

SHIRE OF SHARK BAY MINUTES

23 AUGUST 2023

Special Council Meeting



Shark Bay – Dugong



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The minutes of the Special meeting of the Shark Bay Shire Council held in the Council Chamber at the Shark Bay Recreation Centre, Francis Street, Denham, on Wednesday 23 August 2023, commencing at 3.00 pm.

PURPOSE I advise that a special meeting of Council is called in accordance with Section 5.4 (a), (i) of the ***Local Government Act 1995***, to discuss and adopt the 2023/2024 Budget.

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1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President declared the Special Council meeting open at 3.00 pm.

2.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Malgana People as the traditional custodians of the land and sea in and around the Shire of Shark Bay.

I pay my respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging.

3.0 ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

ATTENDANCES

Cr C Cowell President
Cr E Fenny
Cr L Bellottie
Cr G Ridgley
Cr P Stubberfield

Mr D Chapman Chief Executive Officer
Ms M Fanali Acting Executive Manager Community Development
Mr B Galvin Works Manager
Ms J Green Supervisor Finance and Administration
Mrs R Mettam Executive Assistant

APOLOGIES

Cr M Vankova Deputy President
Cr M Smith

VISITORS

There were no visitors in the gallery.

4.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The President opened public question time at 3.01 pm and as there were no visitors in the gallery the President closed public question time at 3.01 pm.

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5.0 ADOPTION OF THE 2023/2024 BUDGET

5.1 Adoption of the 2023/2024 Annual Budget
FM52324

Author

Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Any Interest

Disclosure of Interest:

Nature of Interest

Moved Cr Stubberfield

Seconded Cr Ridgley

Council Resolution

That Council, having regard to the budget deficiency in the context of the Strategic Community Plan and the Corporate Business Plan, by Absolute Majority, pursuant to Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, resolves to:

PART A. 2023/2024 RATES AND MINIMUM PAYMENTS AND THE STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES AND REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED RATES AND MINIMUM PAYMENTS

- 1. Adopt the following Differential General Rates against the valuations supplied by Landgate (as amended) as of 1 July 2023 for 2023/2024 in accordance with Sections 6.32 and 6.33 of the Act:**

Rates Category	Minimum Rates (\$)	Rate in the Dollar (¢)
Gross Rental Value (GRV)		
- Residential	866.00	10.2239
- Commercial	866.00	10.5067
- Industrial/Residential	866.00	11.3138
- Vacant	866.00	10.2239
- Rural Commercial	866.00	10.6260
- Industrial/Commercial Vacant	541.00	10.2239
- Rural Resort	866.00	11.2162
Unimproved Value (UV)		
- General	659.00	14.5499
- Pastoral *	910.00	9.9645
- Mining	910.00	19.8451
- Exploration *	910.00	19.0811

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2. **Adopt for 2023/2024 the Specified Area Rate of 1.063 cents in the dollar for users of the Monkey Mia Bore against valuations supplied by Landgate (as amended) as at 1 July 2023 in accordance with Section 6.37 of the Act;**
3. **Adopt the Statement of Objectives and Reasons for proposed rates and minimum payments.**

5/0 CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Background

As part of the function of local government and its operations, each year the Council is required, under Section 6.2 of *the Local Government Act 1995*, to formally adopt its annual financial year budget to enable the administration to carry out services and programs and to raise revenue through rates and fees and charges.

Consistent with sections 6.2(4) of *the Local Government Act 1995* and the Part 3 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, the 2023/2024 Annual Budget for the Shire of Shark Bay includes the following:

- Statement of Comprehensive Income by both Nature and Type and Program which both show a net result of \$4,622,262;
- Statement of Cashflows which shows a level of cash held at the end of 2023/2024 of \$8,781,602.
- Rate setting statement showing the amount to be raised from General Rates as \$1,587,227.
- Notes to and forming part of the budget as required by legislation.

Comment

The general rates in the dollar and minimum payments are in accordance with Council's Community Strategic Plan, Corporate Business Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan and, have been advertised to increase overall by 4% but will be dependent on the land valuations as at 1 July 2023 on which the yield is based.

