



SHIRE OF MENZIES

Agenda

NOTICE OF MEETING

An Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chambers, 124 Shenton Street, Menzies on Tuesday, 15 September 2026 commencing at 1.00PM.



Pascoe Durtanovich
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President, as Presiding Member, declared the meeting open at ____pm.

2 ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

3 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr P Warner, Shire President
 Cr S Sudhir, Deputy Shire President
 Cr I Baird
 Cr K Tucker
 Cr J Dwyer
 Cr S Wessely
 Cr A Tucker

Staff: Mr P Durtanovich, Acting Chief Executive Officer
 Ms T Tran, Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer
 Mr G Marland, Works Manager
 Mr S McGay, Community Development Manager
 Ms M Yulo-Uy, Executive Officer (Minutes)

4 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

6 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr A Tucker – from 30 June 2026 to 30 September 2026 (Previously approved, pursuant to Council Resolution 070/26)

Cr S Wessely – from 19 July 2026 to 19 October 2026 (Previously approved, pursuant to Council Resolution 091/26)

7 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

8 NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

16.1 Amended Contract of Employment – Chief Executive Officer

9 CONFIRMATION/RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

9.1 Confirmation of Minutes – Ordinary Meeting – 20 August 2026

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 August 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

COUNCIL DECISION:

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9.2 Confirmation of Minutes – Special Council Meeting – 2 September 2026

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 2 September 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council Resolution Number	
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10 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

11 ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

To be tabled

12 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

12.1.1	Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting - Unconfirmed Minutes - 9 September 2026	
LOCATION	Not Applicable	
APPLICANT	Internal	
DOCUMENT REF	Not Applicable	
DATE OF REPORT	9 September 2026	
AUTHOR	Acting CEO, Pascoe Durtanovich	
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Acting CEO, Pascoe Durtanovich	
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil	
ATTACHMENT	1. CONFIDENTIAL - Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting minutes confidential_ 9 September 2026 [12.1.1.1 - 14 pages] 2. CONFIDENTIAL - Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting minutes confidential attachment_ 9 September 2026 [12.1.1.2 - 46 pages]	

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (the ARIC) meeting held on 9 September 2026 be received.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council Resolution Number	
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12.1.2	Compliance Audit Return 2025
LOCATION	Not applicable
APPLICANT	Internal
DOCUMENT REF	IAM1712
DATE OF REPORT	26 August 2026
AUTHOR	Deputy Acting CEO, Tien Tran
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Acting CEO, Pascoe Durtanovich
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil
ATTACHMENT	1. 2025 Compliance Audit Return [12.1.2.1 - 17 pages]

SUMMARY:

To consider the completed 2025 Compliance Audit Return together with the review and recommendations of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC). The ARIC has recommended that Council adopt the return, arrange for its certification by the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer, and submit the required information to the Local Government Inspector by 30 September 2026, unless an extension is granted.

BACKGROUND:

The Shire is required to complete a compliance audit for the period 1 January to 31 December 2025. The Chief Executive Officer prepared the Compliance Audit Return and provided it to the ARIC for review. The ARIC considered the return and resolved to recommend its adoption by Council.

Moore Australia prepared a limited desktop review to assist the Shire with the 2025 Compliance Audit Return. The review considered the supplied working paper, management comments and reference records as well as on-site and remote meetings with the Shire. It was not an audit or assurance engagement and did not independently re-test every underlying document or transaction.

COMMENT:

The final summary records three matters as non-compliant.

For question 59, the records reviewed did not clearly demonstrate that a complete regulation 17 review had been completed within the required three-year period. The Shire should schedule and document the review, record its scope and Council acceptance date, and monitor the recurring due date.

For question 77, the 2025 Financial Management Review and Shire comments noted a small number of purchasing policy exceptions. Recommended actions are to use a concise Policy 4.2 checklist, raise purchase orders before invoices where practicable, maintain a shared contract and service register, and spot-check a small sample each quarter.

For question 81, an instance of non-compliance was identified in relation to the tender opening process where a second authorised person was not present. Staff have been reminded of the legislative requirements for tender opening to ensure future compliance.

The ARIC recommendation provides the appropriate basis for Council to adopt the return and ensure the identified actions are progressed through the Shire's legislative compliance, risk management and improvement monitoring processes.

CONSULTATION:

Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, Moore Australia and Shire management.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996, as amended from 1 January 2026, apply to the 2025 compliance audit through transitional regulation 20.

- Regulation 13 prescribes the statutory requirements covered by the compliance audit.
- Regulation 14 requires the Chief Executive Officer to prepare the return, the ARIC to review the return and report its results and recommendations to Council, and Council to consider that material and adopt the return or adopt it subject to amendments.
- Regulation 15 requires the adopted return to be signed by the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer and provided to the Local Government Inspector with the ARIC recommendations, relevant Council minutes and any explanatory or qualifying information.
- Regulation 20 sets a special deadline of 30 September 2026 for information relating to the 2025 compliance audit, unless the Inspector grants an extension.

Section 7.13(i) of the Local Government Act 1995 authorises regulations prescribing the statutory requirements for compliance audits.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

No specific policy implications were identified in the supplied CAR materials. Implementation of the recommended actions may require updates to administrative procedures, checklists and compliance calendars.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

No specific financial implications were quantified in the supplied materials. Any costs associated with remedial actions should be considered through the Shire's normal budgeting and procurement processes.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Risk Statement	Level of Risk	Risk Mitigation Strategy
Failure to finalise accurate CAR responses, address identified non-compliance and meet the statutory submission requirements may expose the Shire to legislative compliance and governance risk.	The perceived level of risk is medium prior to treatment.	Complete and monitor the regulation 17 review, strengthen purchasing controls, reinforce legislative requirements for tender opening procedures and submit the adopted return and supporting information by the applicable deadline.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The Shire's Council Plan 2025-2035 outlines the following outcomes and strategies:

- 7. A strategically focused Council, leading our community.
 - 7.1 Provide strategic leadership and governance.
- 8. An efficient and effective organisation.
 - 8.1 Maintain a high level of corporate governance, responsibility and accountability.

