expenses,
- iii. If requested by members of GS ROC, contract the executive officer as the hosting local government, and
- iv. The release of its FY26 funds for this purpose, be subject to a review of GS ROC achievements three months after the executive officer's contract commences.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN

HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

AGAINST: NIL.

Cr John Goodheart spoke for the motion.

Cr Paul Totino spoke for the motion.

Cr Kristy D'Aprile 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

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED: CR LIZ GUIDERA SECONDED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

OC65/25 That Council considers the urgent business items 12.1.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN

HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

AGAINST: NIL.

12.1 <u>Katanning Aquatic Centre Management Agreement</u>

File Ref: RC.TE.1

Reporting Officer: David Blurton, Executive Manager of Corporate Services

Date Report Prepared: 12 May 2025

Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to disclose

Issue:

To consider correspondence from Katanning Aquatic Sports Inc. (KAS) advising the intent to exercise the option for extension of their current Management Agreement for the Management of the Katanning Aquatic Centre.

Body/Background:

The Katanning Aquatic Sports Inc. (KAS) manages the Shires Aquatic Centre facility on behalf of the Council under a three-year management agreement expiring 30 September 2025. The agreement also includes an option to renew for an additional (3) year term.

KAS initially met with officers in April 2025 to discuss the process involved in enacting the threeyear option for extension and following this meeting KAS has written to Council advising their intention to enact the three-year option.

Indicative annual management fees as proposed by the group are indicated below. The current year three management fee is \$130,296 and \$3,091 so the proposed increase from year 3 to year 4 represents a 5% increase on what has currently been charged for 24/25 season. This increase is consistent with years 1-3 of the agreement.

Service Description	Price (ex GST)	GST	Price (inc GST)
Year 4 Open season	\$136 810	\$13 681	\$150 491
Year 4 Off season	\$3 245	\$324	\$3 569
Year 5 Open season	\$143 650	\$14 365	\$158 015
Year 5 Off season	\$3 407	\$340	\$3 747
Year 6 Open season	\$150 832	\$15 083	\$165 915
Year 6 Off season	\$3 577	\$357	\$3 934

Officer's Comment:

The management agreement is silent on the level of payment for years 4-6 should the 3-year extension option be activated. Given this, Officers contend that an increase in line with Perth CPI would be more appropriate than 5% as proposed.

KAS performance over the past 3 years has been delivered to a high standard. They have implemented numerous programs that have been successful, managed to recruit and train many local people through the pool supervisor course and employ school aged students as lifeguards and train them accordingly. They manage the facility to a high standard, the feedback from community is that the pool is always clean, there are lots of activities to participate in.

The contract also notes the requirement to provide Council with an end of season report, which was provided to the April 2025 Council Forum, provided again below.

KATANNING AQUATIC CENTRE – Katanning Aquatic Sports Report

Season Statistics

	November	December	January	February	March
Adult Casual	523	1,111	1,297	819	248
Child Casual	776	686	595	341	439
Family Casual	103	103	130	34	28
Pension Casual	39	10	19	4	10
Senior Casual	67	40	106	86	70
Senior Spectator	5	13	36	13	7
Spectator	187	150	419	97	125
Under 5		132	217	58	60
Vac Swim/Carnivals/School Use	87		1,380		398
In term Swimming	1011			1,886	0
	2798	2,245	4,199	3,338	1,385

March

- We had 4 Successful swimming carnivals
- KSHS ran a good standing event.
- Scouts and Bushrangers both enjoyed themselves.
- Swimming classes were completed
- CaLD classes were completed
- Mermaid day ran on a very cold day!

KAS topped numbers again from last year, and due to a very bizarre weather pattern had warm water until the last day.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995

Policy Implications:

There are no policy implications for this report.

Financial Implications:

It is recommended to align annual charges to the 3-year extension with Perth CPI as of March each year. Current annual Perth CPI for 31 March 2025 is 2.8%.

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".

Strategic Implications:

Shire of Katanning Strategic Community Plan 2022 – 2023

Focus Area Built Environment

Aspiration Katanning is a beautiful, well serviced place that invite people to stay.