PART B. 2023/2024 GENERAL CONDITIONS, CHARGES, AND INTEREST

Moved Cr Fenny
Seconded Cr Stubberfield

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. **Impose no service charge on land for 2023/2024.**
2. **Raise a charge of \$10.00 per instalment for 2023/2024 where the ratepayer has elected to pay their rates by instalments in accordance with Section 6.45(3) of the Act.**

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3. Provide the option for ratepayers to pay their rates as a single payment or by two (2) or four (4) equal instalments in accordance with Section 6.45(1) of the Act.
4. Adopt the following due dates for the payment of rates either as a single payment or by two (2) or four (4) instalments:
 - i. Single payment Due Date: 9 October 2023
 - ii. Two instalments
First Due Date: 9 October 2023
Second Due Date: 12 February 2024
 - iii. Four instalments
First Due Date: 9 October 2023
Second Due Date: 11 December 2023
Third Due Date: 12 February 2024
Fourth Due Date: 15 April 2024
5. Not provide any discount for early payment of rates.
6. Grant an incentive for the payment of the 2023/2024 rates and charges by the single payment due date by way of a lottery draw for the prizes of:
 - i. First Prize – Gift voucher of \$500 to be spent at any Shark Bay business.
 - ii. Second Prize – Gift voucher of \$200 to be spent at any Shark Bay business.
 - iii. Third Prize – Gift voucher of \$100 to be spent at any Shark Bay business.
7. Charge an interest rate of 11% p.a. on any outstanding rates and charges that remain overdue as described in accordance with Section 6.51 of the Act.
8. Charge an instalment interest rate of 5.5% p.a. where the rates are elected to be paid by either two (2) or four (4) instalments.
9. For those, as determined by council who meet the Local Government Hardship policy eligibility, then no penalty interest or instalment interest rates applies.

5/0 CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Comment

This part provides the ability for ratepayers to pay their rates through instalments, the due dates for those instalments and the imposition of charges for utilising these timeframes for payment. It also provides incentives for payment of rates and charges by the single payment due date of a lottery draw with prizes provided by the Shire of Shark Bay. It is proposed that these prizes be as follows for 2023/2024:

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- First Prize – Gift voucher of \$500 to be spent at any Shark Bay business.
- Second Prize – Gift voucher of \$200 to be spent at any Shark Bay business.
- Third Prize - Gift voucher of \$100 to be spent at any Shark Bay business.

This part also allows Council to charge overdue interest rates on outstanding rates and charges and on outstanding sundry debtors as provided for in section 6.13 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

PART C. CONCESSIONS AND WRITE OFFS

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Grant a write off of rates to Australian Wildlife Conservancy for Assessment 2071 being the Faure Island landing site to the value of \$2,401 in accordance with Section 6.12 and 6.47 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and provide this write off on the basis of the inequities of the valuation system for pastoral land.

AN ADDENDUM TO THE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Reason: Clarification of comments under Part C, that any rates waiver granted to Yadgalah Aboriginal Corporation is subject to application and consideration by Council at a future Ordinary Council Meeting.

Moved Cr Stubberfield
Seconded Cr Fenny

Disclosure of Any Interest

Disclosure of Interest: Cr Bellottie

Nature of Interest: Impartiality Interest as a member of the Yadgalah Aboriginal Corporation board

Council Resolution

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2. **Will consider an application from Yadgalah Aboriginal Corporation for a rates waiver at a future Ordinary Council Meeting.**

5/0 CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

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Comment

This part provides Council with an opportunity to consider any write off and concessions that it wishes to provide in 2023/2024. The financial implications for such an action need to be fully considered prior to adoption as any concession not included in the budget as presented will result in a loss situation to the budget outcome and require an adjustment to the expenditure or to the transfers to reserves to account for this loss.

This part also provides the opportunity to waive the rates for the landing site at Faure Island. This practice has been in place for several years and it is recommended that the rates for the landing parcel be waived again this year.

This part also provides the opportunity to continue the waiving of 50% of the Yadgalah Aboriginal Corporation rates upon application.

This is a list of the Waivers and Concessions included in the proposed 2023/2024 Budget.