Accordingly, the officer's recommendation aligns with the Shire's Council Plan.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee's review of the 2025 Compliance Audit Return and its recommendation to Council be received.
 2. The completed 2025 Compliance Audit Return, as attached, for certification by the Shire President and the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Regulation 15(1) of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996, with the following amendments:
 - Item 4 and 5: The response be amended from "N/A" to "Yes" with the comment: "Item 13.2.5 Ordinary Council Meeting held 26 June 2025".
 - Item 40: The following comment be added: "No additional requirements were adopted. Policy 1.1.1 strictly follows the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021", and response "Yes" be added to the third question.
 - Item 49: The following comment be added: "Council Plan 2025-35 complies with Regulation 19DA(2) and 3(C), covering a period of at least four financial years and integrating asset management, workforce planning and long-term financial planning".
 - Item 59: The following comment be added: "Although Council's resolution dates were provided, the records reviewed did not clearly demonstrate that a complete regulation 17 review had been completed within the required three-year period".
- be adopted.
3. The Chief Executive Officer be requested to submit the certified 2025 Compliance Audit Return, the ARIC recommendations, the relevant Council minutes and any required explanatory or qualifying information to the Local Government Inspector by 30 September 2026, unless an extension is granted.

COUNCIL DECISION:

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13 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

13.1 Finance Reports

13.1.1	List of Payments - August 2026
LOCATION	Not Applicable
APPLICANT	Internal
DOCUMENT REF	Not Applicable
DATE OF REPORT	06 September 2026
AUTHOR	Finance Officer, Samuel Mazza
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Acting Deputy CEO, Tien Tran
OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil
ATTACHMENT	1. 01. List of Payments - August 2026 [13.1.1.1 - 8 pages]

SUMMARY:

To receive the list of payments made for the month of August 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Payments have been made by electronic funds transfer (EFT), direct transfer from the Shire Municipal Bank account, and duly authorised as required by Council Policy. These payments have been made under delegated authority by the Chief Executive Officer and are reported to the Council.

COMMENT:

The EFT, Direct Debit, Credit Card and Payroll payments that have been made for the month of August 2026 are attached.

CONSULTATION:

Nil

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Policy 4.7 – Creditors Preparation for Payment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

A total of \$1,261,156.11 has been withdrawn from the Municipal Bank Account.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

The Shire may incur reputational damage if financial obligations are not met.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The Shire's Council Plan 2025 - 2035 outlines the following Outcome, Strategy and Activity:

8. An efficient and effective organisation.

8.1 Maintain a high level of corporate governance, responsibility and accountability.

8.1.2 Demonstrate sound financial planning and management, seeking a high level of legislative compliance and effective internal controls.

Accordingly, the officer's recommendation aligns with the Shire's Council Plan.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the list of payments for the month of August 2026 totalling \$1,261,156.11 being:

1. Electronic Funds Transfer from EFT11507 to EFT11583, payments from Municipal Fund totalling \$1,069,909.87
2. Direct Debit payments from the Municipal Fund totalling \$61,311.86
3. Payroll payments from the Municipal Fund totalling \$122,310.68
4. Credit Card payments for the Statement Month of July 2026 from the Municipal Fund totalling \$7,169.70
5. Fuel Card payments from the Municipal Fund totalling \$454.00

be received.

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13.1.2	Finance Report - August 2026
LOCATION	Not Applicable
APPLICANT	Internal
DOCUMENT REF	Not Applicable
DATE OF REPORT	07 September 2026
AUTHOR	Acting Deputy CEO, Tien Tran
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Pascoe Durtanovich
OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil
ATTACHMENT	1. Statement of Financial Activity - August 2026 [13.1.2.1 - 26 pages] 2. Financial Information Schedule - August 2026 [13.1.2.2 - 9 pages]

SUMMARY:

To receive the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 31 August 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (the Regulations) requires a local government to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure, including:

- a. The annual budget estimates;
- b. Budget estimates to the end of the month;
- c. The actual amounts of expenditure, revenue, income to the end of the relevant month;
- d. Material variances between the comparable amounts between budget estimates to the end of the month and the year-to-date amount of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the relevant month;
- e. Net current assets.

Regulation 35 of the Regulations requires a local government to prepare each month a statement of financial position of the local government as at the last day of the previous month and the last day of the previous financial year.

COMMENT:

This report contains the annual budget, actual amounts of expenditure and income to the end of the month. It shows the material variances between the budget and actual amounts where they are not associated with timing differences for the purpose of keeping the Council informed of the current financial position.

CONSULTATION:

No external consultation occurred during the preparation of this report

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations (1996):
Regulation 34 requires the local government to prepare and provide a statement of financial activity as of the end of the relevant month.

Regulation 35 requires the local government to prepare and provide a statement of financial position as of the end of the relevant month.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

There is no policy related to the subject matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications for this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Applying the Council's Risk Management matrix, should the statutory process required not be followed there is a minor risk of reputational damage. As it is unlikely that the Council would ignore the statutory process there is a low overall consequence. However, should the officer's recommendation not be applied, the Council will be in contravention of Regulation 34 of the Regulations.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The Shire's Council Plan 2025-2035 outlines the following Outcome, Strategy and Activity:

8. An efficient and effective organisation.

8.1 Maintain a high level of corporate governance, responsibility and accountability.

Accordingly, the officer's recommendation aligns with the Shire's Council Plan.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending 31 August 2026, as attached, be received.

