



Council Meeting **Minutes**

Monday 22
September 2025

Commencing at 4:30 pm

Wycheproof Supper Room
367 Broadway, Wycheproof

Daniel McLoughlan
Interim Chief Executive Officer



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Minutes of the Meeting held on 22/09/2025.**CHAIRPERSON:**

Cr Alan Getley (Mayor)

Mallee Ward

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Bernadette Hogan

Mallee Ward

Cr Stephen Barratt

Lower Avoca Ward

Cr Graeme Milne (Deputy Mayor)

Mount Jeffcott Ward

Cr Charmaine Delaney

Mount Jeffcott Ward

OFFICERS:

Daniel McLoughlan

Interim Chief Executive Officer

Paula Gardiner

Acting Director Infrastructure and Delivery

Gaynor Atkin

Director Community Development

Georgia Brown

Senior Executive Assistant

Salomme Menezes

Manager Financial Strategy

1 COUNCIL WELCOME AND STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**WELCOME**

The Mayor Cr Alan Getley will welcome all in attendance.

STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor Cr Alan Getley will acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting and pay our respects to their Elders and to the Elders from other communities who may be here today.

2 RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES

Cr Bruce Stafford

Lower Avoca Ward

Jenna Allan

Director Corporate and Organisational Performance

3 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Question:

Between **October 2021 and October 2024**, the State Government announced three rounds of funding to develop land or construct cabins/accommodation to address the housing crisis in the Buloke Shire.

- **October 2021:** \$300k allocated to subdivide the former Sea Lake Primary School
- **April 2022:** \$2.3 million allocated for 14 cabins
- **October 2024:** \$1.9 million allocated for an additional 14 cabins

This totals \$4.6 million for the delivery of 28 cabin units & 8 housing blocks across the Shire aimed at alleviating the housing crisis in the Shire.

In light of the ongoing housing crisis in the Shire can Council provide a detailed update on the status of these projects, including:

1. **Project Progress:** How many cabins or blocks of land have been completed, are under construction, or remain in planning?
2. **Location Breakdown:** Where are these cabins being built, and how were the sites selected?
3. **Timeline to Completion:** When is full delivery of all 28 cabins & land subdivision expected?
4. **Budget Allocation:** How has the \$4.6 million been spent or committed to date? Are there any cost overruns or savings?

Given the level of discussion about housing, not only in the Shire but across Australia as a whole, it would be good to see how Buloke Shire is actioning this matter at present.

Person: Daryl Warren of Donald

Council response:

In the interest of accuracy of information and full transparency, the premise of Mr Warrens four questions needs to be clarified.

- In October 2021, the Council was funded \$300,000 by the State Government to subdivide the former Sea Lake Primary School site into approximately 8 sites. Council contributed a further \$111,250 resulting in a total project budget of \$411,250
- In April 2022, \$2.94 million was allocated for 14 cabins, including a Council co-contribution of \$600,000 which was for the installation of two cabins at each of the seven locations. As I will outline further in response to Mr Warrens fourth question, the funding agreement was varied to an agreed 7 cabins, being 1 two-bedroom accessible cabin at each location.
- In October 2024, \$1,929,194 was allocated for a minimum 7 cabins (14 bedrooms), including a Council co-contribution of \$300,000.

The total budget for all three projects was therefore \$4,680,444 for the delivery of 14 Cabins and approximately 8 housing blocks across the shire.

For consistency, where Mr Warren refers to 28 cabins, I will refer to 14 cabins.

Question 1:

Project Progress: How many cabins or blocks of land have been completed, are under construction, or remain in planning?

Response:

- 9 lots have been created from the subdivision of the former Sea Lake School Site. Council is awaiting final sign off from the planning process to enable the land titles to be released.
- 7 Cabins have been delivered to 7 different sites across the shire, 6 cabins have been completed, 1 cabin is awaiting sign off. 2 cabins are currently being utilised, others require management arrangements to be finalised prior to use.
- 10 Cabins have commenced manufacture.

Question 2:

Location Breakdown: Where are these cabins being built, and how were the sites selected?

Response:

The selected cabin sites are Council and community managed caravan and camping grounds that previously lacked the infrastructure to support Unregistrable Movable Dwellings under Victorian law. These sites have now been upgraded to meet the necessary standards, enabling both current and future cabin installations.

The sites and number of cabins in place and proposed are as follows:

- Charlton Caravan Park: 1 x 2-bedroom accessible cabin in place, 2 x 1 bedroom cabins proposed. Total provision of 3 cabins.
- Sea Lake Caravan Park: 1 x 2-bedroom accessible cabin in place, 2 x 1 bedroom cabins proposed. Total provision of 3 cabins.
- Wycheproof Caravan Park: 1 x 2-bedroom accessible cabin in place, 2 x 1 bedroom cabins proposed. Total provision of 3 cabins.
- Green Lake: 1 x 2-bedroom accessible cabin in place, 1 x 1 bedroom cabin proposed. Total provision of 2 cabins.
- Tchum Lake: 1 x 2-bedroom accessible cabin in place, 1 x 1 bedroom cabin proposed. Total provision of 2 cabins.
- Watchem Lake: 1 x 2-bedroom accessible cabin in place, 1 x 1 bedroom cabin proposed. Total provision of 2 cabins.
- Wooroonook Lake: 1 x 2-bedroom accessible cabin in place, 1 x 1 bedroom cabin proposed. Total provision of 2 cabins.