Waivers or Concessions							
Rate or fee and charge to which the waiver or concession is granted	Type	Disc % or Amount (\$)	2023/2024 Budget	2022/2023 Actual	Circumstances in which the waiver or concession is granted	Objects and reasons of the waiver or concession	
General Rate	Concession			\$50,237	UV Pastoral	To address the disparity between UV Rates	To provide equitable rates for properties in this category
General Rate	Concession			\$103,404	UV Exploration	To address the inequalities of the valuation system.	To recognise that these properties are not in the production phase
General Rate	Waiver	100%	\$2,401	\$3,266	Australian Wildlife Conservancy Faure Island - Landing Only	To address the anomalies in the valuation system.	To recognise the use of the land as a landing point
General Rate	Waiver	50%	\$2,503	\$1,204	Yadgalah Aboriginal Corporation	To address anomalies in the valuation system	To recognise that the use of the land is partly used for charitable purposes.
			\$4,904	\$158,111			

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PART D. 2023/2024 FEES AND CHARGES

Moved Cr Fenny
Seconded Cr Ridgley

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the 2023/2024 Schedule of Fees and Charges.**

5/0 CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Comment

This part recommends the adoption of the proposed fees and charges for 2023/2024 which Council has previously reviewed.

PART E. FIVE (5) YEAR PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM 2023/2024 – 2027/2028

Moved Cr Fenny
Seconded Cr Ridgley

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Five (5) Year Plant Replacement Program 2023/2024 – 2027/2028.**

5/0 CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Comment

The Council endorsed the Five (5) year Plant Replacement Program at the April Ordinary Council Meeting held 26 April 2023. Minor adjustments have been made by way of increases to trade values to better reflect fair value, and to the timing of several light fleet items caused by delivery delays carrying replacement into the following financial year.

PART F. 2023/2024 CAPITAL BUDGET

Moved Cr Bellottie
Seconded Cr Ridgley

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 2. Adopt the 2023/2024 Capital budget.**

5/0 CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

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Comment

This part recommends the adoption of the proposed capital works program for 2023/2024 which Council has previously discussed.

The capital works program for 2023/2024 totals \$9,799,555, significantly higher than in previous years. Whilst the capital program encompasses items across the usual categories of Roads and Plant Replacement, grant funded projects such as the Independent Living Units (Housing \$4,118,200), Seawall Upgrade and Expansion (Recreation and Culture Infrastructure Assets - Public Facilities \$2,146,649), and Knight Terrace Finger Jetty (Transport Infrastructure Assets – Public Facilities \$419,217) have contributed to the Shires increased capital program.

PART G. ADOPTION OF THE 2023/2024 ANNUAL BUDGET

Moved Cr Stubberfield
Seconded Cr Ridgley

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Adopt a reporting material variance of \$5,000 or 5% as per AASB1031 and regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996;**
- 2. Adopt the Significant Accounting Policies attached and included in the 2023/2024 Budget document; and**
- 3. Adopt the 2023/2024 Budget for the Shire of Shark Bay as presented in the accompanying attachment.**

5/0 CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Comment

This part recommends the adoption of the 2023/2024 Budget, sets the reporting variance for monthly reporting to Council and adopts the significant accounting policies separately to the budget as advised by the auditors.

The budget has been based on an estimated carry forward from 2022/2023 of \$2,808,628. This is an estimate only as the annual financial statements for 2022/2023 have yet to be finalised and there may be some alteration to this final figure as part of this process.

The budget allows for a transfer from reserves of \$1,189,340 and a transfer to reserves of \$1,115,884. The transfer to reserves will provide for the securing of capital for future projects and renewal expenditure which will be required to ensure that Council's assets are maintained.

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From a profit and loss perspective, the budget shows a comprehensive surplus for 2023/2024 of \$4,622,262. However, this includes the revenue from non-operating grants in accordance with accounting standards, loss of sale of assets and depreciation expense which is not funded but does not include the prepayment of Financial Assistance Grants of \$2,277,506.

The table below reflects the impact of these items in comparison to last year's budget and estimated actual.