COUNCIL DECISION:

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13.2 Administration Reports

13.2.1	Adoption of Policy 2.1 Accounting for Non-current Assets
LOCATION	Not Applicable
APPLICANT	Internal
DOCUMENT REF	Not Applicable
DATE OF REPORT	27 August 2026
AUTHOR	Acting Deputy CEO, Tien Tran
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Pascoe Durtanovich
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil
ATTACHMENT	Nil

SUMMARY:

To consider the adoption of a consolidated Policy 2.1 Accounting for non-current assets, which replaces the existing Policy 2.1 Valuation of Non-Current Assets, Policy 2.2 Capitalisation of Assets and Policy 2.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets.

BACKGROUND:

The following policies were last reviewed by the Council on 31 July 2025:

Policy 2.1 Valuation of Non-current Assets

Policy 2.2. Capitalisation of Assets

Policy 2.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

COMMENT:

The following shortcomings have been identified in the Shire's current asset accounting policies:

Policy 2.1 Valuation of Non-Current Assets is significantly outdated. It was adopted in 2018 and references AASB 1041 *Revaluation of Non-Current Assets*, which was superseded in 2005 following the adoption of IFRS-based Australian Accounting Standards. Asset recognition, valuation and depreciation requirements are now primarily governed by AASB 116 *Property, Plant and Equipment* and AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement*.

Policy 2.2 Capitalisation of Assets establishes a capitalisation threshold and includes provisions for attractive assets. However, it provides limited guidance on assessing expenditure by nature and does not comprehensively address contemporary asset accounting practices.

Policy 2.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets provides estimated useful lives and the application of straight-line depreciation. However, it gives limited guidance on accounting for significant parts of an asset that have different useful lives.

As these policies address related aspects of accounting for non-current assets, it is considered appropriate to consolidate them into a single policy. This would simplify the Shire's governance framework by replacing three separate documents with a comprehensive policy that aligns with current legislative and accounting requirements while promoting consistent asset accounting practices.

CONSULTATION:

No external consultation occurred during the preparation of this report.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 2.7(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995 provides that the role of a local government is to determine its policies.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Policy 1.11, Policy Review Schedule.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

The risk associated with adopting the proposed policy is considered low. Adoption of the policy will improve governance, ensure alignment with current legislative and accounting requirements, and reduce the risk of inconsistent accounting treatment of the Shire's non-current assets.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The Shire's Council Plan 2025-2035 outlines the following Outcome and Strategy:

7. A strategically focused Council, leading our community.

7.1 Provide strategic leadership and governance.

8. An efficient and effective organisation.

8.1 Maintain a high level of corporate governance, responsibility and accountability.

Accordingly, the officer's recommendation aligns with the Shire's Council Plan.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The existing Policy 2.1 Valuation of Non-Current Assets, Policy 2.2 Capitalisation of Assets and Policy 2.4 Depreciation of Non-Current Assets be repealed.
2. Policy 2.1 Accounting for Non-Current Assets, as follows:

'Objective

To establish a consistent framework for the capitalisation, depreciation and valuation of the Shire's non-current assets in accordance with legislative and accounting requirements.

Policy Statement

1. Capitalisation of Assets

The Shire will capitalise expenditure where:

- The expenditure results in the acquisition, construction, enhancement, or replacement of an asset controlled by the Shire;
- Future economic benefits or service potential are expected to be derived from the asset;
- The cost or value can be measured reliably; and
- The expenditure meets the capitalisation threshold specified in this policy.

Capitalisation Threshold

Assets acquired or constructed at a cost of \$5,000 or greater (excluding GST) shall be capitalised and recorded in the Asset Register.

Assets costing less than \$5,000 (excluding GST) will generally be recognised as an operating expense in the period incurred.

Where a number of related items form part of a single project or asset system, the total project cost may be considered when determining whether capitalisation is appropriate.

Nature of Expenditure

The accounting treatment of expenditure will be determined by both its value and nature.

Expenditure that:

- creates a new asset;
- extends an asset's useful life;
- increases an asset's capacity;

- improves functionality; or
- enhances service potential

may be capitalised where the relevant criteria are met.

Expenditure incurred to maintain an asset in its existing condition, including routine repairs and maintenance, will be treated as an operating expense regardless of value.

Attractive and Minor Assets

Plant and equipment with a value between \$500 and \$5,000 may be recorded in the Attractive Items Register for control purposes. Inclusion in the Register does not constitute capitalisation.

2. Valuation of Non-Current Assets

As required by regulation 17A of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, the Shire will measure and report non-current assets using fair value or the cost model, as applicable to the relevant asset class and in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

The Shire will revalue non-current assets:

- a) whenever the fair value of an asset is considered likely to differ materially from its carrying amount; and
- b) as part of a revaluation program designed to ensure asset carrying amounts do not differ materially from fair value, with comprehensive revaluations generally undertaken at intervals not exceeding five years.

Revaluations may be undertaken by suitably qualified officers, independent valuers or other appropriately qualified professionals, having regard to the nature, materiality and complexity of the asset class.

The Chief Executive Officer will ensure that an appropriate revaluation program is maintained to comply with legislative requirements and to ensure the carrying value of non-current assets fairly reflects their value at the reporting date.

3. Depreciation of Non-Current Assets

All Shire-controlled non-current assets will be subject to depreciation or amortisation, as applicable, in accordance with AASB 116.

Where a non-current asset comprises material components with significantly different useful lives, those components may be separately identified and depreciated over their respective useful lives.

Land, cultural and heritage assets (including artwork) and certain identified earthworks are not depreciated.

