



## SHIRE OF MENZIES

# Minutes

**OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2026**

**Commencing at 1.00pm**

**At the Council Chambers,  
124 Shenton Street, Menzies**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Stewart".

**Rob Stewart  
Acting Chief Executive Officer**

**Resolution Numbers 063/26 to 069/26**

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  - (e) providing a copy of a recording of a meeting to the Departmental CEO.

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The Shire President was satisfied that Cr S Sudhir was in a secure location appropriate for discussing confidential matters and allowed him to participate fully in the meeting at 1.31pm.

Councillors: Cr P Warner, Shire President  
Cr S Sudhir, Deputy Shire President (joined electronically at 1.31pm)  
Cr K Tucker  
Cr J Dwyer  
Cr S Wessely  
Cr A Tucker

Staff: Mr R Stewart, Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Ms K Van Kuyl, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr G Marland, Works Manager  
Ms M Yulo-Uy, Executive Officer (Minutes)  
Ms T Tran, Team Leader

Apology: Cr I Baird

#### **4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

#### **5 APPLICATION BY MEMBERS**

Nil

#### **6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil

#### **7 NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

Item 10.1 Chief Executive Officer Recruitment – Appointment of Recruitment Consultant

#### **8 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

# 9 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

## 9.1 Finance Reports

<b>9.1.1</b>	<b>2026/2027 Differential Rates</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>Internal</b>
<b>DOCUMENT REF</b>	<b>NAM1663</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT</b>	<b>20 May 2026</b>
<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>Chief Financial Officer, Kristy Van Kuyl</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER</b>	<b>Acting Chief Executive Officer, Rob Stewart</b>
<b>OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>ATTACHMENT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 01 Notice Advertising Differential Rates 26 27 [9.1.1.1 - 1 page]</li> <li>2. 01 Objects and Reasons 2026 27 [9.1.1.2 - 2 pages]</li> </ol>

**SUMMARY:**

This report recommends the adoption of the 2026/2027 Statement of Objects and Reasons for Differential Rating and the endorsement of the proposed 2026/2027 differential general rates in dollar amounts and minimum payments for public comment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The rating system established under the Local Government Act 1995 is primarily based on two methods: Unimproved Value (UV) and Gross Rental Value (GRV). The Unimproved Value (UV) applies mainly to rural land. Each year, the Valuer General determines the UV for all land across the State. The Gross Rental Value (GRV) represents the gross annual rental that a property could reasonably be expected to achieve if leased on a tenancy basis from year to year, assuming the landlord is responsible for all rates, taxes, and other related charges, including necessary insurance and maintenance costs to uphold the property’s value. Differential Rating occurs when different categories of land within the same valuation methodology are assigned varying rates.

Pursuant to section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, local governments must provide public notice of their intention to apply a differential rate category before implementing it. In addition to notifying the public and inviting submissions regarding proposed differential rates, section 6.33 of the Local Government Act 1995 provides that a local government cannot impose a differential general rate that exceeds twice the lowest differential rate without the approval of the Minister.

**COMMENT:**

The Unimproved Values (UV) have been provided by the Valuer General's Office and have increased compared with the 2025/2026 financial year. The proposed differential rates for the 2026/2027 financial year have been developed to provide a fair and sustainable revenue base for the Shire while responding to increasing operating costs and the ongoing need to maintain and improve community infrastructure. The proposed rate in the dollar and minimum payments apply across Gross Rental Value and Unimproved Value categories, including pastoral, mining operations, exploration and prospecting land uses.

The following table of Rates in the dollar and Minimum payments to be applied for 2026/2027 financial year:

Rate Category	FY2025/26 rate in the Dollar \$	FY2026/27 Proposed rate in the Dollar \$	FY2026/27 Proposed Minimum Payment \$
GRV	0.0894	0.0894	200.00
UV - Pastoral / Other	0.0853	0.0853	328.00
UV - Mining Operations	0.16393	0.15296	328.00
UV - Mining Exploration	0.14754	0.14754	328.00
UV - Mining Prospecting	0.14754	0.14754	328.00

The proposed 2026/27 rates revenue yield is derived from the above rating categories as detailed in the table below:

Rate Category	Total Properties	Total Revenue 2025/2026	Estimated Rates Revenue 2026/2027	% Revenue
Gross Rental Revenue (GRV)	247	\$232,791.26	\$233,434.00	0.28%
Unimproved Value (UV)	1220	\$4,955,803.30	\$4,955,176.66	-0.01%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1467</b>	<b>\$5,188,594.56</b>	<b>\$5,188,610.66</b>	<b>0.26%</b>

The table represents an overall increase in rate revenue of 0.26%, comprising a 0.28% increase in revenue in Gross Rental Revenue (GRV) and a 0.01% decrease in Unimproved Value (UV) revenue.

