



**SHIRE**  
*of*  
**DANDARAGAN**

**MINUTES**

**of the**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**held at the**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JURIE BAY**

**on**

**25 JUNE 2026**

**COMMENCING AT 4.00PM**

***THESE MINUTES ARE YET TO BE CONFIRMED***

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## **1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

### **1.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 4.01pm and welcomed those present.

*"I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land we are meeting on today, the Yued people of the great Nyungar Nation and we pay our respects to Elders both past, present and emerging."*

### **1.2 DISCLAIMER READING**

The disclaimer was not read aloud as there were no members of the public present.

## **2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **Members**

Councillor T O’Gorman	(President)
Councillor G Lethlean	(Deputy President)
Councillor W Gibson	
Councillor R Glasfurd	
Councillor S Johnson	
Councillor S Krakowiak	
Councillor S Young	

### **Staff**

Mr B Bailey	(Chief Executive Officer)
Mr B Pepper	(Executive Manager Infrastructure)
Mrs R Pink	(Executive Manager of Corporate Services)
Mr A MacKenzie	(Acting Executive Manager Development Services)
Miss C Filbey	(Manager Community and Customer Services)
Mrs K Dean	(Administration Officer)

### **Apologies**

Nil

### **Approved Leave of Absence**

Nil

### **Observers**

There were two members of staff present.

## **3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil

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Nil

**5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****6.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD****COUNCIL DECISION**

Moved Cr Johnson, seconded Cr Young  
That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 25 June 2026  
be confirmed.

**CARRIED 7 / 0**

**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson, Cr Young,  
Cr Johnson, Cr Glasfurd, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil****7 NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

Nil

**8 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS**

Nil

## 9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

### 9.1 CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### 9.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2026

Location:	Shire of Dandaragan
Applicant:	N/A
File Reference:	Doc Id: SODR-2042075298-159831
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	12 June 2026
Author:	Irina Shmeleva, Senior Finance Officer
Senior Officer:	Rebecca Pink, Executive Manager Corporate Services

#### PROPOSAL

To receive the Cheque, EFT, BPAY, Direct Debit and Fuel Card listing for the month of May 2026.

#### BACKGROUND

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*, and *Financial Management Regulations 1996*, a list of expenditure payments is required to be presented to Council.

#### COMMENT

The Cheque, EFT, BPAY and Direct Debit (including fuel cards) payments for May 2026 totalled \$1,920,211.09 for the Municipal Fund.

Should Councillors wish to raise any issues relating to the May 2026 Accounts for payment, please do not hesitate to contact the Executive Manager prior to the Council Meeting, in order that research can be undertaken, and details provided either at the time of the query or at the meeting.

#### CONSULTATION

Nil

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Regulation 13 of the *Local Government Financial Management Regulations 1997*.

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications relevant to this item.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no adverse trends to report currently.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications relevant to this item.

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ATTACHMENTS

Circulated with the agenda is the following item relevant to this report:

- Cheque, EFT, BPAY, Direct Debit and Fuel Card listings for May 2026 (Doc Id: SODR-2042075298-159903)

**(Marked 9.1.1)**

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved Cr Lethlean, seconded Cr Krakowiak**

**That Council receives the Cheque, EFT, BPAY, Direct Debit and Fuel Card payment listing for the period ending 31 May 2026, totalling \$1,920,211.09.**

**CARRIED 7 / 0**

**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson, Cr Young,  
Cr Johnson, Cr Glasfurd, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil**

## **9.1.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MONTHLY REPORTING FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MAY 2026**

Location:	Shire of Dandaragan
Applicant:	N/A
File Reference:	Doc Id: SODR-2042075298-159829
Disclosure of Interest:	None
Date:	12 June 2026
Author:	Irina Shmeleva, Senior Finance Officer
Senior Officer:	Rebecca Pink, Executive Manager Corporate Services

PROPOSAL

To present the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31 May 2026 to Council for consideration in accordance with legislative requirements.

BACKGROUND

Regulations 34 and 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* require a local government to prepare and present to Council a monthly statement of financial activity, a monthly statement of financial position, and an explanation of material variances.

The Regulations further require that the Monthly Financial Report be presented to Council at an Ordinary Council Meeting within two months after the end of the month to which the statements relate and prescribe the minimum information to be included.

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The Monthly Financial Report has been prepared in compliance with the *Local Government Act 1995*, the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, and, where not inconsistent with the Act, the Australian Accounting Standards.

In accordance with Regulation 34(5) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council adopted an annual material variance threshold of 10%, subject to a minimum variance of \$10,000, for the reporting of budget variances for the 2025/26 financial year at its meeting held on 24 July 2025.

### COMMENT

The Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31 May 2026 is attached for Council's consideration and includes the following information as required by legislation:

- Statement of Financial Activity;
- Statement of Financial Position;
- Note 1 - Basis of Preparation and Significant Accounting Policies;
- Note 2 - Statement of Financial Activity Information; and
- Note 3 - Explanation of Material Variances.

While there is no legislative requirement for supplementary financial information to accompany the Monthly Financial Report, additional explanatory schedules and supporting detail have been included at the back of the report to assist Councillors in understanding key movements, variances, and balances.

Councillors are invited to review the report in advance of the meeting and are encouraged to raise any queries or requests for clarification with the Executive Manager prior to the Council Meeting, to allow for relevant research to be undertaken and responses provided either in advance or at the meeting.

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

- *Local Government Act 1995*
- Regulation 34 and 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There is no known policy implications associated with this item.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The presentation of the Monthly Financial Report provides Council with regular and timely updates on the Shire's financial performance and position and supports Council's governance and oversight responsibilities in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated regulations.

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STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no known strategic implications associated with this item.

ATTACHMENTS

Circulated with the agenda is the following item relevant to this report:

- Financial statements for the period ending 31 May 2026 (Doc Id: SODR-2042075298-160010)

**(Marked 9.1.2)**

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved Cr Gibson, seconded Cr Young**

**That Council receive the Monthly Financial Report for the period ended 31 May 2026.**

**CARRIED 7 / 0**

**FOR: Cr O’Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson, Cr Young,  
Cr Johnson, Cr Glasfurd, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil**

*Cr Gibson declared an impartiality interest in Item 9.1.3 being the President of the Returned & Services League of Australia WA Branch Incorporated – Jurien Bay Sub-Branch (RSL).*

*Cr O’Gorman declared an impartiality interest in Item 9.1.3 being the Treasurer of the Jurien Bay Progress Association.*

**9.1.3 REVIEW OF TRONOX GRANT APPLICATIONS 2026 / 2027**

Applicant:	Shire of Dandaragan
Folder Path:	Doc Id: SODR-437506902-16373
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	4 June 2026
Author:	Makayla Hendry, Community Development Officer
Senior Officer:	Rhiarn Sutton, Manager Customer and Community Services

PROPOSAL

The purpose of this report is to consider the allocation of funds for the Tronox Management and Shire of Dandaragan Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund grant for 2026/27 financial year.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this item is to allocate grant funding each year to assist local sporting clubs and community organisations to provide

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or improve sporting and recreational facilities, and to purchase or improve durable equipment. The funds are allocated by a committee made up of two representatives from each town within the Shire of Dandaragan, a Tronox Management representative and the Shire President (or representative), with support from community development staff.

Council's 2026/27 annual municipal budget has not yet been adopted; however, it is anticipated that an amount of \$25,000 will be set aside in that budget for the Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund. Tronox has once again contributed matching funding, resulting in an expected total funding pool of \$50,000.

**COMMENT**

As outlined in the minutes of the Grant Committee meeting held on 2 June 2026, a total of 12 applications were received from sporting clubs and community organisations. The total value of grant funding requested was \$72,733, exceeding the expected available funding pool of \$50,000 by \$22,733. As the round was oversubscribed, the Committee assessed and prioritised applications against the program criteria and available budget.

The following table provides a summary of the applications received:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Project Cost (\$)</b>	<b>Grant (\$)</b>
Badgingarra Community Association	Mezzanine Area Blinds	\$2,914	\$1,457
Badgingarra Community Association	Seating around oval	\$5,585	\$2,792
Cervantes Horse Club	Day yards	\$4,671	\$2,335
Cervantes Football Club	Scoreboard	\$10,140	\$5,070
Dandaragan Community Centre	Function Furniture Upgrade	\$4,960	\$2,480
Jurien Bay Bowling Club	Replacement Seating	\$3,219	\$1,609
Jurien Bay Progress Association	Replacement food trailer	\$47,000	\$23,500
Jurien Bay Sport and Recreation	Upgrade air conditioning system	\$20,684	\$10,342
Jurien Bay Sport and Recreation	Neon Sign	\$12,750	\$6,375
RSL Jurien Bay Sub Branch	Fire Reel and Reel Box	\$10,928	\$5,464
RSL Jurien Bay Sub Branch	Chairs and Tables	\$15,148	\$7,574
Central West Senior Citizen group (Inc)	New sporting equipment	\$8,544	\$3,735
		<b>\$146,543</b>	<b>\$72,733</b>

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CONSULTATION

- Advance Dandaragan
- Badgingarra Community Association
- Cervantes Ratepayers and Progress Association
- Jurien Bay Progress Association
- Tronox Management

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There is no statutory environment implications associated with this item.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Shire of Dandaragan Policy 6.1 – Sport and Recreation Funding.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council's 2026/27 annual municipal budget has not yet been adopted; however, it is anticipated that an amount of \$25,000 will be set aside in that budget for the Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund. Tronox has once again contributed matching funding, resulting in an expected total funding pool of \$50,000.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Shire of Dandaragan Council Plan

Priority Outcome	Initiatives
The Shire has an active community development program supporting events, cultural development and community building activities.	Foster community empowerment by leveraging the Shire's grants program to assist community groups to achieve their objectives.

ATTACHMENTS

Circulated with the agenda are the following items relevant to this report:

- Tronox & Shire of Dandaragan Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund Assessment Criteria (Doc Id: SODR-437506902-14199)
- Minutes of the Tronox Shire of Dandaragan Grant Committee meeting on 2 June 2026 (Doc Id: SODR-437506902-16372)
- 6.1- Sport and Recreation Funding Policy (Doc Id: SODR-461937211-1658)

**(Marked 9.1.3)**

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved Cr Young, seconded Cr Johnson**

**That Council:**

- 1. Receive the minutes from the Tronox Shire of Dandaragan Grant Committee meeting on 2 June 2026.**
- 2. Endorse the Grant Committee's recommendation to**

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**approve the following grant applications for the Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund for the 2026/2027 financial year:**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Project Cost (\$)</b>	<b>Grant (\$)</b>
Badgingarra Community Association	Mezzanine Area Blinds	\$2,914	\$1,457
Badgingarra Community Association	Seating around oval	\$5,585	\$2,792
Cervantes Horse Club	Day yards	\$4,671	\$2,335
Dandaragan Community Centre	Function Furniture Upgrade	\$4,960	\$2,480
Jurien Bay Bowling Club	Replacement Seating	\$3,219	\$1,609
Jurien Bay Progress Association	Replacement food trailer	\$47,000	\$23,500
Jurien Bay Sport and Recreation	Upgrade air conditioning system	\$20,684	\$10,342
Central West Senior Citizen group (Inc)	New sporting equipment	\$8,544	\$3,735

**3. Endorse the Committee's recommendation not to approve the following grant applications for the Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund for the 2026 / 2027 financial:**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Project Cost (\$)</b>	<b>Grant (\$)</b>
Cervantes Football Club	Scoreboard	\$10,140.00	\$0
Jurien Sport & Recreation Centre	Neon Sign	\$12,750	\$0
RSL Jurien Bay Sub Branch	Fire reel and reel Box	\$10,928.10	\$0
RSL Jurien Bay Sub Branch	Chairs and Tables	\$15,148.65	\$0

**CARRIED 7 / 0**

**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson, Cr Young,  
Cr Johnson, Cr Glasfurd, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil**

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*Cr Krakowiak declared an impartiality interest in Item 9.1.4 being the President of the Jurien Sport and Recreation Centre committee.*

*Cr O’Gorman declared an impartiality interest in Item 9.1.4 being the Treasurer of the Jurien Bay Progress Association.*

#### **9.1.4 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Location:	N/A
Applicant:	Shire of Dandaragan
Folder Path:	Doc Id: SODR-1876983588-1459
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date	28 May 2026
Author:	Makayla Hendry, Community Development Officer
Senior Officer:	Rhiarn Sutton, Manager Customer and Community Services

#### PROPOSAL

The purpose of this report is to authorise the allocation of funds for the Shire of Dandaragan Community Grants for 2026/27.