Depreciation and amortisation, where applicable, are calculated using a straight-line method over an asset's estimated useful life, commencing from the date the asset is held ready for use.

The determination of the useful life of an asset requires professional judgement and considers factors such as the asset's nature, condition, expected usage, maintenance practices and experience with similar assets.

The indicative useful lives adopted by the Shire for major asset classes are:

Asset Class	Useful Life
Buildings	13 to 120 years
Plant and Equipment	5 to 10 years
Sealed/Gravel Roads and Streets	
- Formation	Not depreciated
- Pavement	80 years
- Bituminous Seal	15 years
- Asphalt Surface	15 years
Footpaths - Slab	30 to 60 years
Other Infrastructure	10 to 100 years
Parks and Ovals	10 to 40 years

4. References

Local Government Act 1995 (WA)
 Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996
 AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment
 AASB 136 Impairment of Assets
 AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement
 AASB 140 Investment Property'

be adopted.

COUNCIL DECISION:

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13.2.2	Review of Policy 2.3 Annual Stocktake of Assets
LOCATION	Not Applicable
APPLICANT	Internal
DOCUMENT REF	Not Applicable
DATE OF REPORT	28 August 2026
AUTHOR	Acting Deputy CEO, Tien Tran
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Pascoe Durtanovich
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil
ATTACHMENT	Nil

SUMMARY:

To review and adopt the revised Policy 2.3 Annual Stocktake of Assets, in accordance with the Council's annual rolling review of all policies.

BACKGROUND:

Policy 2.3 Annual Stocktake of Assets was last reviewed by the Council on 28 August 2025.

COMMENT:

The policy has been reviewed and updated to improve clarity and align with current asset management practices. Minor amendments have been made regarding asset register reconciliation, asset acquisitions and disposals, and reporting requirements.

As part of the review, the policy number has been changed from Policy 2.3 to Policy 2.2 to align with the current policy register.

CONSULTATION:

No external consultation occurred during the preparation of this report.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Section 2.7(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995 provides that the role of a local government is to determine its policies.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Policy 1.11, Policy Review Schedule.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

The risk associated with adopting the revised policy is considered low.

The amendments improve governance and accountability by providing clearer requirements for the annual stocktake of assets, maintenance of the Asset Register and reporting to Council.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The Shire's Council Plan 2025-2035 outlines the following Outcome and Strategy:

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7.1 Provide strategic leadership and governance.

8. An efficient and effective organisation.

8.1 Maintain a high level of corporate governance, responsibility and accountability.

Accordingly, the officer's recommendation aligns with the Shire's Council Plan.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the revised Policy 2.2 Annual Stocktake of Assets, as follows:

'Objective

To ensure the accuracy, completeness and accountability of the Shire's asset records through the annual stocktake, verification and reconciliation of Shire assets.

Policy Statement

1. Annual Stocktake

The Chief Executive Officer must ensure that an annual stocktake of the Shire assets is undertaken and, where appropriate, considered in conjunction with a review of insurance coverage and asset valuations.

2. Asset Register

The results of the annual stocktake must be reconciled against the Shire's Asset Register and any discrepancies must be appropriately investigated and resolved.

3. Asset Acquisitions and Disposals

The annual stocktake process must identify and verify:

- assets acquired or received by the Shire;
- assets disposed of; and
- assets that are no longer serviceable or required.

Any changes identified must be recorded in the Asset Register.

4. Reporting

A report must be presented to Council outlining recommendations for the write-off of unserviceable assets, details of disposals not yet effected and any assets donated to or otherwise acquired by the Shire.'

be adopted.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council Resolution Number	
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13.2.3	Assignment of Lease - 53 Shenton Street, Menzies
LOCATION	53 Shenton Street, Menzies
APPLICANT	Claire Woolmer
DOCUMENT REF	IE20079
DATE OF REPORT	7 September 2026
AUTHOR	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Pascoe Durtanovich
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Pascoe Durtanovich
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil
ATTACHMENT	1. CONFIDENTIAL - Request from lessee [13.2.3.1 - 1 page] 2. CONFIDENTIAL - Assignee's Resume [13.2.3.2 - 7 pages]

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to recommend Council approve assignment of the current lease on 53 Shenton Street, Menzies and approve an extension to the term of lease.

BACKGROUND:

The current lease was granted by Council on 28 September 2023. Term of the lease is 3 years, commencing 14 October 2023 and expiring on 13 October 2026 with a further term of 3 years, extending on 13 October 2029.

The permitted purpose specified in the lease is cafe and uses reasonable ancillary to that purpose.

COMMENT:

The current lessee has advised that there is a contract of sale in place for the business, which is subject to Council approving the assignment of the lease. The prospective lessee has indicated that they wish to have a further three-year lease term. In other words, the term would be three years to October 2029 with a further term to October 2032 (The exact dates of the term may vary slightly based on the actual takeover date).

A copy of the formal request from the current lessee together with the assignee's resume is attached.

CONSULTATION:

Not Applicable

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Commercial Tenancy (Retail Shops) Agreement Act 1985 and the current lease, which states:

23. Assignment, Subletting and charging

23.1 No assignment without consent

- (1) The Lessee must not transfer, assign, mortgage, charge, sublet or otherwise part with possession or any way dispose of any of its rights or obligations under this Lease, without the prior written consent of the Lessor and any other person whose consent is required under this Lease or at law.
- (2) Provided all parties whose consent is required under this Lease or at law to an assignment give their consent, then the Lessor may not unreasonably withhold its consent to the assignment of the leasehold estate created by this Lease if:
 - (a) the proposed assignee is a respectable and responsible person of good financial standing;
 - (b) all Amounts Payable due and payable have been paid and there is no existing unremedied breach, whether notified to the Lessee or not, of any of the Lessee's Covenants;
 - (c) the Lessee procures the execution by the proposed assignee of a deed of assignment to which:
 - i. the Lessor is a party and which deed is prepared and completed by the Lessor's solicitors; and
 - ii. the deed of assignment contains a covenant by the assignee with the Lessor to pay all Amounts Payable and to perform and observe all the Lessee's Covenants; and
 - (d) the Lessor's consent to assignment of the Lease, where provided, may be given subject to such reasonable conditions as the Lessor sees fit.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Council does not have a policy on the assignment/renewal of this lease.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Fees and Charges

There are no fees or charges outstanding.