	2023/2024 Budget	2022/2023 Actual	2022/2023 Amended Budget
Comprehensive Income	\$4,622,262	\$ 1,312,010	\$(1,105,873)
Less Grants Received in Advance included in Actual Only (Not Included in Budget as Decision made by Commission in June of each year)	\$0	\$(2,277,506)	\$0
Comprehensive Income Adjusted for 2021/2022 Grant Received in Advance	\$4,622,262	\$(965,496)	\$(1,105,873)
Add Back depreciation	\$1,881,680	\$1,726,932	\$1,882,489
Add back (profit)/loss on sale	\$120,853	\$(105,100)	\$(92,816)
	\$6,624,795	\$656,336	\$683,800
Less non-operating grants	\$(8,069,996)	\$(797,974)	\$(1,392,083)
	(\$1,445,201)	\$ (141,638)	(\$708,283)
Add Grants received in advance	\$2,277,506	\$1,510,335	\$1,510,335
Operating profit after adjustments	\$832,305	\$1,368,697	\$802,052

Taking these factors into consideration, the actual budgeted operating position of the Council is a surplus of \$832,305 when adjusting for the financial assistance grant of \$2,277,506 received in advance and adding back non-cash items such as depreciation.

From a cash flow perspective, it is expected that the cash position will decrease by \$2,882,804 in 2023/2024 as Council completes carry forward projects and current projects.

It is expected that all projects in the capital works program will be completed in 2023/2024 provided funding is received as expected. The level of cash expected at the end of 2023/2024 is \$8,781,602 which is made up on working cash of \$3,844,716 and reserve cash of \$4,936,886.

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Further details on the separate components of the 2023/2024 budget are included in the budget document.

Legal Implications

Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires Council to adopt a budget prior to 31 August each year while Part 3 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 states what needs to be included in the budget.

Policy Implications

Council is required to adopt the Significant Accounting Policies as part of the budget adoption. These policies form the basis on which Council will carry out its financial responsibilities.

Financial Implications

The 2023/2024 budget provides Council with the opportunity to continue to review its service levels and ongoing future maintenance requirement, while addressing the operational financial deficiency's, which highlights the reliance of Council on grant funding and the need to become more "self-sufficient" financially if grant funding is not available in future years. This strategy, which began in 2018/2019, focuses on Council becoming more reliant on own sourced income in future years to fund the continued delivery of services to the community and maintain its assets in a sustainable manner.

This budget and future budgets will also have to review all areas of required services and discretionary funding components of expenditure to ensure the operational and maintenance obligations of the shire are being attended to.

Strategic Implications

Outcome 7.2.2 Maintain accountability and financial responsibility in accordance with Long Term Financial Plan which is incorporated within the Strategic Resource Plan.

Risk Management

There is a high risk of not adopting the 2023/2024 Annual Budget as this provides the authority for the administration to continue to provide services to the community.

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority is required for this item.

Signatures

Chief Executive Officer

D Chapman

Date of Report

9 August 2023

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SHIRE OF SHARK BAY
2023/2024 DIFFERENTIAL RATES
STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Objects and Reasons for Implementing a Differential Rate

In accordance with Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 and the Council's "Notice of Intention to Impose Differential Rates", the following information details the objectives and reasons for those proposals.

What are Rates?

The raising of rates is the primary source of revenue of all Councils throughout Australia. The purpose of levying rates is to meet Council's proposed budget requirements each year in a manner that is fair and equitable to the ratepayers of the community.

In Western Australia land is valued by Landgate Valuation Services (Valuer General's Office – a State Government agency) and those values are forwarded to each Local Government.

Two types of values are calculated:

- Gross Rental Value (GRV); and
- Unimproved Value (UV)

To calculate the rates to be charged, Council multiplies a rate in the dollar by the supplied value. The rate in the dollar is determined by the level of revenue the Council wishes to raise and is dependent on its proposed budget.

Apart from the need to ensure sufficient revenue to meet its expenditure needs, Council must be mindful of the impact and affordability of rates to the community.

Differential Rating

Local Government, under section 6.33 of the Local Government Act 1995, have the power to implement differential rating in order to take into account certain characteristics of the rateable land.

These characteristics include:

- ❖ The purpose for which the land is zoned under the town planning scheme in force;
- ❖ The predominant use for which the land is held or used as determined by the local government;
- ❖ whether or not the land is vacant land; or
- ❖ any other characteristic or combination of characteristics prescribed.

Differential rates may be applied according to any, or a combination of the above characteristics. However, local governments are constrained in the range of differential rates that they may impose. That is, a local government may not impose a differential rate which is more than twice the lowest differential rate applied by that local government unless approval from the Minister is sought.