#### BACKGROUND

The 2026/27 financial year represents the eighteenth consecutive year of the Shire of Dandaragan Community Grants Program. The program provides financial assistance to eligible community organisations and initiatives that deliver social, economic, recreational, arts or cultural benefits to residents of the Shire. Funding provided through the program is intended to contribute to project delivery and supplement other funding sources, rather than represent the sole source of financial support.

In accordance with the Shire of Dandaragan Policy 5.1 – Community Grants, the promotion of the 2026/27 grant round began in April 2026 when the grant program was advertised via Shire newsletters, on social media and in local newspapers around the Shire. The objective of the Community Grants is to provide funds to community-based organisations and individuals, to support the promotion and development of social, economic, recreation, art and cultural benefits for the residents of the Shire of Dandaragan.

#### COMMENT

For the 2026/27 financial year, the total Community Grants Program budget is anticipated to be \$30,000, subject to Council’s adoption of the budget. The grants program received 19 applicants, with the total funding requests amounting to \$39,534. As requests exceeded the available funding, the assessment panel prioritised applications based on program criteria and anticipated community benefit.

The following table provides a summary of applications received:

ORGANISATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	GRANT REQUEST
Advance Dandaragan Inc	Christmas Under the Gums Dandaragan Town Party	\$2,500
Badgingarra Community Association	2027 Badgingarra Community Cricket Match	\$1,700

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Badgingarra Community Association	Christmas Party	\$2,500
Central West Coast Senior Citizen group	Christmas Function for Senior citizen Jurien Bay	\$2,500
Cervantes Bowls Club	2026-27 Cervantes Ladies and Men's Open Fours	\$1,500
Cervantes Historical Society	WA Fishers Lost at Sea (FLATsea) Presentation	\$1,220
Dandaragan Bowls Club	Ladies Open Day	\$1,000
Dandaragan Bowls Club	International Women Day	\$2,500
Dandaragan Bowls Club	Fresh Water Fours	\$1,000
Dandaragan P&C	Student Disco Night	\$2,050
Jurien Bay Men Shed	2027 Jurien Bay Easter Fair	\$2,500
Jurien Bay Progress Association	Family Fun Day	\$2,500
Jurien Bay Progress Association	Blessing of the Fleet	\$2,500
Jurien Bay Progress Association	Turquoise Coast Festival	\$2,500
Jurien Bay Herbarium Group	Plant Give Away	\$2,500
Jurien Sport and Recreation Centre	Halloween Disco	\$2,500
Sandy feet Arts	Flock to the Festival	\$2,064
Turquoise Coast Basketball Association	Tiny Tots (3-4 years) Basketball Program	\$2,000
All Bar None	Turquoise Coast Festival of Running	\$2,000
	TOTAL	\$39,534

The applications received reflected a broad range of community-led events, activities and initiatives across the Shire, with requests generally aligned to the intent of the Community Grants Program. Given the round was oversubscribed, the Committee was required to consider the relative community benefit, alignment with the program objectives, eligibility of expenditure and the extent to which each proposal demonstrated broader participation or Shire-wide benefit.

The Community Grants Committee (which consists of Councillors Sharon Young, Councillor Wayne Gibson, and Councillor Steph Krakowiak) met on 28 May 2026 to consider the applications. The following commentary summarises the key matters considered by the Committee in assessing the applications and provides context for the recommended allocation of funding.

The Committee determined that the applications submitted by the Cervantes Bowls Club (Open Days) and Dandaragan Bowls Club (Ladies Open Day and Fresh Water Fours) did not sufficiently demonstrate broader community participation and were therefore not recommended for funding.

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A late application was received from All Bar None. In accordance with the Community Grants Program Guidelines, the Committee exercised its discretion to consider the application, recognising the significant benefit the event is expected to provide to the wider community.

The application submitted by Sandy Feet Arts was deemed eligible; however, while annual insurance costs were included in the application, the Committee recommended funding only the portion of insurance directly attributable to the event.

The application submitted by the Central West Coast Senior Citizens Group was received before the closing date. During preliminary assessment, it was identified that supporting information remained outstanding. The Committee subsequently considered the application and its supporting documentation as part of the assessment process.

The Jurien Bay Progress Association submitted three applications. After being successful in the Economic Grant, The Jurien Bay Progress withdrew two of the applications leaving in Family Fun Day.

### CONSULTATION

Community Grants Committee

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There is no statutory environment relevant to this item.

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with Shire of Dandaragan Policy 5.1 – Community Grants.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has made provision in the annual budget to allocate 0.5% of the gross yield of budgeted rates income to fund recurring and annual community grants. In 2026/2027, the total Community Grant budget was \$30,000.

### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Community Plan – Envision 2029

<b>Community</b>	The Shire's resident population will be the fastest growing population in the region supported by increased community recreation and cultural opportunities and access to key livability factors such as health and wellbeing services and educational opportunities.
<b>Priority Outcome</b>	A Shire built on the strengths of community spirit and resilient, connected communities.
<b>Our role</b>	Recognise and support the value of our community volunteers and provide meaningful opportunities to contribute to Shire projects and improving local living.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Circulated with the agenda is the following item relevant to this report:

- Shire of Dandaragan Policy 5.1 – Community Grants (Doc Id: SODR-878193511-2771)

***(Marked 9.1.4)***

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved Cr Glasfurd, seconded Cr Young**

**That Council:**

**1. Fund the following grant applications to the below amount:**

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>GRANT AWARDED</b>
Advance Dandaragan Inc	Christmas Under the Gums Dandaragan Town Party	\$2,500
Badgingarra Community Association	2026 Badgingarra Community Cricket Match	\$1,700
Badgingarra Community Association	Christmas Party	\$2,500
Central West Coast Senior Citizen Group	Christmas Function for senior citizen Jurien Bay	\$1,500
Cervantes Bowls Club	2026-27 Cervantes Ladies and Men's Open Fours	\$0
Cervantes Historical Society	WA Fishers Lost at Sea (FLATsea) Presentation	\$1,220
Dandaragan Bowls Club	International Women's Day	\$2,500
Dandaragan Bowls Club	Ladies Open Day	\$0
Dandaragan Bowls Club	Fresh Water Fours	\$0
Dandaragan P&C	Student Disco Night	\$2,050
Jurien Bay Men Shed	2027 Jurien Bay Easter Fair	\$2,500
Jurien Bay Herbarium Group	Plant give-away	\$2,500
Jurien Sport and Recreation	Halloween Disco	\$2,500
Jurien Bay Progress Association	Family Fun Day	\$2,500
Jurien Bay Progress Association	Blessing of the Fleet	withdrawn
Jurien Bay Progress Association	Turquoise Coast Festival	withdrawn
Sandy Feet Arts	Flock to the Festival	\$2,064
Turquoise Coast Basketball Association	Tiny Tots (3-4years) Basketball Program	\$2,000
All Bar None	Turquoise Coast Festival of Running	\$2,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,034.00</b>

**CARRIED 7 / 0**

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**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson, Cr Young,  
Cr Johnson, Cr Glasfurd, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil**

### **9.1.5 REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT APPLICATIONS 2026/27**

Location:	N/A
Applicant:	Shire of Dandaragan
Folder Path:	Doc Id: SODR-437506902-13281
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	4 June 2026
Author:	Makayla Hendry, Community Development Officer
Senior Officer:	Rhiarn Sutton, Manager Customer & Community Services

#### PROPOSAL

The purpose of this report is to authorise the allocation of funds for the Shire of Dandaragan Environmental Grant Program for 2026/27.

#### BACKGROUND

On 24 September 2019, Council endorsed the establishment of the Environmental Grants Program in accordance with the attached guidelines and allocated \$30,000 from the Protection of the Environment budget to support the program.

The core objectives of the program are as follows:

- Benefit the environment through local projects.
- Involve the local community in project design and delivery.
- Raise awareness and understanding of environmental and sustainability issues.
- Support people to take action and share skills and knowledge about the local environment.
- Build the capacity of the community to address environmental sustainability.
- Deliver short-term tangible environmental results that are consistent with the Shire's long term environmental sustainability direction.

This will be the seventh year of the Shire of Dandaragan Environmental Grant Program. The program provides financial assistance to support environmental projects and initiatives and is intended to supplement, rather than be the sole source of project funding.

Local organisations and community groups were invited to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 for eligible environmental projects on public or private land. Applicants were also able to seek funding commitments over multiple years where a clear need could be

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demonstrated, such as where Council's commitment was required to secure external funding or where projects required implementation over several years to achieve meaningful environmental outcomes.

**COMMENT**

For the 2026/27 financial year, the total Environmental Grants Program budget was \$30,000. The Grants Program received three applications with a total funding request of \$30,000:

ORGANISATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	GRANT REQUEST
Jurien Bay Regional Herbarium Group	Weed Eradication Program	\$10,000
Coastal renewal Group	Environmental Sustainability	\$10,000
Dandaragan CRC	Solar Energy Storage System	\$10,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

The Environmental Grants Program guidelines are intentionally broad in scope to encourage a diverse range of environmental projects and initiatives for consideration on their individual merits.

Applications received were assessed by the assessment panel (consisting of Chief Executive Officer and Manager Customer and Community Services) and evaluated against the following criteria:

- Extent to which the project benefits the local natural environment. Applicant's capacity to deliver a well-planned project, including applicant's experience, skills and time.
- Extent to which the project aligns with the Shire of Dandaragan Strategic Community Plan.
- Level of volunteer participation and wider community participation.
- Extent to which the project provides community education and capacity building.
- Extent to which the applicant is contributing towards funding the project.