Legal Costs

Costs associated with the assignment/renewal of the lease are the responsibility of the assignee.

Rent and other Payments

The following applies in the current lease:

Rent:

\$5,000 per annum plus GST, payable annually in advance by equal monthly instalments with the first payment due on the first anniversary of the Commencement Date and reviewed annually in accordance with the terms of this Lease.

Outgoings:

The Lessee must pay to the Lessor on demand and punctually all the following outgoings or charges (if applicable), assessed or incurred in respect of the Premises:

- (a) local government rates, services and other charges (including but not limited to rubbish collection charges and the emergency services levy);
- (b) water, drainage and sewerage rates, charges for disposal of stormwater, meter rent and water consumption charges including excess water charges;
- (c) telephone charges, wiring, internet and telephone connections;
- (d) electricity and power consumption charges including meter rents;
- (e) gas connection and consumption charges including meter rents;
- (f) any fee or charge for the connection of any service to the Premises;
- (g) land tax;
- (h) premiums, excess and other costs arising from the insurance obtained by the Lessor in respect of the Premises; and
- (i) any other consumption charge or cost, statutory impost or other obligation incurred or payable by reason of the Lessee's use and occupation of the Premises.

Currently Council does not rate the property or seek reimbursement for building insurance and land tax is not applicable.

Rent reviews have not been undertaken during the term of the current lessee. The cost of a rent review may well be more than the rent increase the review would achieve. The annual building insurance premium is \$1,962.00 and if rated, the property would probably attract the minimum rate of \$200.00.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Risk Statement	Level of Risk	Risk Mitigation Strategy
Failure of the lessee to comply with the statutory requirements of the lease.	Minor	Regular building inspection to be undertaken by the Environmental Health Officer. Monthly reporting to the CEO on fees and charges paid and payable.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The Shire's Council Plan 2025-2035 outlines the following Outcome and Strategy:

3. An innovative, diverse and prosperous economy.

3.1 Support and facilitate opportunities for new business development.

3.2 Continue to work with industry and stakeholders for the economic development of the district.

Accordingly, the officer's recommendation aligns with the Shire's Council Plan.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The assignment of the current lease of the premises known as 53 Shenton Street, Menzies, from Claire Emma Woolmer to Vivek Budhwar be approved and if required a new lease document with a term of three years and a further term of three years be granted.
2. The Acting CEO be authorised to issue instructions to Council's legal advisors for suitable lease documents to be prepared.
3. The Shire President and Acting CEO be authorised to affix the Council's seal to the lease documents referred to in part 2 above.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council Resolution Number	
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13.2.4	Menzies Caravan Park - Updates to Policies, Procedures and Rules
LOCATION	Shire of Menzies
APPLICANT	Internal
DOCUMENT REF	Not Applicable
DATE OF REPORT	2 September 2026
AUTHOR	Community Development Manager Sean McGay
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Pascoe Durtanovich
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil
ATTACHMENT	1. Caravan Park Rules & Regulations - September 2026 [13.2.4.1 - 2 pages]

SUMMARY:

For the Council of Shire of Menzies to provide clarification on policies, procedures and rules relating to the management and operation of Menzies Caravan Park.

BACKGROUND:

Rules for Menzies Caravan Park were initially adopted by Council on 15 December 2023. On 31 July 2026, these rules were updated to reflect the facts that the Caretaker position was removed from the Organisational Chart and the caravan park is fully online outside of Visitor Centre hours (Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm).

On 23 July 2026, Council adopted a 20% discount for 'Long-stay Tenants'.

In the ordinary course of business, there are instances where the management (Community Development Manager) of Menzies Caravan Park must consider offering a discounts/refunds for those guests who experience inconvenience or emergencies that conflict with the refund policy. Currently, no delegation allows for such discounts or refunds to be provided without CEO or Council approval.

In mid-2026, the Menzies Hotel closed for renovations. Menzies Caravan Park and Shire of Menzies has since been experiencing a large volume of requests from private businesses (contractors and consultants) for accommodation in Menzies, placing a strain on staff resources.

Menzies Caravan Park is one of the highest-rated tourist caravan parks in the Goldfields-Esperance region, as per multiple platforms such as Google.

COMMENT:

There are four items for Council to consider and provide direction, as outlined in the Background above.

1) Clarify that 'Long-stay Tenants' means persons who have already stayed three consecutive months or more at Menzies Caravan Park. Those who leave and come back will need to stay another three consecutive months to be defined as a 'Long-stay Tenant'.

2) With a discount being offered to Long-stay Tenants, Council is asked to reconsider a cap on the number of Long-stay Tenants in the park – this concept was first introduced at the Special Council Meeting of 23 November 2023, though Council asked Shire administration to remove the restriction. Should Council wish for Menzies Caravan Park to remain tourist-focused, then a recommendation limiting the number of Long-stay Tenants to six (6) should be considered.

3) Likewise, with limited accommodation in Menzies, it is also recommended that caps on private businesses reserving accommodation be endorsed by Council.

4) A limited financial delegation be issued to the Community Development Manager to offer discounts and refunds to guests on an as-needed basis, along with authority to make unavailable accommodation for reservation to relieve cleaning services.