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS –DIFFERENTIAL RATES

GRV - Residential

This category is applied to all properties with a land use that does not fall within any of the other categories in GRV. The rate reflects the level of rating required to raise revenue for the Council to operate efficiently and provide the diverse range of services and programs required for developed residential areas.

GRV – Vacant

This category is applied to residential land that has not been developed.

GRV - Industrial /Residential

This category is applied to all properties with an industrial land use which has the capacity for a caretaker's residence and is located in the industrial estate. The rate reflects the level of infrastructure required to maintain an industrial area and the ability of commercial property owners to utilise taxation benefits.

GRV – Industrial/Residential Vacant

This category is applied to all properties with an industrial land use which has not been developed. The rate reflects the level of infrastructure required to maintain an industrial area and the ability of commercial property owners to utilise taxation benefits.

GRV - Commercial

This category is applied to properties with a commercial land use and reflects the level of services to commercial operators and the ability of commercial property owners to utilise taxation benefits.

GRV Rural Commercial

This category is applied to properties of a commercial nature which are located outside of the town centre. The rate reflects the level of infrastructure and services provided to these properties and the ability of commercial property owners to utilise taxation benefits.

GRV – Resort

This category is applied to properties of a commercial nature which are established with the purpose of providing accommodation and activities to the tourism market. The rate reflects the level of infrastructure and services provided to these properties and the ability of commercial property owners to utilise taxation benefits.

UV – General

This category is applied to all properties which do not fall into one of the other UV categories and includes all unimproved land. The rate reflects a contribution towards built infrastructure and recognises that this infrastructure is used by all property owners.

UV - Pastoral

This category is applied to the pastoral properties and reflects the contribution required by pastoral properties for the facilities that are available to them in the Shire.

UV - Mining

This category applies to mining tenement leases and reflects the contribution required by mining to the maintenance of the Shire's assets and services to the extent that the mining operations use these assets.

UV Exploration

This category applies to mining exploration and applies until the exploration moves to the establishment of mining activities. This rates reflects the contribution to the maintenance of the Shire' assets and services.

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GRV Minimum

The GRV minimum is considered to be the minimum contribution for basic infrastructure and services.

UV Minimum

The UV minimum is considered to be the minimum contribution for basic infrastructure and services.

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BASIS OF PREPARATION

The annual budget has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities) and interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, and the *Local Government Act 1995* and accompanying regulations.

The *Local Government Act 1995* and accompanying Regulations take precedence over Australian Accounting Standards where they are inconsistent.

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* specify that vested land is a right-of-use asset to be measured at cost. All right-of-use assets (other than vested improvements) under zero cost concessionary leases are measured at zero cost rather than at fair value. The exception is vested improvements on concessionary land leases such as roads, buildings or other infrastructure which continue to be reported at fair value, as opposed to the vested land which is measured at zero cost. The measurement of vested improvements at fair value is a departure from AASB 16 which would have required the Shire to measure any vested improvements at zero cost.

Accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this annual budget have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. Except for cash flow and rate setting information, the budget has been prepared on the accrual basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and liabilities.

Financial reporting disclosures in relation to assets and liabilities required by the Australian Accounting Standards have not been made unless considered important for the understanding of the budget or required by legislation.

The local government reporting entity

All funds through which the Shire of Shark Bay controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this annual budget.

In the process of reporting on the local government as a single unit, all transactions and balances between those Funds (for example, loans and transfers between Funds) have been eliminated.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements. A separate statement of those monies appears at Note 12 to the annual budget.

2021/22 actual balances

Balances shown in this budget as 2021/22 Actual are estimates as forecast at the time of preparation of the annual budget and are subject to final adjustments.

Budget comparative figures

Unless otherwise stated, the budget comparative figures shown in the budget relate to the original budget estimate for the relevant item of disclosure.

Comparative figures

Where required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

Initial application of accounting standards

During the budget year, the below revised Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations are expected to be compiled, become mandatory and be applicable to its operations.

- AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Annual Improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments
- AASB 2020-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current - Deferral of Effective Date

It is not expected these standards will have an impact on the annual budget.