Given that the Council currently holds more than \$12 million in the reserve fund, an overall increase in rates is considered unnecessary for the 2026/27 financial year. The

Shire has sufficient financial capacity to continue supporting a range of core service areas, including environmental health, emergency management, town planning and administration, and the local road network. The differential rating will nevertheless assist the Shire in recovering a portion of the additional costs associated with servicing and maintaining infrastructure that supports safe transport, community connectivity and continued economic activity throughout the district.

The Council must advertise the proposed differential rates and give the local public notice for a period of 21 days, seeking submissions from electors and ratepayers.

The following public notice engagement will take place:

- A Public notice will be published in the local Kalgoorlie Miner newspaper on Saturday, 30 May 2026,
- Posted on notice boards at Shire Administration Office, Community Resource Centre, and
- Shire website and social media.

Any submissions received during the advertising period will be presented to the Council for consideration during the budget adoption process.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

Budget workshop has occurred during the preparation of this report.

#### **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Local Government Act 1995: Subdivision 6 – Rates and Service Charges

- Section 6.33 'Differential general rates'
- Section 6.35 'Minimum payment'
- Section 6.36 'Local government to give notice of certain rates'

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no policy implications in relation to the subject matter.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The Annual Budget for the 2026/2027 financial year incorporates the updated differential rates.

## RISK ASSESSMENT:

Risk Statement	Level of Risk	Risk Mitigation Strategy
Legislative and policy compliance	Unlikely	Rigorously comply with legislative requirements and Department Guidelines.

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

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

Outcome

8. An efficient and effective organisation.

Strategy

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

Activity:

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:

Absolute Majority

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION:

<b>Council Resolution Number:</b>	<b>064/26</b>
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**Moved:** Cr J Dwyer

**Seconded:** Cr S Wessely

**That:**

- The following proposed differential rates and minimum payments for the 2026/2027 financial year be noted and local public notice be given in accordance with Section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, as follows:**

Rate Category	Proposed rate in the Dollar \$	Proposed Minimum Payment \$
<b>GRV</b>	<b>0.0894</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>UV - Pastoral / Other</b>	<b>0.0853</b>	<b>328.00</b>

<b>UV - Mining Operations</b>	<b>0.15296</b>	<b>328.00</b>
<b>UV - Mining Exploration</b>	<b>0.14754</b>	<b>328.00</b>
<b>UV - Mining Prospecting</b>	<b>0.14754</b>	<b>328.00</b>

2. **Public submissions received regarding the differential rates and minimum payments will be considered by the Council before the adoption of any proposed rate and the 2026/2027 budget.**
  
3. **The '2026/2027 Objects and Reasons' for the proposed differential rating in the Shire of Menzies be received and endorsed.**

<b>Carried by Absolute Majority</b>	<b>6 / 0</b>
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For: Cr P Warner, Cr S Sudhir, Cr K Tucker, Cr J Dwyer, Cr S Wessely and Cr A Tucker  
Against: Nil

**9.2 Administration Reports**

<b>9.2.1</b>	<b>RFT 01-2026 Supply of New Hydraulic Excavator</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>Internal</b>
<b>DOCUMENT REF</b>	<b>NAM1664</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT</b>	<b>25 May 2026</b>
<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>Chief Financial Officer, Kristy Van Kuyl</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER</b>	<b>Acting Chief Executive Officer, Rob Stewart</b>
<b>OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>ATTACHMENT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - RFT 01-2026 Tender Assessment [9.2.1.1 - 1 page]</li> <li>2. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - RFT 01-2026 Tender Assessment 01 [9.2.1.2 - 4 pages]</li> <li>3. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - RF T 01-26 Tender Attachment [9.2.1.3 - 151 pages]</li> </ol>

**SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is for the Council to consider the submissions received for Tender 01/2026 – Supply of a New Long Carriage Hydraulic Excavator, and to determine a resolution in accordance with the tender evaluation and procurement requirements.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Shire of Menzies invited tenders from suitably qualified suppliers on Friday 24 April 2026, for the supply of a new long carriage hydraulic excavator.