A review of the applications was undertaken:

Project	Benefits	Recommendations
Foreshore Weed Eradication Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Demonstrated effectiveness in controlling identified invasive weed of significance.</li> <li>▪ Build on previous control treatments.</li> <li>▪ Allows revegetation of native planting to re-establish in order to stabilise coastal dunes</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aligned with Shire's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide before and after images for reporting and promotional purposes.</li> <li>▪ Provide completed report to Council/Shire demonstrating agricultural and environmental outcomes.</li> <li>▪ Project coordinator to provide project plan (breakdown) for promotion and display purposes.</li> <li>▪ Coordinate eradication and</li> </ul>

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	<p>Coastal Hazard Risk Management Action Plan (CHRMAP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aligns with Shire of Dandaragan Council Plan environmental aspirations.</li> </ul>	<p>rehabilitation work in collaboration with Shire Parks and Gardens schedule</p>
Solar energy storage system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Benefits local environment by reducing emissions, lowering fossils fuel and promoting sustainable energy practices.</li> <li>▪ As a community group entity, the CRC can help prove the benefits for others to consider the value of adding solar / battery to their energy supply.</li> <li>▪ CRC ability to remain open and operate during power outages which has parallel community benefits.</li> <li>▪ Electricity usage will be monitored and energy savings generated by solar system.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Obtain all required approvals for installation prior to project commencement.</li> <li>▪ Funding should be conditional on the applicant making project outcomes publicly available, including information on energy generation, battery storage performance and estimated emissions reductions, to support community education and awareness of renewable energy options.</li> </ul>
Coastal renewal Group - Establishment project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coastal dune rehabilitation and revegetation across the Turquoise Coast</li> <li>▪ Community education and awareness programs.</li> <li>▪ Alignment with WA Coastal Zone Strategy, Shire of Dandaragan's Town Planning Scheme Number 7, Coastal Recreational Tracks Masterplan 2025 and CHARMAP</li> <li>▪ Alignment with the Shire of Dandaragan Strategic Plan</li> <li>▪ The project will deliver significant environmental benefits through coastal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There is a risk that, without an established membership base, the group may not successfully form or sustain operations, resulting in limited outcomes and potential inefficiencies in the use of grant funding.</li> <li>▪ Funding should therefore be linked to clear establishment milestones, including confirmed membership, incorporation, and governance arrangements, prior to or alongside release of funds.</li> <li>▪ The strategic plan should guide the group's priorities and activities, with the grant used to support its</li> </ul>

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	<p>restoration, dune rehabilitation, and protection of vulnerable ecosystems, contributing to long-term coastal resilience.</p>	<p>delivery rather than being the primary motivation for the group's formation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It is recommended that the group revise and resubmit the application for future grant rounds.</li> </ul>
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The panel recommends:

- Funding the Foreshore Weed Eradication Program, recognising its immediate environmental benefits, proven track record, and strong alignment with current strategic priorities.
- Funding the Battery Back-up System on the basis that it will deliver a practical sustainability demonstration within a community facility, rather than provide a private commercial benefit. The Dandaragan CRC is a community-based organisation that provides public access to services, programs and information. Installation of a solar and battery system will reduce the environmental footprint of a shared community facility, demonstrate practical renewable energy adoption to local residents, and provide an opportunity for the CRC to monitor and share energy use and savings information with the community.

The panel does not recommend funding the Coastal Renewal group project at this time, noting that the group would benefit from further organisational development. It was recommended that the group establish a formal structure and operational capacity independent of the grant funding before seeking support in future funding rounds.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no statutory implications relevant to this item.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There is no current policy associated with this proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has provided annual budget allocations towards the Environmental Grants program over the past 6 years. Any

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commitments made through this Council decision will be finalised as part of the 2026/27 budget process.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

**Shire of Dandaragan Council Plan**

<b>Priority Outcome</b>	<b>Initiatives</b>
We deliver, support and endorse projects that improve and enhance our natural environment.	Continue to provide an annual funding round for environmental grants targeting initiatives that improve our local environment

**ATTACHMENTS**

Circulated with the agenda are the following items relevant to this report:

- Shire of Dandaragan Environmental Grants Program Guidelines 2026-27: (Doc Id: SODR-437506902-13286)
- Application for Environmental Grants: (Doc Id: SODR-437506902-16406)

**(Marked 9.1.5)**

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved Cr Glasfurd, seconded Cr Krakowiak  
That Council:**

- 1. Approve the following grant applications for the Shire of Dandaragan Environmental Grant for the 2026/2027 financial year,**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Jurien Bay Regional Herbarium Group	Foreshore Weed Eradication	\$10,000
Dandaragan CRC	Solar Energy Storage System	\$10,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

- 2. Decline the following grant application:**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Coastal Renewal Group	Coastal Renewal	\$0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**CARRIED 7 / 0**

**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson, Cr Young,  
Cr Johnson, Cr Glasfurd, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil**

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*Cr O’Gorman declared an impartiality interest in Item 9.1.6 being the Treasurer of the Jurien Bay Progress Association.*

### **9.1.6 ALLOCATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDS**

Location:	N/A
Applicant:	Shire of Dandaragan
File Reference:	Doc Id: SODR-1876983588-3029
Disclosure of Interest:	The Author discloses an impartiality interest due to being a member of the Turquoise Coast committee.
Date:	15 June 2026
Author:	Rhiarn Sutton, Manager Customer and Community Service
Senior Officer:	Brent Bailey, Chief Executive Officer

#### **PROPOSAL**

The purpose of this report is for Council to approve the allocation of funds for the annual Shire of Dandaragan Economic Development Grant for 2026/27.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The objective of the Economic Development Grant is to support small businesses to deliver projects that align with the Council’s economic development strategic priorities and demonstrate economic benefits for the Shire of Dandaragan.

Council policy gives provision for \$40,000 per annum within the annual budget for the Economic Development Grant. To be considered for a grant applicants must meet the eligibility criteria, submit a complete application inclusive of a project plan, be 'project ready' and agree to contribute not less than 50% of their total project cost.

Applicants can apply for up to \$40,000 on a co-contribution basis of not less than 50% of the cost of the project.

Promotion of the annual Economic Development Grant program is via the Shire Matters newsletter, direct email to businesses, business advocacy groups within the Shire, social media posts, and community newsletters.

For the 2026/27 Economic Development Grant round, grant applications were invited from 1 March – 30 April, with independent review of the applications being completed by officers during May.

#### **COMMENT**

Two grant applications were received and assessed as part of the 2026/27 Economic Development Grant round. As both applications requested \$10,000 each, the total grant pool allocation was reduced from \$40,000 to \$20,000 to reflect the level of demand in this funding round. The applications reviewed were as follows:

Business Name/Organisation	Project Title	Project Cost	Grant Requested

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Jurien Bay Progress Association	Turquoise Coast Festival	\$59,000	\$10,000
Cervantes Historical Society	Cervantes Music Muster 2026	\$25,590	\$10,000

The Turquoise Coast Festival is considered a justified project, demonstrating strong alignment with Council's goals of promoting tourism, supporting local business, and strengthening community development. As an established event with growing attendance, it is expected to deliver significant economic benefits to Jurien Bay, particularly by increasing visitation during a quieter period. The application shows strong financial backing through co-contributions and sponsorship, as well as proven organisational capacity to deliver a large-scale event. Community involvement is a key strength, with participation from local groups, schools, and businesses, contributing to social cohesion and regional identity.

The Cervantes Music Muster is considered a justified project, aligning with Council's objectives to support economic development, tourism, and community engagement. The proposed event is expected to attract both local residents and visitors, generating increased economic activity for local businesses, including accommodation, hospitality, and retail sectors. The application demonstrates strong community collaboration and provides opportunities for local participation, while also contributing to the diversification of the region's events calendar. The applicant's co-contribution and commitment to measuring economic impact further support the project's viability and accountability. Overall, the event represents a well-planned, community-driven initiative with clear economic and social benefits for Cervantes.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

There is no statutory environment relevant to this item.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

In accordance with Council Policy 5.6 - Economic Development Grant

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council has made provision in the annual budget to allocate \$40,000 to Economic Development Grant.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Dandaragan Council Plan - Prosperity

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<b>Priority Outcomes</b>	<b>Our Roles</b>
Our region is celebrated as a major contributor to the State's food production with a diverse range of agricultural, fishery and horticultural enterprises.	Collaborate with local industry to maximise economic returns by supporting and advocating research and development initiatives that have local relevance.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Circulated with the agenda are the following items relevant to this report:

- Shire of Dandaragan Policy 5.6 - Economic Development Grant Policy (Doc Id: SODR-461937211-1304)
- EDG Summary – 2026/2027 Review of Economic Development Grant Applications (Doc Id: SODR-437506902-16343)
- Economic Development Grant Applications Combined (Doc Id: SODR-437506902-16423)

**(Marked 9.1.6)**

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved Cr Johnson, seconded Cr Krakowiak**

**That Council approve the following grant applications for the Shire of Dandaragan Economic Development Grant 2026/27:**

<b>Business Name/Organisation:</b>	<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Grant Awarded:</b>
Jurien Bay Progress Association	Turquoise Coast Festival	\$10,000
Cervantes Historical Society	Cervantes Music Muster	\$10,000

**CARRIED 7 / 0**

**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson, Cr Young,  
Cr Johnson, Cr Glasfurd, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil**

### 9.1.7 SELECTION OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FOR 2026/27

Location:	N/A
Applicant:	Shire of Dandaragan
File Reference:	Doc Id: SODR-437506902-16399
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	11 June 2026
Author:	Makayla Hendry, Community Development Officer
Senior Officer:	Rhiarn Sutton, Manager Customer & Community Services

#### PROPOSAL

For Council to endorse the recommended recipient of the Youth Scholarship for 2026/27.

#### BACKGROUND

The Shire of Dandaragan allocates funding from its youth budget to support a Youth Development Program. In partnership, the Shire of Coorow has also committed funding to support one participant from their Shire. The fully funded placements will be offered through a scholarship program for eligible local youth aged 15 to 18, providing an opportunity to participate in either the Leeuwin Voyager or Outward-Bound Expedition.

This program offers a unique opportunity for young people to learn about responsibility, working within a team, personal development and leadership skills.

In recent years, the scholarship program has seen the following outcomes:

- 2018: One application received and awarded
- 2019: Two applications received and one awarded
- 2020: No applications received due to COVID
- 2021: Program not run due to COVID
- 2022: Four applications received and one awarded
- 2023: Five applications received and one awarded
- 2024: Two applications received and two awarded
- 2025: Two applications received and one awarded

As a part of the scholarship process, successful applicants are invited to attend a Shire Council meeting to speak about their experience of participating in the Expedition.

#### COMMENT

For the 2026/27 financial year, an allocation of up to \$2,500 has been included in the Shire's annual budget to support a young person to attend either the Leeuwin Voyage or Outward Bound expedition, with an additional \$2,500 to be contributed from the Shire of Coorow's budget.

In May 2026, the Shire promoted the scholarship via Jurien Bay District High School, in addition to promoting in the Shire Matters newsletter, on the Shire website and social media.

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One application was received within the advertised period:

- Max Jason Phillip Kite, Coorow

The application was reviewed by Shire of Dandaragan staff for:

1. The applicant's engagement in the application process.
2. Whether the application was complete and the applicant eligible.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funding for the Youth Scholarship is already allocated within Council's 2026/27 Annual Budget.

External contributions have also been secured, with the Shire of Coorow confirming its financial contribution to its respective grant recipient.

No additional unbudgeted expenditure is required as a result of this recommendation.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Dandaragan Council Plan

<b>Priority Outcome</b>	<b>Initiative</b>
The Shire has an active community development program supporting events, cultural development and community building activities.	Actively deliver and promote youth opportunities and events.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Circulated with the agenda is the following item relevant to this report:

- Max Jason Phillip Kite Outward Bound Application (Doc Id: SODR-437506902-13827)

***(Marked 9.1.7)***

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved Cr Gibson, seconded Cr Lethlean**

**That Council endorses the award of the 2026/27 Youth Scholarship to Max Jason Phillip Kite.**

**CARRIED 7 / 0**

**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson, Cr Young,  
Cr Johnson, Cr Glasfurd, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil**

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### 9.1.8 RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Location:	Shire of Dandaragan
Applicant:	Not Applicable
File Reference:	Doc Id: SODR-1034602345-12644
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	16 June 2026
Author:	Rebecca Pink, Executive Manager Corporate Services
Senior Officer:	Brent Bailey, Chief Executive Officer

#### PROPOSAL

In preparation for the 2026/27 budget, Council is requested to authorise the transfer of unspent budget items to various Reserve accounts.