New accounting standards for application in future years

The following new accounting standards will have application to local government in future years:

- AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Disclosure of Accounting Policies or Definition of Accounting Estimates
- AASB 2021-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Disclosure of Accounting Policies: Tier 2 and Other Australian Accounting Standards

It is not expected these standards will have an impact on the annual budget.

Judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the annual budget in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The balances, transactions and disclosures impacted by accounting estimates are as follows:

- estimated fair value of certain financial assets
- estimation of fair values of land and buildings and investment property
- impairment of financial assets
- estimation uncertainties and judgements made in relation to lease accounting
- estimated useful life of assets

Rounding off figures

All figures shown in this statement are rounded to the nearest dollar.

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KEY TERMS AND DEFINITIONS - NATURE OR TYPE

REVENUES

RATES

All rates levied under the *Local Government Act 1995*. Includes general, differential, specified area rates, minimum rates, interim rates, back rates, ex-gratia rates, less discounts and concessions offered. Exclude administration fees, interest on instalments, interest on arrears, service charges and sewerage rates.

SERVICE CHARGES

Service charges imposed under Division 6 of Part 6 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. Regulation 54 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* identifies these as television and radio broadcasting, underground electricity and neighbourhood surveillance services.

Excludes rubbish removal charges. Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

PROFIT ON ASSET DISPOSAL

Profit on the disposal of assets including gains on the disposal of long term investments. Losses are disclosed under the expenditure classifications.

OPERATING GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Refer to all amounts received as grants, subsidies and contributions that are not non-operating grants.

NON-OPERATING GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Amounts received specifically for the acquisition, construction of new or the upgrading of non-current assets paid to a local government, irrespective of whether these amounts are received as capital grants, subsidies, contributions or donations.

FEES AND CHARGES

Revenue (other than service charges) from the use of facilities and charges made for local government services, sewerage rates, rentals, hire charges, fee for service, photocopying charges, licences, sale of goods or information, fines, penalties and administration fees. Local governments may wish to disclose more detail such as rubbish collection fees, rental of property, fines and penalties, other fees and charges.

INTEREST EARNINGS

Interest and other items of a similar nature received from bank and investment accounts, interest on rate instalments, interest on rate arrears and interest on debtors.

OTHER REVENUE / INCOME

Other revenue, which can not be classified under the above headings, includes dividends, discounts, and rebates. Reimbursements and recoveries should be separated by note to ensure the correct calculation of ratios.

EXPENSES

EMPLOYEE COSTS

All costs associated with the employment of person such as salaries, wages, allowances, benefits such as vehicle and housing, superannuation, employment expenses, removal expenses, relocation expenses, worker's compensation insurance, training costs, conferences safety expenses, medical examinations, fringe benefit tax, etc.

MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS

All expenditures on materials, supplies and contracts not classified under other headings. These include supply of goods and materials, legal expenses, consultancy, maintenance agreements, communication expenses, advertising expenses, membership, periodicals, publications, hire expenses, rental, leases, postage and freight etc. Local governments may wish to disclose more detail such as contract services, consultancy, information technology, rental or lease expenditures.

UTILITIES (GAS, ELECTRICITY, WATER, ETC.)

Expenditures made to the respective agencies for the provision of power, gas or water. Exclude expenditures incurred for the reinstatement of roadwork on behalf of these agencies.

INSURANCE

All insurance other than worker's compensation and health benefit insurance included as a cost of employment.

LOSS ON ASSET DISPOSAL

Loss on the disposal of fixed assets includes loss on disposal of long term investments.

DEPRECIATION ON NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Depreciation and amortisation expense raised on all classes of assets.

INTEREST EXPENSES

Interest and other costs of finance paid, including costs of finance for loan debentures, overdraft accommodation and refinancing expenses.

OTHER EXPENDITURE

Statutory fees, taxes, provision for bad debts, member's fees or State taxes. Donations and subsidies made to community groups.

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KEY TERMS AND DEFINITIONS - REPORTING PROGRAMS

In order to discharge its responsibilities to the community, Council has developed a set of operational and financial objectives. These objectives have been established both on an overall basis, reflected by the Shire's Community Vision, and for each of its broad activities/programs.

OBJECTIVE

GOVERNANCE

To provide a decision making process for the efficient allocation of scarce resources.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUNDING

To collect revenue to allow for the provision of services.