CONSULTATION:

Caravan and Camping Western Australia (formerly, Caravan Industry Association WA)
Australia's Golden Outback

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Local Government Act 1995
Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995
Residential Parks (Long-stay Tenants) Act 2006

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Policy 4.8 – Financial Management – Payments of Accounts and Purchasing Authority Limits

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The Shire's Council Plan 2025-2035 outlines the following Outcome and Strategy:

1. An engaged and inclusive community.
 - 1.2 Welcoming to all residents, strengthen community cohesiveness and participation.
 - 1.3 Provide, maintain and improve community facilities.
3. An innovative, diverse and prosperous economy.
 - 3.2 Continue to work with industry and stakeholders for the economic development of the district.
4. An attractive destination for visitors.
 - 4.2 Maintain and enhance our local attractions.
 - 4.3 Continue to provide and maintain visitor support services.
7. A strategically focused Council, leading our community.
 - 7.1 Provide strategic leadership and governance.
8. An efficient and effective organisation.
 - 8.1 Maintain a high level of corporate governance, responsibility and accountability.

Accordingly, the officer's recommendation aligns with the Shire's Council Plan.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The definition of 'Long-stay Tenant' as a person who has stayed three consecutive months or longer at Menzies Caravan Park
2. The Menzies Caravan Park Rules, as attached
3. The wording of the delegation for Community Development in Policy 4.8 – Financial Management – Payments of Accounts and Purchasing Authority Limits changed to read as follows:

'Limited to a maximum of \$3,000.00 per purchase order/invoice and per month relating to Menzies Caravan Park revenue stream. The budgeted expenditure relating to events, caravan park operations, and the Community Resource Centre in accordance with the Annual Budget Provision approved by the Council.'

be endorsed.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council Resolution Number	
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13.2.5	Perth Symphony Orchestra at Lake Ballard
LOCATION	Lake Ballard
APPLICANT	Internal
DOCUMENT REF	Not Applicable
DATE OF REPORT	8 September 2026
AUTHOR	Community Development Manager Sean McGay
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Acting Chief Executive Officer Pascoe Durtanovich
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil
ATTACHMENT	Nil

SUMMARY:

For Council to consider progressing plans for an orchestral event to be held at Lake Ballard in May 2027, hosted by Perth Symphony Orchestra.

BACKGROUND:

In early 2026, the Shire of Menzies began talks with Perth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) about hosting an orchestral event at Lake Ballard.

These talks culminated in June 2026 with PSO providing a proposal valued at \$49,100, excluding GST. The proposal includes:

- A feature concert performed by eight musicians and one vocalist;
- Two workshops delivered at the school prior to the concert;
- All flights, accommodation and associated travel for the touring party.

At the Special Council Meeting on 3 July 2026, Council approved the 2026/2027 Annual Budget, which included an expense of \$50,000 (ex GST) for the orchestral event.

COMMENT:

Shire of Menzies staff do not have the resources to organise such a prominent event, so have reached out to professional event coordinators to sound out their ability and interest in managing the orchestral event at Lake Ballard.

The Shire is seeking Council's approval to utilise the aforementioned budgeted funds to hire an event coordinator in order to a) plan the event and b) more accurately estimate resources needed to facilitate it.

Further, the Shire is also asking Council to consider that, at a future time, additional funding may need to be sourced to host PSO. Shire administration will do its best to source such funding from external sources, and it is hoped a full project plan from the event coordinator will help to attract grant funders.

CONSULTATION:

Perth Symphony Orchestra
Australia's Golden Outback

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None at this time.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Risk Statement	Level of Risk	Risk Mitigation Strategy
There may not be enough time to plan the event	Low	Look at pushing out the date from May 2027
It may be found that the event is too burdensome on Shire resources	Medium	Search for outside assistance in terms of funding or in kind services

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The Shire's Council Plan 2025-2035 outlines the following Outcome and Strategy:

4. An attractive destination for visitors.

4.1 Promote our natural attractions and heritage sites as part of a regional approach.

4.2 Maintain and enhance our local attractions.

4.3 Continue to provide and maintain visitor support services.

Accordingly, the officer's recommendation aligns with the Shire's Council Plan.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Shire of Menzies progress with plans for the Perth Symphony Orchestra hosting an orchestral event at Lake Ballard in May 2027, which includes the hiring of an event coordinator.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council Resolution Number	
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14 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

15 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

16 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS - CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Item 16.1 Amended Contract of Employment – Chief Executive Officer

This agenda item is confidential in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995 which permits the meeting to be closed to the public, for business relating to the following:

- a matter relating to the recruitment or employment of the CEO or a senior employee

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, the meeting be closed to members of the public to consider Item 16.1 'Amended Contract of Employment – Chief Executive Officer.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council Resolution Number	
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MEETING REOPENED TO THE PUBLIC

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That the meeting be reopened to the members of the public.

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16.2	Certification of Compliance with the Shire of Menzies Adopted Model Standard for CEO Recruitment and Selection, Performance Review and Termination
LOCATION	Not Applicable
APPLICANT	Internal
DOCUMENT REF	Not applicable
DATE OF REPORT	8 September 2026
AUTHOR	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Pascoe Durtanovich
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Pascoe Durtanovich
OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil
ATTACHMENT	Nil

SUMMARY:

This report recommends the Council's certification in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, that the recruitment process for the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer was conducted in accordance with the adopted Model Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination.

This process was undertaken between the dates of 20 May 2026, on which date the Council adopted the selection criteria and job description pursuant to Schedule 2 clause 5(2) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations Act 1996 and 15 September 2026, on which date the amended contract of employment was approved by the Council.