#### BACKGROUND

At the end of each financial year, any budget allocations that remain unspent as at 30 June ordinarily form part of the Shire's closing surplus. This surplus is then considered during preparation of the following year's budget.

Where unspent amounts remain in the municipal fund, they are unrestricted and may be applied generally to assist in balancing the next annual budget. This is appropriate for a range of operating allocations, including items such as legal expenses, advertising, utilities, fees and charges, where the original purpose does not need to be preserved beyond year end. However, where unspent funds relate to works, programs or initiatives that support an asset's level of service, it is appropriate that those funds be preserved for that same general purpose rather than being treated as unrestricted surplus.

The Shire maintains a number of cash-backed reserve accounts for specific purposes. Transferring identified unspent amounts to the relevant reserve ensures the funds remain quarantined for their intended use and are available to support future renewal, replacement or service-related expenditure consistent with the purpose of each reserve.

#### COMMENT

A review of budgeted expenditure against actual expenditure near the end of the financial year has identified several unspent allocations that relate to projects or purposes that should remain restricted for future use.

The following table identifies these amounts and the recommended reserve the money should be placed in;

Project	Total Remaining Budget Funds	Applicable Reserve Account
Motorisation Cervantes Waste Tip Hopper - Contractor restraints	\$30,000	Rubbish Reserve

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Dog Pound – Project commenced	\$20,000	Building Construction Reserve
Cervantes Niche Wall Construction – Project commenced	\$39,000	Infrastructure Construction Reserve
Jurien Bay CBD Plan New Ablution Block – Project review underway	\$195,000	Building Construction Reserve
Housing Support Project – HSP2 Funding Received but not spent	\$1,950,000	Infrastructure Construction Reserve
Plant Purchases – Heavy Equipment deferred to 2026/27	\$900,000	Plant Reserve
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,134,000.00</b>	

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

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**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

It is recommended that \$3,134,000 be transferred from the municipal fund to various Shire reserves as follows:

- Building Construction Reserve \$215,000
- Infrastructure Construction Reserve \$1,989,000
- Plant Reserve \$900,000
- Rubbish Reserve \$30,000

This will result in a reduction in the overall closing surplus of the Shire as at 30 June 2026 of \$3,134,000.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**ATTACHMENTS**

Circulated with the agenda is the following item relevant to this report:

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- Capital Acquisitions List to 15 June 2026 (Doc Id: SODR-1034602345-12645)

**(Marked 9.1.8)**

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved Cr Lethlean, seconded Cr Young**

**That Council authorise a budget amendment to transfer:**

- 1. \$215,000 to the Building Construction Reserve;**
- 2. \$1,989,000 to the Infrastructure Construction Reserve;**
- 3. \$900,000 to the Plant Reserve; and**
- 4. \$30,000 to the Rubbish Reserve**

**from the estimated financial year end surplus in the Shire of Dandaragan's municipal fund.**

**CARRIED 7 / 0**

**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson, Cr Young,  
Cr Johnson, Cr Glasfurd, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil**

### 9.1.9 APPLICABILITY OF RATE NOTICE ASSESSMENT NO. 5934 – EXPLORATION LICENCE E70/05524

Location:	Shire of Dandaragan
Applicant:	David Howell, HiTech Silica WA
File Reference:	Doc Id: SODR-2042075298-143427
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	16 June 2026
Author:	Rebecca Pink, Executive Manager Corporate Services
Senior Officer:	Brent Bailey, Chief Executive Officer

#### PROPOSAL

That Council considers the request from DASAMEJA Pty Ltd (HiTech Silica WA) for a retrospective refund of rates levied on Exploration Licence E70/05524 and determines that no further refund be granted beyond the adjustment already applied following Landgate advice.

#### BACKGROUND

The Shire has levied rates on Assessment No. 5934 (Exploration Licence E70/05524) over a number of financial years in accordance with valuation and tenure information provided by Landgate. Based on the valuation provided by Landgate the assessment was always rated minimums ranging from \$540 - \$930 per annum.

In April 2026, the landholder, represented by Mr David Howell, requested a full refund of rates paid over approximately five years, asserting that the tenement was incorrectly rated given that another local government (Shire of Gingin) also levied rates over the same exploration licence. The landholder's argument is also formed on the basis that the vast majority of the tenement is located in the Shire of Gingin, and a smaller part of the tenement is in the Shire of Dandaragan and not serviced by any Shire of Dandaragan infrastructure. The area of the tenement is shown below, noting that



The applicant's argument that the tenement is not serviced by Shire of Dandaragan infrastructure is also not determinative of whether rates were validly levied. Local government rates are a broad-based statutory revenue mechanism and are not calculated solely by reference to the direct infrastructure or service benefit received by an individual property or tenement. Across the district, rateable properties have varying levels of access to roads, drainage, waste, community facilities and other local government services (in this case the tenement area is serviced by a Shire of Dandaragan Road – Hunter Road). This variation does not, of itself, alter the rateability of land where the land is within the district and a valuation has been provided by the Valuer General.

The key issue for Council is whether retrospective refunds should be applied where rates were levied in accordance with the information formally provided by the Valuer General at the time.

Under the *Local Government Act 1995 (WA)*:

- Section 6.28 requires a local government to impose rates on rateable land within its district.
- Section 6.29 provides that the amount of rates is to be calculated based on the valuation of land as determined under the *Valuation of Land Act 1978*.
- Section 6.33 requires the use of valuations supplied by the Valuer General.

The Shire does not have authority to substitute or disregard these valuations or tenure details based on third-party advice or interpretation.

Further, while Section 6.52 provides for the refund of rates in certain circumstances, this is generally limited to situations where there has been an overpayment, error, or adjustment based on corrected valuation information. In this case, the Shire has already applied the adjustment arising from Landgate's formal notification of the tenement status change.

The Shire administration's position remains that:

- Rates were levied in good faith and in accordance with statutory obligations and Landgate advice at the relevant time;
- No formal retrospective amendment to valuation or rateability has been issued by Landgate; and
- There is no legislative basis to support a retrospective refund beyond the date of the confirmed tenement change.

While the applicant has mentioned advice obtained from other agencies, including DMIRS, such advice does not override the statutory requirement to rely on valuations and tenure information issued by the Valuer General.

Notwithstanding the officer assessment above, Council may form the view that an additional rates reduction or refund is appropriate

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having regard to the specific circumstances of this matter, including the limited portion of Exploration Licence E70/05524 located within the Shire of Dandaragan, the applicant's representations regarding limited direct benefit from Shire infrastructure or services, and the fact that rates were also levied by another local government.

Council may consider that, while rates are not imposed on a strict fee-for-service basis, the minimum rate may have produced a disproportionate rates burden and that a discretionary reduction or refund is reasonable as a matter of fairness, without accepting that the original rating was legally invalid. Any such decision should be recorded as exceptional, without prejudice, and not establishing a general precedent for mining tenements or other rateable land crossing local government boundaries. An alternative motion supporting this position is provided as follows:

*That Council:*

1. *Receives the request from DASAMEJA Pty Ltd (HiTech Silica WA) for a retrospective refund or reduction of rates associated with Assessment No. 5934, Exploration Licence E70/05524;*
2. *Acknowledges that rates were levied by the Shire in accordance with valuation and tenure information formally provided by Landgate at the relevant time;*
3. *Determines, having regard to the particular circumstances of this matter, including the limited portion of the exploration licence located within the Shire of Dandaragan, the applicant's representations regarding limited direct benefit from Shire infrastructure and services, and the fact that rates were also levied by another local government in relation to the same exploration licence, that a discretionary rates reduction/refund be approved;*
4. *Approves a rates reduction/refund of \$3,691.69 for Assessment No. 5934;*
5. *Confirms that the decision is made on an exceptional and without-prejudice basis having regard to the specific circumstances of Assessment No. 5934 and does not establish a general precedent for rates objections, mining tenements, or properties crossing local government boundaries.*

**CONSULTATION**

- Landgate – provided valuation and tenure data and confirmation of tenement status
- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) – referenced by applicant

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- Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries – declined to provide advice due to parallel Ombudsman consideration
- Applicant (DASAMEJA Pty Ltd / HiTech Silica WA)]

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The matter is governed by the *Local Government Act 1995 (WA)* and associated legislation, including:

- Section 6.28 – Requirement to levy rates on rateable land
- Section 6.29 – Basis of rates (valuation of land)
- Section 6.33 – Adoption and use of Valuer General valuations
- Section 6.36 – Imposition of rates and service charges
- Section 6.52 – Refunds of rates

Valuations are determined under the *Valuation of Land Act 1978 (WA)*, and local governments are bound to apply these valuations without discretion to independently vary or disregard them

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Approval of a full retrospective refund of \$3,691.69 would result in an unbudgeted financial impact and may establish a precedent for similar claims where statutory processes have been correctly followed.

Maintaining the current position limits the Shire's financial exposure to the adjustment already processed.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This matter highlights the importance of adherence to statutory processes and reliance on official valuation authorities to ensure consistency, transparency, and governance integrity in rating practices.

#### ATTACHMENTS

Circulated with the agenda is the following item relevant to this report:

- Email Correspondence between the Shire and DASAMEJA Pty Ltd regarding Assessment No. 5934 (Doc ID: SODR-2042075298-159712

**(Marked 9.1.9)**

#### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved Cr Young, seconded Cr Lethlean  
That Council:**

1. Notes the request from DASAMEJA Pty Ltd (HiTech Silica WA) for a retrospective refund of rates associated with Assessment No. 5934 (Exploration Licence E70/05524); and
2. Determines, pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1995*, that no further refund be granted for rates levied prior to the date of Landgate's formal confirmation of the tenement status; and
3. Confirms that the adjustment already processed represents the full and final refund in accordance with Section 6.52 of the Act.

**CARRIED 7 / 0**

**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson, Cr Young,  
Cr Johnson, Cr Glasfurd, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil**

### 9.3 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

*Cr Glasfurd declared a financial interest in Item 9.3.1 and left the meeting at 4.07pm.*

#### 9.3.1 AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL – REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO TERM OF APPROVAL FOR WADDI SOLAR FARM

Location:	Lot 105 Mullering Road, Cooljarloo & Lot 3899 Mullering Road, Cataby
Applicant:	Tilt Renewables
File Reference:	Doc Id: SODR-1262144384-41549
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15 June 2026
Author:	Alex MacKenzie, A/Executive Manager Development Services
Senior Officer:	Not Applicable

#### PROPOSAL

Tilt Renewables seeks an extension to the substantial commencement date for the approved solar farm development from 29 September 2026 to 29 September 2031 (a five-year extension). This request is made to ensure that the approval remains valid while the coordinated delivery program for both the wind and solar farms is completed and the solar farm proceeds to construction.

#### BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 29 September 2016, the Mid-West/Wheatbelt Joint Development Assessment Panel approved the development application for a solar farm upon the listed properties. This approval was granted for a period of 5 years until the 29 September 2021 (approval condition 3). The proponent subsequently made a written

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application to the Shire on 28 September 2021 to extend this approval for a further 5 years until 29 September 2026. Concurrently, Tilt Renewables has also progressed the Waddi wind farm on the same site pursuant to a separate development approval (DA#52/25 granted 26 June 2025).

To demonstrate that all efforts have been made to progress and realise the solar farm development, the application explains that to-date Tilt Renewables has:

- Progressed construction of the wind farm, including the access tracks, substation and transmission line that will facilitate future development of the solar farm;
- Held meetings with Western Power to understand progress towards development of the Clean Energy Link – North and Mid West Energy Project transmission augmentation works;
- Undertaken technical analysis of the need for firming technologies to support stable grid export from the solar farm; and
- Conducted high-level market sounding to test market appetite, structure and pricing for long-term power purchase agreements.