LAW, ORDER, PUBLIC SAFETY

To provide services to help ensure a safer and environmentally conscious community.

HEALTH

To provide an operational framework for environmental and community health.

HOUSING

To provide and maintain housing for the elderly and staff.

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

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RECREATION AND CULTURE

To establish and effectively manage infrastructure and resources which will help the social wellbeing of the community.

TRANSPORT

To provide safe, effective and efficient transport services to the community.

ECONOMIC SERVICES

To help promote the Shire and its economic wellbeing

OTHER PROPERTY AND SERVICES

To monitor and control council's overhead operating accounts.

ACTIVITIES

Expenses associated with the provision of services to members of council and elections.

Rates and associated revenues, general purpose government grants, interest revenue and other miscellaneous revenues such as commission on Police Licensing. This also includes the costs associated with raising these revenues e.g. valuation expenses, debt collection and overheads.

Enforcement of Local Laws, fire prevention, animal control and the provision of ranger services.

Health inspection services, food quality control and mosquito control.

Provision and maintenance of rented housing accommodation for pensioners and employees.

Sanitation, stormwater drainage, protection of the environment, public conveniences, cemeteries and town planning.

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Parks, gardens and recreation reserves, library services, television and radio re-broadcasting, swimming facilities, walk trails, youth recreation, Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery and Visitor Centre, foreshore, public halls and the Shark Bay Recreation Centre.

Construction and maintenance of roads, footpaths, drainage, parking facilities, traffic control, depot operations, marine facilities and street cleaning.

Tourism, community development, building services and private works.

Plant maintenance, administration, labour overheads and stock.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

An asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the Shire's operational cycle. In the case of liabilities where the Shire does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months, such as vested long service leave, the liability is classified as current even if not expected to be settled within the next 12 months. Inventories held for trading are classified as current or non-current based on the Shire's intentions to release for sale.

TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Shire prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Shire of Shark Bay becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured, are recognised as a current liability and are normally paid within 30 days of recognition.

PREPAID RATES

Prepaid rates are, until the taxable event has occurred (start of the next financial year), refundable at the request of the ratepayer. Rates received in advance are initially recognised as a financial liability. When the taxable event occurs, the financial liability is extinguished and the Shire recognises revenue for the prepaid rates that have not been refunded.

INVENTORIES

General

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

Superannuation

The Shire of Shark Bay contributes to a number of superannuation funds on behalf of employees.

All funds to which the Shire of Shark Bay contributes are defined contribution plans.

LAND HELD FOR RESALE

Land held for development and sale is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of acquisition, development, borrowing costs and holding costs until completion of development. Finance costs and holding charges incurred after development is completed are expensed.

Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss at the time of signing an unconditional contract of sale if significant risks and rewards, and effective control over the land, are passed on to the buyer at this point.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows.

TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade and other receivables include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other amounts due from third parties for goods sold and services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade receivables are recognised at original invoice amount less any allowances for uncollectible amounts (i.e. impairment). The carrying amount of net trade receivables is equivalent to fair value as it is due for settlement within 30 days.

Trade receivables are held with the objective to collect the contractual cashflows and therefore measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Due to the short term nature of current receivables, their carrying amount is considered to be the same as their fair value. Non-current receivables are indexed to inflation, any difference between the face value and fair value is considered immaterial.

The Shire applies the AASB 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses using a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, rates receivable are separated from other trade receivables due to the difference in payment terms and security for rates receivable.

PROVISIONS

Provisions are recognised when the Shire has a present legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits. Short term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position. The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised as provisions in the statement of financial position.

CONTRACT LIABILITIES

An entity's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the entity has received consideration (or the amount is due) from the customer. Grants to acquire or construct recognisable non-financial assets to be controlled by the Shire are recognised as a liability until such time as the Shire satisfies its obligations under the agreement.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks, other short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and bank overdrafts.

Bank overdrafts are shown as short term borrowings in current liabilities in Note 3 - Net Current Assets.

FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTISED COST

The Shire classifies financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following criteria are met:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cashflows, and
- the contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES

RECOGNITION OF ASSETS

Assets for which the fair value as at the date of acquisition is under \$5,000 are not recognised as an asset in accordance with *Financial Management Regulation 17A (5)*. These assets are expensed immediately.