Tenders closed at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 12 May 2026. The tender opening was held at the Shire of Menzies Administration Office and attended by Rob Stewart, Acting Chief Executive Officer, and Kristy Van Kuyl, Chief Financial Officer. No members of the public were present. Ten submissions were received from eight suitably qualified suppliers.

**COMMENT:**

The Tender Assessment Panel included Rob Stewart, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Garth Marland, Works Manager, and Justin Viljoen, Works Supervisor. The submissions were assessed against the quantitative criteria of price competitiveness, technical and safety compliance, warranty and maintenance, supplier capability and experience, and availability and delivery timeframe.

Each tenderer demonstrated strong capability and experience. Tender prices ranged from \$228,000.00 to \$332,490.06, excluding GST. One submission was non-compliant with the tender specifications.

Following the evaluation, CJD Equipment Pty Ltd and WesTrac Pty Ltd achieved the highest weighted scores. However, after considering qualitative factors such as supplier capability and experience, local workshop support, and the reliability of ongoing support, Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd, offering the KOMATSU PC210LC-11 excavator, was considered the supplier best suited to the Shire of Menzies' operational requirements, subject to Council resolution.

A confidential evaluation report will be provided to the Council to support its consideration of the comparative merits of each submission.

### **CONSULTATION:**

No external consultation occurred during the preparation of this report.

### **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Section 3.57 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires that a local government invite tenders before it enters into a contract of a prescribed kind under which another person is to supply goods or services.

Division 2 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 describe tenders for providing goods or services.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Policy 4.2 – Purchasing and Tenders  
Policy 4.3 Regional Price Preference  
Policy 4.13 Tender Evaluation

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

An allocation of \$400,000.00 has been included in the Council's 2025/26 Budget to support the delivery of this project. This funding provision reflects the Council's current financial commitment and has been incorporated within the overall budget framework.



- 4. The CEO be authorised to determine the final delivery date with Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd and include that date in the contract.**

<b>Carried</b>	<b>6 / 0</b>
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For: Cr P Warner, Cr S Sudhir, Cr K Tucker, Cr J Dwyer, Cr S Wessely and Cr A Tucker  
Against: Nil

<b>9.2.2</b>	<b>Men's Health Matters Symposium- Request for Assistance</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>External</b>
<b>DOCUMENT REF</b>	<b>NAM1665</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT</b>	<b>22 May 2026</b>
<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>Acting Chief Executive Officer, Rob Stewart</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER</b>	<b>Acting Chief Executive Officer, Rob Stewart</b>
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>ATTACHMENT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Flyer [9.2.2.1 - 1 page]</li> <li>2. Sponsorship [9.2.2.2 - 1 page]</li> </ol>

### **SUMMARY:**

To consider a donation to the Goldfields Community Legal Centre to assist that organisation conduct a one-day session on Men's Health and Wellbeing.

The session is being held on 12 June 2026 at the Evolution Mining Basketball Stadium in Kalgoorlie.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Goldfields Community Legal Centre provides free or low-cost legal advice in the Goldfields. The Council will also be considering a donation to the Centre to ensure the services of the Centre can be available in Menzies in its 2026/27 budget process.

### **COMMENT:**

The Centre seeks sponsorships in the order of \$10,000.00 (Platinum), \$7,000.00 (Gold), \$5,000.00 (Silver) or \$1,000.00 (Food and Beverage).

### **CONSULTATION:**

This matter is being brought before the Council at the request of the Shire President.

### **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

The Local Government Act 1995 provides at Section 2.5 (3) that:

'...local government has the legal capacity of a natural person'.



**(2) As a condition of sponsorship, the Community Legal Centre Inc must provide to the Council a full report on the effectiveness of the symposium including financials.**

<b>Carried</b>	<b>6 / 0</b>
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For: Cr P Warner, Cr S Sudhir, Cr K Tucker, Cr J Dwyer, Cr S Wessely and Cr A Tucker  
Against: Nil