**COMMENT**

*Reasonableness of the Requested Extension*

The solar and wind farm projects are intended to be delivered in a coordinated sequence and share certain site infrastructure including access tracks, a substation and parts of the transmission line. Construction of the solar farm has been delayed, primarily due to delays in obtaining third-party approvals required for the wind farm, affecting the overall development program for the site.

The extension period reflects the time required to finalise third-party approvals and complete construction, testing and commissioning of the wind farm and associated shared infrastructure, and then to mobilise and commence solar farm construction. It also provides a realistic timeframe to complete grid connection processes and final commercial arrangements including power offtake and, if required, firming solutions. Granting the extension will avoid unnecessary re-approval processes for a development that has already been assessed and approved, while maintaining the Shire's appropriate oversight through the existing approval framework and conditions.

*Consistency with Planning Framework and Previous Approval*

The approved development remains consistent with the intended use of the site and the planning objectives for the locality, and the key impact pathways (including visual, traffic, noise and environmental considerations) are of a type that continue to be routinely assessed and managed through contemporary renewable energy approvals.

It is recommended Council approve the extension to the term of approval on the basis that such approval does not involve a change to the use or development as previously approved, or any other conditions of development approval. The decision relates solely to the period of time upon which construction of the solar farm must be substantially commenced.

### CONSULTATION

Consultation was not required as the amendment sought does not propose to materially alter the development or land-use the subject of the application.

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

77. Amending or cancelling development approval
- (1) An owner of land in respect of which development approval has been granted by the local government may make an application to the local government requesting the local government to do any or all of the following —
    - (a) to amend the approval so as to extend the period within which any development approved must be substantially commenced;
    - (b) to amend or delete any condition to which the approval is subject;
    - (c) to amend an aspect of the development approved which, if amended, would not substantially change the development approved;
    - (d) to cancel the approval.
  - (2) An application under subclause (1) —
    - (a) is to be made in accordance with the requirements in Part 8 and dealt with under this Part as if it were an application for development approval; and
    - (b) may be made during or after the period within which the development approved must be substantially commenced.
  - (3) Despite subclause (2), the local government may waive or vary a requirement in Part 8 or this Part in respect of an application if the local government is satisfied that the application relates to a minor amendment to the development approval.
  - (4) The local government may determine an application made under subclause (1) by —
    - (a) approving the application without conditions; or
    - (b) approving the application with conditions; or
    - (c) refusing the application.

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*This request was made in accordance with Clause 77(1)(a) of the Deemed Provisions. As the development was originally approved by a Development Assessment Panel, Regulation 17A of the Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011 applies to this application. Under this regulation, the proponent can elect either the applicable Development Assessment Panel or the Shire to determine their time request amendment application, in this case the proponent has chosen the Shire. As result of this the Shire must determine the application and send the determination to the Development Assessment Panel Secretariat.*

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no local policy implications relevant to this item.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The applicable application fee of \$295 has been paid.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Shire of Dandaragan Council Plan

<b>Prosperity</b>	The region will experience economic and population growth with increasing economic opportunities, diversifying primary production and a vibrant visitor economy.
<b>Priority Outcomes</b>	Our Shire has a contemporary land use planning system that responds to, and creates, economic opportunities.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Circulated with the agenda are the following items relevant to this report:

- Attachment 1 – Application Cover Letter (Doc ID: SODR-1262144384-41309)
- Attachment 2 – Development Approval 2021 (Doc ID: SODR-1262144384-41552) – ELECTRONIC ONLY
- Attachment 3 – JDAP Approval 2016 (Doc ID: SODR-1262144384-41550) – ELECTRONIC ONLY

**(Marked 9.3.1)**

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved Cr Krakowiak, seconded Cr Lethlean  
That Council:**

- 1. In accordance with Clause 77(4)(a) of the Deemed Provisions of the *Shire of Dandaragan Local Planning Scheme No.7* approves the application submitted by Waddi Wind Farm Pty Ltd to extend the period for substantial commencement of the approved solar farm on Lots 105 and Lot 3899 Mullering Road (Cooljarloo & Cataby) by 5 years to **29 September 2031; and****

**2. Advise the Development Assessment Panel Secretariat of this decision.**

**CARRIED 6 / 0**

**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson,  
Cr Young, Cr Johnson, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil**

*Cr Glasfurd re-entered the meeting at 4.08pm and the CEO advised of the decision.*

### **9.3.2 ECONOMIC GROWTH PLAN UPDATE**

Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
File Reference:	Doc Id: SODR-757425863-4419
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	17 June 2026
Author:	Alex MacKenzie, A/Executive Manager Development Services
Senior Officer:	Not Applicable

#### **PROPOSAL**

In 2025 the Shire undertook to update the *Jurien Bay Growth Plan 2012* (2012 Growth Plan) to reflect a significantly different, and rapidly evolving, growth context. Co-funded by the Wheatbelt Development Commission, the *Shire of Dandaragan Growth Plan update 2026* (See Attachment 1 and 2) provides high-level direction for the next-step actions that are needed to build the evidence base to support advocacy and forward strategic planning.

This report presents the key points of the *Shire of Dandaragan Growth Plan Update 2026* (2026 Growth Plan) and Action Plan (See Attachment 3) for Council's endorsement.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 2011, Jurien Bay was selected as one of nine inaugural 'Super Towns' by the State Government under the Royalties for Regions Regional Centres Development Plan (Super Towns) initiative. Super Towns recognised the role and importance of regions and towns to the Western Australian economy, and that regional economic development is essential to the growth, amenity improvements and functionality of sustainable communities.

In the 'Super Towns' context, the 2012 Growth Plan sought to provide a coordinated approach to transform Jurien Bay from a small coastal settlement to a regional city. The 2012 document provided the strategic outlook to align with Royalties for Regions (RfR) funding opportunities.

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While a non-statutory, strategic document, the 2026 Growth Plan provides evidence to advocate for servicing and infrastructure funding, inform the Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme, and support future structure planning and rezoning. The 2026 Growth Plan reinforces and supports the implementation of the following strategic documents:

- Shire Strategic Community Plan
- Local Planning Strategy (2020)
- State Planning Strategy 2050
- Wheatbelt Regional Planning Framework

### COMMENT

The 2026 Growth Plan responds to a growth context that has changed substantially since 2012. The Shire is part of Western Australia's emerging renewable energy corridor (Figure 10, with an established grid connection that has already attracted wind and solar approvals and proposals (Figure 2), positioning it for significant investment and associated workforce demand.

*Figure 1 – WA's Emerging Renewable Energy Corridor*



The combination of favourable wind resources, land availability, and transmission access means the region can capture investment and

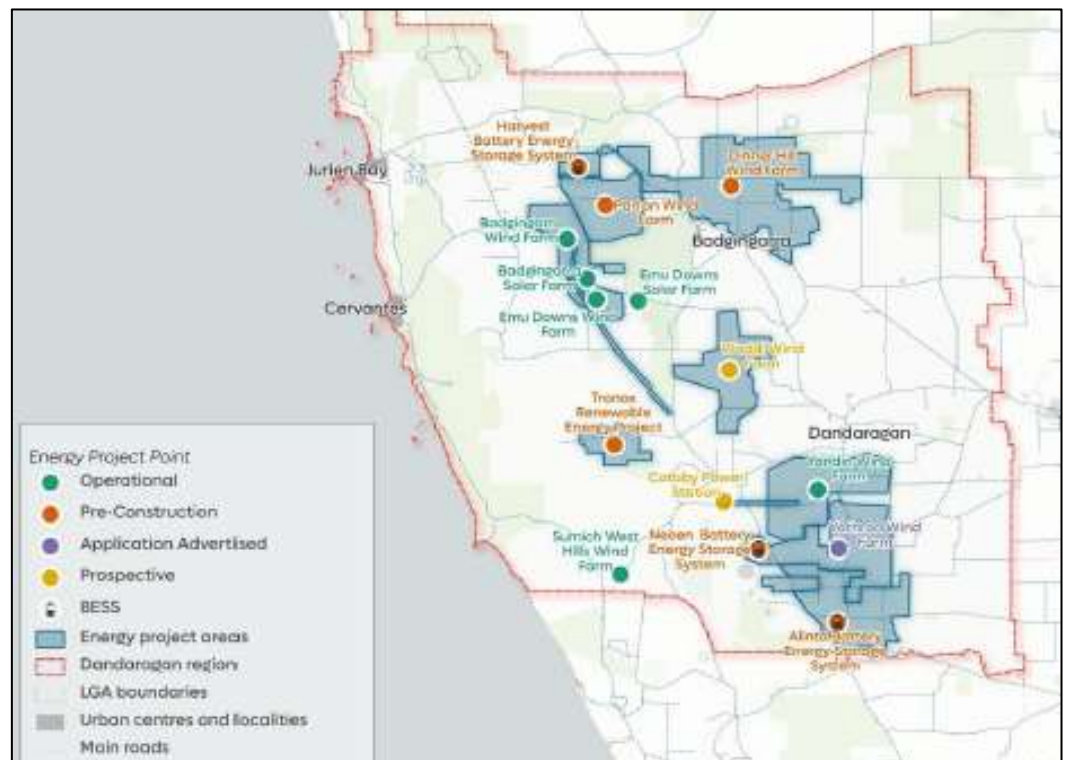
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local employment benefits from Australia's net-zero transition. Strategic planning will be essential to respond to and manage the pace of infrastructure rollout, coordinate workforce needs, and ensure community values and the environment are protected.

A key theme of the 2026 Growth Plan that has not changed is the understanding that forward infrastructure and land-use planning is essential to enabling and driving growth. Accordingly, the updated plan provides an evidence-based framework to:

- Quantify the impacts of major projects
- Identify infrastructure, land and housing requirements
- Align local planning with State priorities
- Support coordinated advocacy and funding (i.e. for key services)

*Figure 2 – The Shire of Dandaragan Renewable Energy Corridor*



While the Shire's transition into a State-significant growth corridor driven by a \$10+ billion renewable energy pipeline presents a new driver of growth; the 2026 Growth Plan also recognises the opportunity to leverage and respond to increasing trends of lifestyle migration, workforce relocation, and growth in tourism, trends in large part driven by the Shire's location within 2 hours of Perth (See Figure 3)

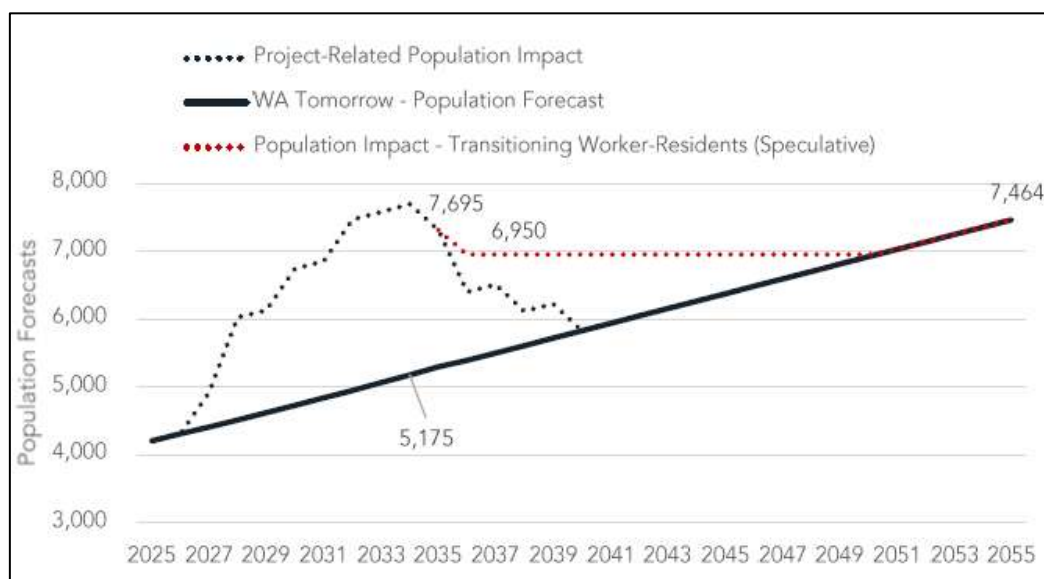
Figure 3 – Map Showing Western Australia’s Coastal Growth Areas within 2-hours of Perth



The Shire’s proximity to Perth and Geraldton means that, with the right land use, housing and infrastructure decisions, the Shire can help support WA’s labour market. Nearly a third of regional migrating Perth residents choose the Wheatbelt region as a lifestyle destination (including the Shire of Dandaragan).