At its meeting held on 20 May 2026, the Council resolved to initiate the process to appoint a substantive Chief Executive Officer. The entire resolution follows:

'That:

- a. The recruitment process to appoint a Chief Executive Officer be initiated;*
- b. The process to recruit for the role of Chief Executive Officer be undertaken externally;*
- c. The remuneration package, marked as Attachment 1, that offers salary, superannuation, motor vehicle, housing and other benefits as set by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT), within the range of SAT level 4 banding, for the position of Chief Executive Officer with a contract term of three to five years be approved;*
- d. Pursuant to Schedule 2 clauses 5(1) and 5(2) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, approve the Job Description and Selection Criteria for the recruitment of a CEO as detailed in Attachment 2.'*

Further, at the same meeting, the Council appointed a CEO Selection Committee. The resolution is as follows:

'That a Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel be established as a committee of the Council pursuant to Section 5.9(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1995 as follows:

- a. The Committee shall be known as the CEO Selection Committee and is formed to satisfy Clause 8 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 relating to the establishment of a Selection Panel for the employment of a CEO*
- b. The duties of the Committee shall be to recommend to the Council a person to be appointed as CEO of the Shire of Menzies pursuant to Section 5.36 of the Local Government Act 1996 and the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*
- c. The Committee's Terms of Reference, marked as attachment 3, be endorsed*
- d. The members of the Committee shall number four being Shire President Cr P Warner, Deputy Shire President Cr S Sudhir, Cr J Dwyer, and Mr Steven Tweedie as an Independent Person as defined by Clause 8(1) of Schedule 2 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.*
- e. Cr P Warner be appointed Presiding Member of the Committee*
- f. The committee shall disband upon the signing by both parties of a suitable contract of employment with the selected candidate unless disbanded earlier (Absolute Majority Required)'*

At a Special Meeting of the Council held on 27 May 2026, the Council appointed a recruitment consultant to assist the Council undertake the recruitment process. The resolution follows:

'That Lydia Highfield be appointed to undertake the Chief Executive Officer recruitment process.'

BACKGROUND:

On 2 February 2021, changes to the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 were promulgated. These changes mandated all local governments to follow a model set of standards when dealing with CEO recruitment, performance management and termination.

At the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 28 September 2023, the Council reviewed and subsequently endorsed, pursuant to section 5.39B (2) of the Local Government Act 1995, the Model Standards for Chief Executive Officer Recruitment and Selection, Performance Review and Termination (Policy 5.16). At the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 25 May 2023 the Council also adopted the process for the appointment of a CEO including provision to enable the appointment of an independent person as a member of the Selection Panel, as required by the Model Standards.

Regulation 18FB (3) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 provides that a local government must certify, by absolute majority resolution, that the process that was followed in relation to the recruitment of the Chief Executive Officer, was carried out in accordance with the local government's adopted Standards for CEO Recruitment and Selection, Performance Review and Termination.

COMMENT:

Each of the clauses that provide a requirement from the Standards are listed below, with a brief outline of those requirements and what the Shire did to satisfy the requirements of that clause.

Clause 5 – Determination of Selection Criteria and Approval of Job Description Form

Local governments are required to determine the selection criteria for the position of CEO based on the local government's consideration of the knowledge, experience, qualifications and skills necessary to perform the duties of the CEO, as well as adopting (by absolute majority) the job description form.

At the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 20 May 2026, the Council adopted the job description and selection criteria pursuant to Schedule 2 clauses 5(1) and 5(2) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

Clause 6 – Advertising requirements

Local governments are required to comply with section 5.36(4) of the Act and regulation 18A of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, which require the local government to advertise the position by Statewide public notice, and the notice must contain:

- The details of the remuneration and benefits offered.
- Details of the place where applications for the position are to be submitted.
- The date and time for the closing of applications of the position.
- The duration of the proposed contract.
- A website address where the job description form for the position can be accessed.
- Contact details for a person who can provide further information about the position.
- Any other information the local government considers relevant.

The position was advertised on 24 June 2026 on SEEK and the Shire's website, on Local Government Professionals website on 30 June 2026 and in the Local Government section of the Kalgoorlie Miner and the Professional Appointments section of the West Australian on Saturday, 27 June 2026. The advertisements and application pack contained all the information as prescribed above.

Clause 7 – Job description form to be made available by local government

Local governments are required to provide a copy of the job description form to anyone who requests it by either referring to the web address listed in the advertisement (requirement of clause 6 above) or by emailing or posting a copy to the person if unable to access the website.

On all occasions, where a request for the job description form was requested, this request was actioned.

Clause 8 – Establishment of Selection Panel for Employment of CEO

Local governments are required to establish a selection panel to conduct the recruitment of the CEO. This must consist of council members (as determined by the local government) and at least one independent person.

The Council resolved, at its meeting held on 20 May 2026:

‘That a Chief Executive Officer Selection Panel be established as a committee of the Council pursuant to Section 5.9(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1995 as follows:

a. The Committee shall be known as the CEO Selection Committee and is formed to satisfy Clause 8 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 relating to the establishment of a Selection Panel for the employment of a CEO

b. The duties of the Committee shall be to recommend to the Council a person to be appointed as CEO of the Shire of Menzies pursuant to Section 5.36 of the Local Government Act 1996 and the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

c. The Committee’s Terms of Reference, marked as attachment 3, be endorsed

d. The members of the Committee shall number four being Shire President Cr P Warner, Deputy Shire President Cr S Sudhir, Cr J Dwyer, and Mr Steven Tweedie as an Independent Person as defined by Clause 8(1) of Schedule 2 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

e. Cr P Warner be appointed Presiding Member of the Committee

f. The committee shall disband upon the signing by both parties of a suitable contract of employment with the selected candidate unless disbanded earlier (Absolute Majority Required)’

Clause 9 – Recommendation by Selection Panel

Local governments are required to:

- Assess each applicant’s knowledge, experience, qualifications and skills against the selection criteria by or on behalf of the selection panel.