Objective To provide well maintained public open spaces and facilities that promote

active and passive recreation.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

MOVED: CR LIZ GUIDERA SECONDED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

OC66/25 That Council

- a. notes Katanning Aquatic Sports Inc. successful completion of its three-year contract for delivery of services at the Katanning Aquatic Centre and its request to exercise its option under item 5 of Schedule 1 to extend the management agreement for the Katanning Aquatic Facility for a further three years expiring 30 September 2028.
- b. Agree to the request to extend the contract for a further three years subject to the Annual Contribution payable increasing in line with the 31 March Perth Consumer Price Index each year.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN

HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

AGAINST: NIL.

Cr Liz Guidera spoke for the motion.

Cr John Goodheart spoke for the motion.

Cr Paul Totino spoke for the motion.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED: CR PAUL TOTINO SECONDED: CR IAN HANNA

OC67/25 That Council closes the meeting to the public to consider the following item relating to:

- Request to Write Off Unrecoverable Debt \$250,905.66
- eID Scanning Fee
- Ausgold Workforce Accommodation

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN

HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

Members of the public left the room at 6:22pm.

13.1 Request to Write Off Unrecoverable Debt

File Ref: FM.DT.11

Reporting Officer: Michelle Hopkirk, Rates/Debtors Officer

Date Report Prepared: 17 April 2025

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Reason for Confidentiality

The Officer's Report is confidential in accordance with section 5.23 (2) (e) (iii) of the Local Government Act because it deals with a matter if disclosed, would reveal information about a business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person.

Voting Requirement: Absolute Majority

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

OC/25 That Council:

- 1. Approves the write-off of \$250,905.66 in unrecoverable debt, as detailed in this report; and
- 2. Notes that all reasonable recovery avenues have been exhausted and that this action aligns with Council's Debt Management Policy.

CARRIED/LOST:

FOR:

AGAINST:

Council Motion:

MOVED: CR LIZ GUIDERA SECONDED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

OC68/25 That Council lay the motion of the table pending further information.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN

HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

13.2 <u>eID Scanning Fee</u>

(ATTACHMENT)

File Ref:

Reporting Officer: Peter Klein **Date Report Prepared:** 2025

Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to disclose.

Reason for Confidentiality

The Officer's Report is confidential in accordance with section 5.23 (2) (e) (iii) of the Local Government Act because it deals with a matter if disclosed, would reveal information about a business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: CR JOHN GOODHEART SECONDED: CR MATT COLLIS

OC69/25 That Council suspends Standing Orders.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN

HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

AGAINST: NIL.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: CR LIZ GUIDERA SECONDED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

OC70/25 That Council resumes Standing Orders

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN

HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

AGAINST: NIL.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

MOVED: CR IAN HANNA SECONDED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

OC71/25 That Council endorse management negotiating the draft Saleyard Licence

with relevant stock agents.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN

HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

13.3 <u>Ausgold Workforce Accommodation</u>

File Ref: LP.PL.1

Reporting Officer: Peter Klein, Chief Executive Officer

Date Report Prepared: 13 May 2025

Disclosure of Interest: No Interest to disclose.

Reason for Confidentiality

The Officer's Report is confidential in accordance with section 5.23 (2) (e) (iii) of the Local Government Act because it deals with a matter if disclosed, would reveal information about a business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person.

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation/Council Motion:

MOVED: CR PAUL TOTINO SECONDED: CR LIZ GUIDERA

OC72/25 That Council endorses the proposed actions included in the body of this report

with regard to Ausgold's Workforce Accommodation project.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN

HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

AGAINST: NIL.

Cr Paul Totino spoke for the motion.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED: CR LIZ GUIDERA SECONDED: CR IAN HANNA

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

OC73/25 That Council reopens the meeting to the public.

CARRIED: 6/0

FOR: CR KRISTY D'APRILE, CR LIZ GUIDERA, CR JOHN GOODHEART, CR PAUL TOTINO, CR IAN

HANNA, CR MATT COLLIS

AGAINST: NIL.

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6:35pm.