Population growth is projected to significantly exceed WA Tomorrow medium band forecasts, with the Shire expected to reach forecast growth levels up to 10 years earlier than previously anticipated. Based on the major project pipeline and associated workforce requirements outlined in the 2026 Growth Plan, the Shire’s population may reach approximately 7,500 by 2035 (as shown below in Figure 4).

Figure 4 – Forecast Population Impact from Major Projects (Geografia 2025)



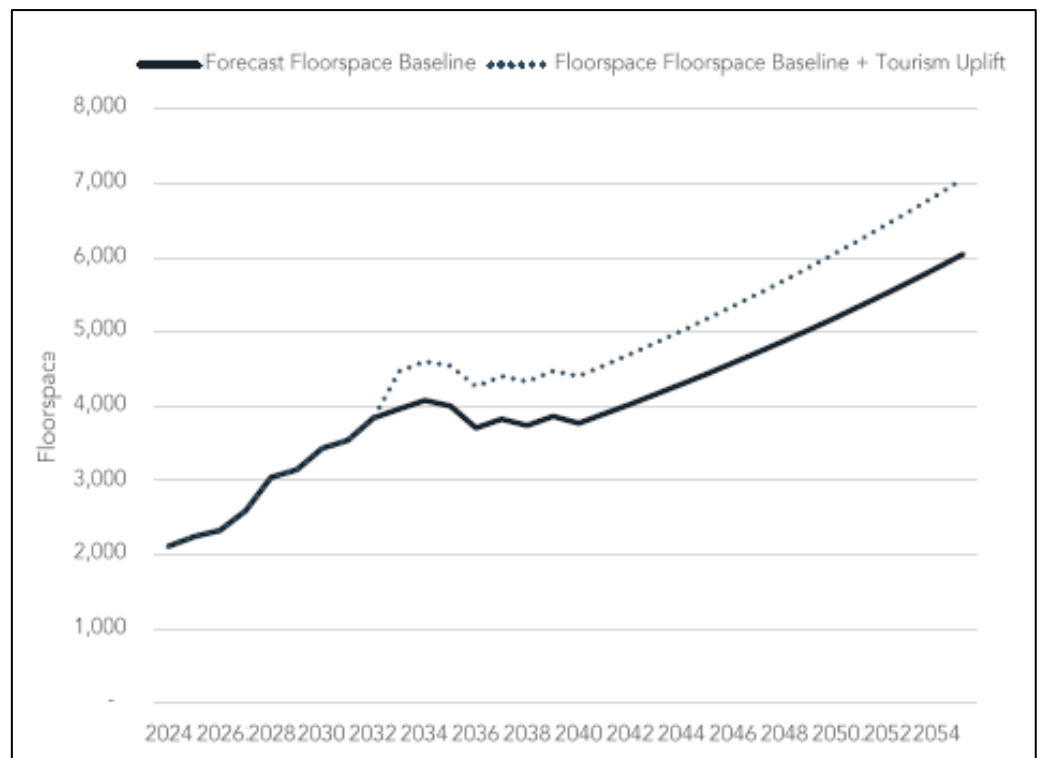
A key message of the updated plan is that existing infrastructure is not designed for projected growth levels. Informed by the Shire's recently completed *Industrial Land Demand Review 2026*, the 2026 Growth Plan highlights that a lack of servicing (water, sewer, power) means that the Shire will have insufficient serviced land to support >1,000 FTE workforce at peak demand and major project benefits will not fully accrue to the Shire. Housing supply is also functionally constrained with demand expected to exceed available supply by ~2029.

In essence, growth is not constrained by a lack of available zoned land — but rather, it is constrained by inadequate servicing of this land including from an infrastructure, coordination of services and investment perspective. The consequence of this is that there is, already a lack of development ready land. Without proactive action housing shortages will worsen and economic opportunities may be lost.

The 2026 Growth Plan '*Growing Community – Growing Demand for Services and Liveability*' section reveals that the Shire's social infrastructure is also under increasing pressure. The child population demographic (ages <15) is expected to increase by 180% –195% by 2033. Total young resident population (under 35 years old) is projected to more than double over the next decade. Families and working-age residents are moving in at a faster rate than the existing social infrastructure can accommodate. Added to this, inadequate school capacity, childcare, GP services and aged care are also emerging challenges as communities within the Shire continue to attract both retirees and young families.

As Perth's population grows, and tourism destinations in the South West reach capacity and congestion, the Shire is strategically located to benefit from the next wave of domestic tourism market in WA. Spend Map data shows that visitors now generate up to 45% of total monthly expenditure during peak periods, with expectations of doubling into the future. This is placing pressure on roads, parking, foreshore assets, emergency services, and township CBDs.

*Figure 5+ – Projected Commercial Floorspace Demand (Tourism Led)*



*Realising Strategic Opportunities: Implementation of the Growth Plan*

The 2026 Growth Plan outlines that with coordinated action the Shire can become a key regional growth engine and develop into a fully serviced regional hub supporting:

- Energy transition
- Population distribution
- Tourism expansion
- Economic diversification

The 2026 Growth Plan implementation framework is structured around five key themes:

- Jurien Bay is the anchor for long-term growth, expected to accommodate the majority of the future population and regional-centre functions.

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- Infrastructure capacity is the binding constraint—particularly water, wastewater, power, health, education, emergency services and ageing-in-place facilities.
- Seasonal tourism, high levels of holiday homes and a mobile workforce create unique pressures on housing, servicing and community infrastructure.
- Renewable energy, agriculture, nature-based tourism, and lifestyle migration continue to be the Shire’s major opportunities, but all require coordinated land-use, environmental management, and infrastructure planning.
- Coastal hazard risk is now a core planning consideration, shaping the future form and sequencing of development in both Jurien Bay and Cervantes.

The Growth Plan identifies seven priority areas for coordinated action:

1. Infrastructure & Servicing: Unlock land through coordinated water, sewer, power and drainage investment.
2. Housing & Land Supply: Deliver a Shire-wide Land Supply Plan and coordinated land release.
3. Economic Development & Major Projects: Support renewable energy, industrial land, and supply chain opportunities.
4. Tourism & Place Development: Invest in foreshore, town centres and visitor infrastructure.
5. Coastal Adaptation: Implement long-term coastal resilience and risk management.
6. Social Infrastructure: Plan early for schools, health, childcare and community services.
7. Monitoring & Adaptive Planning: Establish data-driven decision-making and ongoing plan review.

Despite constraints, the 2026 Growth Plan highlights significant opportunities with the Shire of Dandaragan to:

- Unlock 5,000+ residential lots through infrastructure-led sequencing.
- Position the Shire as a renewable energy and logistics hub.
- Grow Jurien Bay into a Regional Centre-scale town.
- Expand tourism into longer-stay, higher-value experiences.
- Support value-added agriculture and agri-processing.
- Attract clean industry and data/infrastructure investment.
- Leverage State and Commonwealth funding through strong advocacy.

*Next Steps – Strategic Actions*

The background analysis supporting the Growth Plan update shows that the Shire of Dandaragan’s growth trajectory is achievable, but only with early, proactive and partnership-driven action. Priority actions include:

- Preparation of a Shire-wide Land Supply Plan.
- Fast-tracking servicing upgrades.
- Industrial and logistics land planning.
- Workforce accommodation planning.
- Social infrastructure coordination with State agencies.
- Tourism infrastructure and precinct planning.
- Development of a growth sequencing and infrastructure contributions framework.

The Growth Plan outlines a clear opportunity to attract population, accommodate project workforces, support renewable energy development, and grow the coastal tourism sector. The Shire can become a fully serviced regional hub that supports WA’s energy, tourism and economic diversification strategies.

However, to do this the Shire must be fully serviced, connected, and infrastructure ready. The Shire of Dandaragan’s 2026 Growth Plan update is achievable, but only with early, proactive and partnership-driven action.

CONSULTATION

Preparation of the 2026 Growth Plan included:

- Engagement with State agencies.
- Industry and infrastructure providers.
- Review of demographic, economic and land supply data.
- Alignment with regional and State planning frameworks.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Not applicable

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Shire of Dandaragan Council Plan

<b>Prosperity</b>	The region will experience economic and population growth with increasing economic opportunities, diversifying primary production and a vibrant visitor economy.
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<b>Priority Outcomes</b>	Our Shire has a contemporary land use planning system that responds to, and creates, economic opportunities.
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The Growth Plan directly supports the 'Prosperity' objective of "A contemporary land use planning system that responds to, and creates, economic opportunities." It establishes a clear pathway to:

- Enable economic growth
- Support population expansion
- Improve liveability and infrastructure outcomes
- Position the Shire as a regional growth centre

### ATTACHMENTS

Circulated with the agenda are the following items relevant to this report:

- Attachment 1 – Shire of Dandaragan Growth Plan Update (Executive Summary) (Doc ID: SODR-757425863-4420)
- Attachment 2 - Shire of Dandaragan Growth Plan Update (Background Report) (Doc ID: SODR-757425863-4421)
- Attachment 3 – Shire of Dandaragan Growth Plan: Action Plan (Doc ID: To Be Distributed)

**(Marked 9.3.2)**

### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved Cr Gibson, seconded Cr Young**

**That Council endorse the Shire of Dandaragan Growth Plan Update 2026 Reports and Action Plan.**

**CARRIED 7 / 0**

**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson, Cr Young,  
Cr Johnson, Cr Glasfurd, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil**

### **9.3.3 INDUSTRIAL LAND NEEDS REVIEW**

Location:	Shire of Dandaragan (Various Industrial Precincts)
Applicant:	N/A
File Reference:	Doc Id: SODR-877026889-12366
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15 June 2026
Author:	Janine Eriksson, Strategic Planning Coordinator
Senior Officer:	Alex MacKenzie, A/Executive Manager Development Services

### PROPOSAL

This report presents the *Shire of Dandaragan Industrial Land Needs Review (June 2026)* (ILNR) for Council consideration and adoption. The ILNR was prepared to assess current and future industrial land requirements for the Shire of Dandaragan to 2036. It provides an evidence-based framework to guide land use planning, infrastructure investment, and State and Regional funding applications (including Regional Development Assistance Program) (See Attachment 1: Industrial Land Needs Review June 2026).

Table 8 of the ILNR translates the findings of the report into objectives, actions, responsibilities, and timeframes. The table is structured around four core objectives:

- Forecast and monitor the demand and supply of industrial land.
- Activate and maintain a continuous supply of industrial land.
- Coordinate land use planning and land assembly.
- Economic development, Attract investors, and Grant Funding

The ILNR reveals that the Shire has approximately 140 hectares of industrial zoned land across several areas (Seville, Carmella, Coalseam, Badgingarra and Dandaragan Industrial Areas), however only approximately 41 hectares is developed and serviced. Assessment of existing industrial areas indicates that 96% of serviced land is already occupied, with only 1.5–2 hectares available (predominantly inland at Badgingarra). Demand is projected for 32–42 hectares of additional serviced land by 2036, which is equivalent to 3–4 hectares (12–16 lots) per annum.