- Provide a summary of the panel's assessment of each applicant and a recommendation as to which applicant(s) are suitable to be employed as a CEO to the Council.
- If none of the applicants are considered suitable, recommend that a new recruitment process be carried out and any changes that should be made to the duties and responsibilities of the position.

The selection panel must not recommend an applicant to the local government unless the selection panel has:

- assessed the applicant as having demonstrated that their knowledge, experience, qualifications and skills meet the selection criteria; and
- verified any academic or other tertiary level qualifications the applicant claims to hold; and
- whether by contacting referees provided by the applicant or making any other inquiries considered appropriate, verified the applicant's character, work history, skills, performance and any other claims made by the applicant.

During the selection committee's deliberations, and through interviews with suitable candidates, the selection committee made assessments based on the adopted criteria and made a recommendation to the Council in accordance with the model standards requirements in a confidential report, which was prepared by the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

The recommendation was made following the candidate undergoing the Shire's selection processes including but not limited to, the candidate's ability to demonstrate that their knowledge, experience, qualifications and skills met the selection criteria, verifying their academic, or other tertiary level, qualifications and contacting referees to verify their character, work history, skills, performance and any other claims made by the candidate.

Clause 10 – Application of Clause 5 where New Process Carried Out

This clause applies if the local government accepts a recommendation by the selection panel under clause 9(3) (a) that a new recruitment and selection process for the position of CEO be carried out in accordance with these standards.

This clause does not apply to this recruitment process, as the selection panel recommended an applicant as suitable to be employed in the position of CEO.

Clause 11 – Offer of Employment in Position of CEO

The Shire did not make an offer of employment to the successful candidate before the Council's resolutions were achieved at the Special Meeting held on 2 September 2026, where the Shire President was authorised making an offer of employment and the employment contract between the Shire of Menzies and the most suitable candidate was approved.

Clause 12 – Variations to Proposed Terms of Contract of Employment

This clause applies if an applicant who is made an offer of employment in the position of CEO under clause 11 negotiates with the local government a contract of employment (the negotiated contract) containing terms different to the proposed terms approved by the local government.

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 17 September 2026, the Council, approved by Absolute Majority, terms different to the approved contract, specifically the term of contract, commencement date and total reward package.

Clause 13 – Recruitment to be Undertaken on Expiry of Certain CEO Contracts

Where the incumbent CEO will have held the position of CEO for a period of 10 or more consecutive years and the same time period has elapsed since a recruitment and selection process for the position was carried out, and the CEO has notified the local government that they wish to have their contract renewed upon its expiry, then before the expiry of the contract, the local government must carry out a recruitment process in accordance with these standards. Nothing prevents that CEO from being able to be selected as the preferred candidate.

This clause does not apply to this recruitment process, as this process was triggered by the departure of the previous substantive Chief Executive Officer and not the continuation of an incumbent CEO with 10 years or more of continuous service.

Clause 14 – Confidentiality of Information

Local governments must ensure that information relating to a recruitment process is not disclosed or made use of, except for the purpose of, or in connection with, that recruitment or selection process.

No breach of confidentiality occurred during the recruitment process.

Certification process

If the Council adopts the Officer Recommendation to certify that the recruitment process was performed in accordance with the adopted Model Standards of CEO Recruitment and Selection, Performance Review and Termination, the Acting Chief Executive Officer will write to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to confirm the Council's certification of the process.

CONSULTATION:

The recruitment process was undertaken by Lydia Highfield.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The processes to be followed when recruiting a Chief Executive Officer are to be in accordance with the terms set by the Local Government Act 1995, Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 and the Shire of Menzies' adopted Model Standards for CEO Recruitment and Selection, Performance Review and Termination.

The Shire has complied with these requirements in the performance of its functions and roles in the recruitment process.

Regulation 18FB (3) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 provides:

'Certification of compliance with adopted standards for CEO recruitment
(3) As soon as practicable after the person is employed in the position of CEO, the local government must, by resolution*, certify that the person was employed in accordance with the local government's adopted standards in relation to the recruitment of CEOs.

* Absolute majority required.'

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Policy 5.16 CEO Recruitment and Selection, Performance Review and Termination

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Budget

There are no financial implications if the Officer recommendation is adopted. If it is not adopted the financial implications could be the cost to re-start the recruitment process which would involve consultant, advertising, administration and employee costs.

Long Term

The cost of attracting a suitable candidate may impact on the total reward package required to be offered for a suitable CEO.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Risk Statement	Level of Risk	Risk Mitigation Strategy
The risk implications if the Shire did not follow the adopted Standards for CEO Recruitment and Selection, Performance Review and Termination, is that the process may be challenged and cause negative	Medium	The Council to certify that the Standards were followed in the recruitment of the Chief Executive Officer

outcomes to the Shire, as well as exposing it to reputational risk.		
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STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

The Shire's Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031 outlines the following Outcome and Strategy:

Outcome:

4.2 An efficient and effective organisation.

Strategy:

4.2.1 Maintain a high level of corporate governance, responsibility and accountability.

Accordingly, the officer's recommendation aligns with the Strategic Community Plan.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The recruitment of the Chief Executive Officer be certified as performed in accordance with the model Standards for CEO Recruitment and Selection, Performance Review and Termination.
2. The Departmental CEO for the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries be advised in terms of (1) above.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council Resolution Number:	
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Carried by Absolute Majority	
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17 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday, 15 October 2026 at the Council Chambers, 124 Shenton Street, Menzies commencing at 1.00pm.

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President, as Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at ____pm.