Where multiple individual low value assets are purchased together as part of a larger asset or collectively forming a larger asset exceeding the threshold, the individual assets are recognised as one asset and capitalised.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES

GAINS AND LOSSES ON DISPOSAL

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in profit or loss in the period which they arise.

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DEPRECIATION

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings but excluding freehold land, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the individual asset's useful life from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvements.

The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Major depreciation periods used for each class of depreciable asset are:

Buildings - non-specialised	10 to 50 years
Buildings - specialised	10 to 80 years
Furniture and equipment	5 to 10 years
Plant and equipment	5 to 25 years
Heritage Assets	25 to 100 years
Sealed Roads and Streets	
- Subgrade	Not Depreciated
- Pavement	80 to 100 years
- Seal - Bitumous	15 to 22 years
- Seal - Asphalt Surfaces	30 years
Formed Roads (Unsealed)	
- Subgrade	Not Depreciated
- Pavement	12 years
Footpaths	40 to 80 years
Drainage Systems	
- Drains and Kerbs	20 to 60 years
- Culverts	60 years
- Pipes	80 years
- Pits	60 years

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BORROWING COSTS

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense when incurred except where they are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset. Where this is the case, they are capitalised as part of the cost of the particular asset until such time as the asset is substantially ready for its intended use or sale.

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Recognition of revenue is dependant on the source of revenue and the associated terms and conditions associated with each source of revenue and recognised as follows:

Revenue Category	Nature of goods and services	When obligations typically satisfied	Payment terms	Returns/Refunds/Warranties	Determination of transaction price	Allocating transaction price	Measuring obligations for returns	Revenue recognition
Rates	General Rates	Over time	Payment dates adopted by Council during the year	None	Adopted by council annually	When taxable event occurs	Not applicable	When rates notice is issued
Specified area rates	Rates charge for specific defined purpose	Over time	Payment dates adopted by Council during the year	Refund in event monies are unspent	Adopted by council annually	When taxable event occurs	Not applicable	When rates notice is issued
Grant contracts with customers	Community events, minor facilities, research, design, planning evaluation and services	Over time	Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting	Contract obligation if project not complete	Set by mutual agreement with the customer	Based on the progress of works to match performance obligations	Returns limited to repayment of transaction price of terms breached	Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations as inputs are shared
Grants, subsidies or contributions for the construction of non-financial assets	Construction or acquisition of recognisable non-financial assets to be controlled by the local government	Over time	Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting	Contract obligation if project not complete	Set by mutual agreement with the customer	Based on the progress of works to match performance obligations	Returns limited to repayment of transaction price of terms breached	Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations as inputs are shared
Grants with no contractual commitments	General appropriations and contributions with no specific contractual commitments	No obligations	Not applicable	Not applicable	Cash received	On receipt of funds	Not applicable	When assets are controlled
Licences/ Registrations/ Approvals	Building, planning, development and animal management, having the same nature as a licence regardless of naming.	Single point in time	Full payment prior to issue	None	Set by State legislation or limited by legislation to the cost of provision	Based on timing of issue of the associated rights	No refunds	On payment and issue of the licence, registration or approval
Waste management collections	Kerbside collection service	Over time	Payment on an annual basis in advance	None	Adopted by council annually	Apportioned equally across the collection period	Not applicable	Output method based on regular weekly and fortnightly period as proportionate to collection service
Waste management entry fees	Waste treatment, recycling and disposal service at disposal sites	Single point in time	Payment in advance at gate or on normal trading terms if credit provided	None	Adopted by council annually	Based on timing of entry to facility	Not applicable	On entry to facility
Fees and charges for other goods and services	Cemetery services, library fees, reinstatements and private works	Single point in time	Payment in full in advance	None	Adopted by council annually	Applied fully based on timing of provision	Not applicable	Output method based on provision of service or completion of works
Sale of stock	Aviation fuel, kiosk and visitor centre stock	Single point in time	In full in advance, on 15 day credit	Refund for faulty goods	Adopted by council annually, set by mutual agreement	Applied fully based on timing of provision	Returns limited to repayment of transaction price	Output method based on goods

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6.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING

As there was no further business, the President closed the Special Council meeting at 3.15 pm.