This report outlines priority considerations for Council regarding the Coalseam Industrial Area, identified as the primary location for future industrial land expansion. It highlights the need to progress coordinated planning to guide zoning, staging and servicing of the Industrial area and surrounding area, alongside advancing critical wastewater infrastructure through a Capital Prioritisation Request to the Water Corporation. Further detail on these matters, including ongoing engagement with key agencies, is provided below.

### BACKGROUND

The Industrial Land Needs Review (ILNR) has been prepared in response to ongoing historical and increasing demand for industrial land driven by population growth, major renewable energy investment and broader economic transition within the Shire. The draft *Shire of Dandaragan Growth Plan 2026* identifies that the Shire is entering a period of accelerated growth associated with renewable energy development, migration and infrastructure investment, which is placing significant pressure on land supply, services and infrastructure systems.

Within this context, industrial land plays a critical role in supporting both construction-phase activity and longer-term industries such as logistics, agri-processing, and renewable energy servicing.

### COMMENT

The ILNR has been developed using a structured methodology incorporating market analysis, stakeholder engagement and infrastructure assessment. The ILNR provides an updated assessment of industrial land capacity and demand to ensure the Shire is positioned to respond to these opportunities while managing constraints associated with servicing and infrastructure delivery. The ILNR findings confirm a significant shortfall in serviced industrial land and without intervention, these constraints will limit economic growth.

Demand patterns indicate that the Shire of Dandaragan requires a mixed estate approach, comprising small to mid-sized lots for day-to-day local industry (approximately 1,000m<sup>2</sup> to 5,000m<sup>2</sup>), alongside a supply of larger lots (greater than 1 hectare) to support regionally oriented transport and logistics activities. Market analysis and community engagement findings have identified a clear demand for the designation of an Industrial Area capable of serving a subregional function. This area would need access to RAV 7 routes and the capacity to accommodate large lot configurations to support freight, logistics, and emerging State priorities for industrial diversification. The ILNR recommends undertaking a site selection investigation process to determine the most suitable location for these larger-format lots.

The Coal Seam Industrial Area is identified as the primary location for expansion. In the short to medium term, lot release can be facilitated through the subdivision process. Planning investigations are recommended to guide medium to long term land assembly, as well as coordination with the adjacent Jurien Bay Airport, Parks and Recreation reserve, proposed Indian Ocean Drive alignment, and infrastructure provision and staging. These investigations will include technical reports (i.e. environmental, stormwater, servicing, heritage, bushfire etc) to inform the relevant planning processes (including planning scheme amendments and subdivision approvals) to ensure orderly and efficient development, aligned with strategic planning objectives.

Engagement with the Water Corporation confirms that water and wastewater infrastructure constraints are limiting development. In particular, delivery of a wastewater pump station and associated infrastructure is required to unlock further subdivision of industrial land at the Coal seam Industrial Area.

The Shire of Dandaragan's industrial areas are currently serviced by reticulated water. While existing supply is adequate for current use, additional capacity is dependent on upgrades identified in the Water Corporation's capital works program. A new production bore is planned for completion by 2027, which is expected to increase annual supply for the townsite by approximately 100ML (from the current capacity of 450ML per year). At this stage, it is uncertain whether this additional capacity will be sufficient to support future

development at Coalseam. Further upgrades are not currently included in the 5-year capital works program, with longer-term water sources in planning over a 7–10-year timeframe.

Development WA, as a member of the ILNR Working Group, has indicated its willingness to support a developer-led process with the Water Corporation, including preparation of a Capital Prioritisation Request (Attachment 2) on behalf of the Shire for the wastewater pump station servicing the Coalseam Industrial Area. This request is necessary to seek inclusion of the infrastructure in the Water Corporation capital works program, as it is not currently funded. The ILNR provides justification for this request and demonstrates the economic importance of servicing upgrades.

### CONSULTATION

The Industrial Land Needs review included the following community and stakeholder engagement processes:

- Technical working group
- Industry, Business and Landowners Survey
- Liaison with State Agency/Service Agency Stakeholders

The Technical working group included Shire of Dandaragan officers, and representatives from the Wheatbelt Development Commission and Development WA.

The ILNR included targeted engagement with local businesses and industry operators via an Industrial Land Needs Survey. The engagement outcomes are detailed in Appendix B of the ILNR (See Attachment 1). The findings of this engagement align with broader economic observations that constraints in infrastructure and land supply are limiting the Shire's ability to attract and retain investment and workforce.

The ILNR included an infrastructure and servicing review, drawing on consultation with the Water Corporation and other servicing agencies. Meetings were held between the Water Corporation and the Technical Working Group regarding the capital works program and forecast methodologies that inform the program. Some of the report's recommended actions are now progressing to address information requirements to review the current situation. Overall, agencies that provided advice have supported the content of the report recommendations.

It is recommended that upon adoption, the ILNR be uploaded to the website for public review, with notification provided to community members and businesses that participated in the survey, advising them of the outcomes.

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

N/A

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**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The ILNR aligns with the draft Shire of Dandaragan Growth Plan 2026 and the Economic and Tourism Development Strategy, both of which identify the need for infrastructure investment and the provision of serviced industrial land to support economic growth.

The actions and recommendations arising from the ILNR may, over time, be incorporated into strategic planning documents or progressed through statutory planning processes. However, at this stage, the report is intended to support adopted strategies that inform the Council Plan and does not form part of the Shire's formal Local Planning Framework.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of engaging Econisis to prepare the Market Needs Analysis has been approximately \$18,000. The ILNR has otherwise been prepared inhouse.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

*Shire of Dandaragan Council Plan*

<b>Prosperity</b>	Advocate for Development WA and other agencies to release industrial land to support local economic growth
	Support the Yued Aboriginal Corporation to achieve their goals in land development and increasing economic opportunities for Traditional Owners.
	Advocate with local essential services providers - Water Corporation and Western Power
	Partner with State agencies in the delivery of essential service upgrades and extensions

*Economic and Tourism Development Strategy*

<b>Planning</b>	Have sufficient land stocks available to accommodate new residential and industrial investment within the Shire.
	Identify airport development opportunities that are consistent with the Jurien Bay Airport Masterplan.
<b>Investment Attraction</b>	Identify upcoming investment pipeline and leverage construction activity opportunities for local businesses.
	Promote Jurien Bay Industrial area subdivision expansion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support Development WA subdivision process for the Coalseam Industrial area expansion.</li> <li>• Explore opportunities to develop the Jurien Bay Airport / industrial / service area.</li> </ul>
<b>Advocacy and Infrastructure Development</b>	Ensure there are no infrastructure barriers that restrict the effective development of key sites e.g. former Apex Camp site, Jurien Bay, Coalseam Industrial Area.

*Shire of Dandaragan Local Planning Strategy 2020*

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Extract from Local Planning Strategy Map states, 'provide for industry growth through expansion of the Coal Seam Industrial Area'.



### Actions – Commerce/Retail and Industry

2. Support staged development of land for industrial purposes in the Shire's settlements based on the current functions and future requirements.
3. Manage potential conflicts between industrial development and surrounding sensitive land uses.

### Jurien Bay

3. Provide for industry growth through the expansion of the Coalseam Road Industrial Area and ensure separation from sensitive land uses in accordance with draft State Planning Policy 4.1.

### Cervantes

5. Consolidate industrial land uses within the existing Cervantes industrial area and ensure separation from sensitive land uses in accordance with (draft) State Planning Policy 4.1. Jurien Growth Plan 2012.

### Rural Enterprise

2. Investigate the insertion of a Rural Enterprise Zone into the Scheme, consistent with the model zone in the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015, State Planning Policy 2.5 and the Rural Planning Guidelines, to allow for small scale industrial uses with residential development.

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Section 4.18 Matters that need to be addressed to enable future expansion of the Coalseam Road Industrial Area are the need for:

- Native title clearance
- Environmental assessment
- Extension of services

#### ATTACHMENTS

Circulated with the agenda are the following items relevant to this report:

- Attachment 1 – Shire of Dandaragan Industrial Land Needs Review June 2026 (Doc Id: SODR-877026889-12485) – ELECTRONIC ONLY
- Attachment 2 – Capital Prioritisation Request (Doc Id: SODR-877026889-12487)

**(Marked 9.3.3)**

#### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple majority

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved Cr Young, seconded Cr Lethlean**

**That Council:**

- 1. Adopts the Shire of Dandaragan Industrial Land Needs Review (June 2026).**
- 2. Endorses the submission of a Capital Prioritisation Request by Development WA to the Water Corporation, seeking inclusion of wastewater infrastructure required to service the Coal seam Industrial Area within the Corporation's current Capital Works program.**

**CARRIED 7 / 0**

**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson, Cr Young,  
Cr Johnson, Cr Glasfurd, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil**

## 9.4 GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

### 9.4.1 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON - AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Location:	Shire of Dandaragan
File Reference:	Doc Id: SODR-1739978813-9982
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	10 June 2026
Author:	Kristy Dean, Administration Officer
Senior Officer:	Rebecca Pink, Executive Manager Corporate Services

#### PROPOSAL

Council is asked to appoint Mr Shane Ivers, Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Irwin, as independent Chairperson of the Shire of Dandaragan Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) for a two-year term. Council is also asked to appoint a Deputy Chairperson from the two applications received through the Expression of Interest process, being Mr Peter Scharf and Mr Eddie Oldroyd.

The appointment forms part of a reciprocal professional support arrangement between the Shires of Dandaragan and Irwin. Under this arrangement, the Shire of Dandaragan's CEO has been approved by the Shire of Irwin Council as their independent Chairperson of the Irwin Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee. The model provides both local governments with cost-effective access to senior independent expertise, supports regional cooperation and aligns with contemporary governance practice.

#### BACKGROUND

Recent State Government reforms require the appointment of suitably experienced external members to support audit, risk and improvement committee functions, including leadership roles such as Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson by 30 June 2026. Following the legislative changes, the Shire's administration explored resource sharing the CEO as a suitable independent chair with the Shire of Irwin as a cost neutral means of implementing the new requirements. In subsequent discussions with Councillors, this was generally supported to be progressed to formal decision making.

In regional Western Australia, reciprocal arrangements between neighbouring local governments provide an efficient way to secure independent oversight and strengthen regional governance capability.

Mr Shane Ivers is the current CEO at the Shire of Irwin and is well regarded within the sector and brings senior leadership experience, strong governance knowledge and independence from the Shire of Dandaragan's operations.

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A Deputy Chairperson is also required to support continuity of committee leadership and chair meetings when the Chairperson is unavailable. Two applications from members of the public were received through the Expression of Interest process, being Mr Peter Scharf and Mr Eddie Oldroyd. The details of each application are provided within the agenda report attachments.

### COMMENT

The reciprocal arrangement provides the following benefits:

- **Strengthened independence:** Each local government receives independent oversight from an experienced CEO who has no operational involvement in the host organisation.
- **Good governance:** An external Chair supports transparent and accountable committee oversight.
- **Cost effectiveness:** Sharing senior expertise reduces consultancy costs while maintaining quality oversight.
- **Regional collaboration:** The arrangement supports cooperation and consistency in governance and risk management practices.
- **Shared learning:** Participation in another local government's committee provides exposure to different audit, risk and control environments.

While the officer recommendation presents the reciprocal arrangement with the Shire of Irwin as the most advantageous pathway, Council retains discretion to determine the most appropriate appointment structure for the Committee. This may include appointing one of the independent applicants as Chairperson, resolving not to proceed with the proposed reciprocal arrangement with the Shire of Irwin, appointing Mr Ivers as Deputy Chairperson rather than Chairperson, or selecting another combination of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson roles from the candidates available. Any alternative pathway should continue to satisfy the independence, capability and continuity objectives of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee reforms.

### CONSULTATION

An Expression of Interest for the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson positions was advertised on the Shire of Dandaragan website and Facebook pages from 1 May 2026. The closing date was later extended to 29 May 2026. To further support community awareness of the Expression of Interest process, information was also circulated by email to community groups across the district. This formed part of the broader consultation and promotion process and was not intended to target or preference any specific individual, organisation or sector.

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

- *Local Government Act 1995*
- *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*
- *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The appointments are consistent with the Shire's Risk Management Policy and strengthen independent audit and risk oversight.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson are independent ARIC members and may be paid a meeting attendance fee of \$608.00 per meeting in accordance with s.5.100 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. Independent members may also claim reimbursement for private vehicle use to attend committee meetings at the Australian Taxation Office rate of \$0.88 per kilometre

Under the proposed reciprocal arrangement with Irwin, each Shire would receive an equal allocation of the CEO resource which would not be invoiced either way. The arrangement would be reviewed periodically and if one local government was requiring a higher level of service, billing arrangements can be enacted to recover costs.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Circulated with the agenda are the following items relevant to this report:

- Audit in Local Government: Operational Guidelines (Doc Id: SODR-1739978813-9985)
- LG Alert (Doc Id: SODR-1739978813-9658)
- Shire of Irwin 28 April 2026 – Confirmed Minutes Extract (Doc Id: SODR-1739978813-9984)
- EOI Application – Mr Peter Scharf – CONFIDENTIAL (Doc Id: SODR-1739978813-9987)
- EOI Application – Mr Eddie Oldroyd – CONFIDENTIAL (Doc Id: SODR-1739978813-9986)

**(Marked 9.4.1)**

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Appoints Mr Shane Ivers, Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Irwin, as the independent Chairperson of the Shire of Dandaragan Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a two-year term commencing immediately;
2. Appoints [Mr Peter Scharf / Mr Eddie Oldroyd] as Deputy Chairperson of the Shire of Dandaragan Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a two-year term commencing immediately;

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3. Notes the reciprocal arrangement under which the Shire of Dandaragan CEO will serve as an independent member on the Shire of Irwin Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee; and
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise all necessary arrangements relating to the appointment, scheduling and administrative support.

**COUNCIL DECISION 1**

Moved Cr Lethlean, seconded Cr Johnson

That Council:

1. **Appoints Mr Shane Ivers, Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Irwin, as the independent Chairperson of the Shire of Dandaragan Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a two-year term commencing immediately.**

**COUNCIL DECISION 2**

Moved Cr Gibson, seconded Cr Glasfurd

That Council:

2. **Appoints Mr Peter Scharf as Deputy Chairperson of the Shire of Dandaragan Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a two-year term commencing immediately;**
3. **Notes the reciprocal arrangement under which the Shire of Dandaragan CEO will serve as an independent member on the Shire of Irwin Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee; and**
4. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise all necessary arrangements relating to the appointment, scheduling and administrative support.**

**CARRIED 7 / 0**

**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson, Cr Young,  
Cr Johnson, Cr Glasfurd, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil**

**9.4.2 POLICY 7.9 - VERGE BOND REVIEW**

Location:	Shire of Dandaragan
Applicant:	N/A
File Reference:	Doc Id: SODR-461937211-1722
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	15 June 2026
Author:	Lauren Miles, Human Resources Coordinator
Senior Officer:	Bradley Pepper, Executive Manager Infrastructure

**PROPOSAL**

That Council review and endorse the proposed amendments to Policy 7.9 - Verge Bond.

**BACKGROUND**

Policy 7.9 - Verge Bond, provides guidance to builders and contractors regarding verge bonds and outlines processes to ensure any damage to Shire assets during construction is rectified at no cost to the Shire.

A review of the policy has been undertaken to improve clarity, strengthen definitions, and ensure the policy reflects current operational practices.

**COMMENT**

The reviewed policy introduces clearer definitions, including “Applicant”, “Damage”, and “Verge Assets”, providing improved understanding of responsibilities and scope.

Additional detail has been included to:

- Clarify the types of developments that require a verge bond.
- Strengthen pre- and post-construction processes, including inspection requirements.
- Formalise timeframes for rectification of damage.
- Introduce a dispute resolution process.
- Reinforce that responsibility for damage rests with the Building Permit applicant.

These changes ensure improved transparency, consistency, readability and enforceability of the policy.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This report relates to Policy 7.9 - Verge Bond. Adoption of the reviewed policy will replace the existing version.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Verge Bond ensures that costs associated with damage to Shire infrastructure are borne by the applicant and not the Shire.

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Bond values will continue to be set annually in the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

The policy supports asset management and financial sustainability by protecting Shire infrastructure and ensuring accountability for damage caused during development.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Circulated with the agenda are the following items relevant to this report:

- Policy 7.9 Verge Bond (Doc Id: SODR-878193511-2778)
- Policy 7.9 Verge Bond Reviewed (Doc Id: SODR-461937211-1724)

**(Marked 9.4.2)**

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved Cr Young, seconded Cr Johnson**

**That Council review and endorse the revised Policy 7.9 - Verge Bond as presented.**

**CARRIED 7 / 0**

**FOR: Cr O’Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson, Cr Young,  
Cr Johnson, Cr Glasfurd, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil**

**9.4.3 ADOPTION OF CIVIL WORKS BOND POLICY – INCLUSION IN SHIRE POLICY MANUAL**

Location:	Shire of Dandaragan
Applicant:	N/A
File Reference:	Doc Id: SODR-461937211-1725
Disclosure of Interest:	None
Date:	12 June 2026
Author:	Eilish Collinson Coordinator Infrastructure Services
Senior Officer:	Brad Pepper, Executive Manager Infrastructure

**PROPOSAL**

Council is asked to endorse the draft Civil Works Bond Policy for the purpose of public advertising. The draft policy has been prepared to establish a consistent framework for the lodgement, management, use and release of bonds associated with civil infrastructure works undertaken by developers, contractors and other third parties where those works affect, connect to, or become Shire assets. Following the public advertising period, any submissions received will be reviewed and a further report will be

presented to Council to consider whether to adopt the policy, with or without modification.

### BACKGROUND

The Shire may approve subdivision, and development works that involve the construction of civil infrastructure such as roads, drainage, water, and public asset. To protect the Shire's interests and ensure works are completed to required standards, it is standard practice to require a financial security (bond) from developers.

There is currently no formal, Council adopted policy guiding consistent application, risk management, and transparency.

The development of a formal Civil Works Bond Policy will:

- Provide clear dictation to developers and staff
- Ensure consistent and equitable application
- Mitigate financial risks to the Shire
- Align with best practice local government asset protection frameworks

### COMMENT

The policy is intended to reduce risk to the Shire and the community by ensuring appropriate security is held where civil works are required as part of subdivision, development, verge works, drainage works, road construction, reinstatement works or other infrastructure-related activities. It provides guidance on when a bond may be required, the form and value of the bond, circumstances in which a bond may be called upon, and the process for releasing a bond once works are completed to the Shire's satisfaction.

Endorsement for public advertising does not constitute final adoption of the policy. The purpose of advertising is to provide transparency and allow developers, contractors, utility providers, community members and other interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed framework before Council makes a final policy decision.

The draft policy has been developed in response to the need for greater consistency in managing the financial and operational risks associated with third-party civil works. In the absence of a clear policy position, bond requirements may be applied inconsistently or negotiated on a case-by-case basis, which can create uncertainty for applicants and increase administrative risk for the Shire.

Civil works undertaken by external parties can create a direct risk to Shire assets, public safety and the standard of local infrastructure if works are incomplete, defective, delayed or not reinstated to an acceptable standard. A bond mechanism provides the Shire with practical financial security to complete, rectify or reinstate works where the responsible party fails to meet its obligations.

The proposed policy also supports improved customer service by documenting expectations at the outset of a project. This includes identifying the circumstances in which a bond may be required, the acceptable form of security, how bond values are calculated, the inspection and completion requirements, and the process for bond release.

The public advertising process will allow the Shire to test the draft policy with those most likely to be affected by its implementation. This is particularly important as the policy may apply across a range of development, construction and reinstatement scenarios, and the feedback received may assist in refining the policy before it is presented to Council for final adoption.

Should Council endorse the draft policy for advertising, officers will arrange for the draft to be publicly advertised for comment. Submissions received during the advertising period will be assessed and summarised in a subsequent report. Council will then be asked to consider the submissions and determine whether to adopt the policy, amend the draft policy, or decline to proceed.

#### CONSULTATION

- Internal consultation undertaken with Infrastructure, Finance and Planning Teams
- Policy drafted in alignment with standard practices across local governments.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The policy supports Councils responsibilities under relevant legislation, including:

- *Local Government Act 1995*
- Planning and Development requirements
- Duty of Care in managing public Infrastructure assets

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The policy implications at this stage are procedural only, as Council is not being asked to adopt the policy at this meeting. If adopted following advertising, the policy will be included in the Shire's Policy Manual and will guide future administrative decision-making in relation to civil works bonds.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications of endorsing the draft policy for public advertising are limited to administrative costs associated with advertising and staff time to review submissions. If the policy is subsequently adopted, the financial implications are expected to be positive from a risk management perspective, as the Shire will have a clearer mechanism to secure funds for rectification or completion of works where necessary.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The policy aligns with:

- Asset Management objectives
- Sustainable infrastructure delivery
- Governance and risk management frameworks

#### ATTACHMENTS

Circulated with the agenda is the following item relevant to this report:

- Draft Civil Works Bond Policy (Doc ID: SODR- 461937211-1725).

**(Marked 9.4.3)**

#### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved Cr Lethlean, seconded Cr Young**

**That Council:**

- 1. Endorses the draft Civil Works Bond Policy for the purpose of public advertising;**
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to advertise the draft policy for public comment for a period of not less than 21 days; and**
- 3. Requests that a further report be presented to Council following the advertising period, including any submissions received and a recommendation on whether to adopt the policy, with or without modification.**

**CARRIED 7 / 0**

**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Lethlean, Cr Gibson, Cr Young,  
Cr Johnson, Cr Glasfurd, Cr Krakowiak**

**AGAINST: Nil**

## **9.5 COUNCILLOR INFORMATION BULLETIN**

### **9.5.1 SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN – BUILDING STATISTICS – MAY 2026**

Document ID: SODR-2045798944-38603

Attached to the agenda is a copy of the Shire of Dandaragan Building Statistics for May 2026. **(Marked 9.5.1)**

### **9.5.2 SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN – PLANNING STATISTICS – MAY 2026**

Document ID: SODR-2045798944-38605

Attached to the agenda is a copy of the Shire of Dandaragan Planning Statistics for May 2026. **(Marked 9.5.2)**

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**9.5.3 SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN TOURISM / LIBRARY / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR MAY 2026**

Document ID: SODR-1739978813-9994

Attached to the agenda is monthly report for Tourism / Library for May 2026. *(Marked 9.5.3)*

**10 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE – INTRODUCED BY RESOLUTION OF THE MEETING**

Nil

**11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR WHICH MEETING IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Nil

**12 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

**13 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The presiding member declared the meeting closed at 4.13pm.

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting on .....

Signed .....

Presiding person at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed

Date .....