For further clarity, a total of 17 cabins will be installed.

Question 3:

Timeline to Completion: When is full delivery of all 28 cabins & land subdivision expected?**Response:**

There are three different projects relating to the subdivision of land and provision of cabins. As summary of each project is as follows:

- Subdivision of the former Sea Lake Primary School.

Works have been completed and are pending sign off from utility providers to enable titles to be issued for 9 subdivided lots at the site of the former Sea Lake School site. On receipt of titles Council can commence sale of the lots. Sale of the land is anticipated to commence by end of calendar year. All funding received from the State Government has been expended.

- 2022 Cabin Funding

Works have been completed for 6 of the 7 cabins delivered under this funding. The remaining cabin is expected to be completed by end of October. Cost increases observed during the procurement process showed Council would be unable to deliver a total of 14 cabins. A variation to the project scope was submitted and approved by the State Government to deliver 7 x 2 bedroom cabins only. All funding received from the State Government has been expended.

- 2024 Cabin Funding

The Regional Worker Accommodation Fund project will deliver a net increase of 14 bedrooms at each of the 7 sites that received 1 cabin in the previous project. This is being delivered in the format of 4 x 2 bedroom and 6 x 1 bedroom cabins. Construction of the cabins has been awarded and the project is expected to be completed by mid 2026. No cost savings from the project are expected at this time.

Question 4:

Budget Allocation: How has the \$4.6 million been spent or committed to date? Are there any cost overruns or savings?

Response:

Subdivision of the former Sea Lake Primary School

\$300,000	Funded amount
\$111,250	Committed Council co-contribution
\$509,984	Final cost
\$98,734	Overspend amount

Overspend attributed to higher than estimated cost of fill material required to level site (\$89,370) and NBN provisions required post upgrades in Sea Lake during project delivery (\$35,381).

2022 Cabin Funding

\$2,340,000	Funded Amount
\$600,000	Committed Council co-contribution
\$2,995,520	Final cost
\$55,520	Overspend amount

Overspend and project variation to decrease cabin numbers attributed to higher than estimated cabin costs (\$1,295,959) and fire service installation at Lake sites (\$841,671).

2024 Cabin Funding

\$1,629,194	Funded amount
\$300,000	Committed Council co-contribution
\$1,307,570	Current committed spend
\$621,624	Remaining budget

Project currently in progress, full amount of remaining budget expected to be required to deliver full scope.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS**5.1 MANAGEMENT REPORTS****5.1.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIPS**

Author's Title: Director Community Development

Directorate: Community Development

File No: GS/09/42

Relevance to Council Plan 2021 - 2025

Strategic Vibrant and connected communities

Objective: Strengthen community activity and connections

Empower and support organisations to make a difference in their communities

PURPOSE

To present to Council the application recommended for funding under the Community Grants Program.

SUMMARY

Council allocates funds in its Annual Budget to support community initiatives that align with Council priorities and the Community Vision as outlined in the Council Plan.

The purpose of the grant categories are:

- **Community Grants** – to support the strengthening of the capacity and capability of local organisations, assist with the organisation and management of events, or help with the purchase of small capital items.
- **Sustainability Grants** – to assist projects that contribute to reducing the community's carbon footprint, improving the environment, or effectively conserving resource usage.
- **Sponsorship Grants** – to help promote a strong and involved Buloke community by helping deliver successful local events, projects, services and other activities.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Approves the officer recommendation to fund the following project under the Sustainability Grants Program:
2. \$10,000.00 – Calder United Football Netball Hockey Club – Project: Make King of the Mount Sustainable

MOVED: Cr Stephen Barratt

SECONDED: Cr Bernadette Hogan

CARRIED.

(R/25/84)

DISCUSSION

In August 2025, the Calder United Football Netball Hockey Club submitted a Sustainability Grant application for \$10,000 via Council's online SmartyGrants portal for a project titled - Make King of the Mount Sustainable.

The application demonstrated a commitment to delivering long-term environmental, social, and financial sustainability benefits for the Buloke community through the implementation of a range of initiatives that minimise waste, reduce emissions, and foster community wellbeing.

Key project deliverables include reducing single-use plastics, providing refillable water stations, using recyclable race bibs, medals, and food packaging, and adopting digital resources to cut down paper use. Investment in reusable infrastructure such as fencing and signage will also help reduce freight emissions and landfill waste and provide long-term assets that can be shared across multiple community groups and events, further reducing carbon emissions into the future.

The purchasing of temporary fencing for \$14,250.50, instead of annual hire expenditure of \$12,000 will reduce the events carbon emissions by nearly 20kgs each year, given approximately \$3,000.00 of the hire costs are associated with freight from Swan Hill.

This reduction in expenditure and carbon emissions will also be applicable to other local events (i.e. Wycheproof Races) by having access to the temporary fencing locally and therefore having greater sustainability benefits for the wider community.

These initiatives directly support Buloke's Climate Action Plan and waste strategies by embedding sustainable procurement, encouraging recycling, and promoting re-use and repurposing at every stage of the event. Considered site planning, including the use of fencing to guide foot traffic, will further protect local vegetation and preserve the natural landscape. A comprehensive post-event clean-up and the storage and reuse of materials will ensure waste is minimised year after year, creating an ongoing culture of environmental responsibility within the community.

Beyond environmental benefits, the event strengthens social sustainability by promoting physical activity, celebrating Wycheproof's unique natural setting, and encouraging intergenerational participation. Financially, the purchase of reusable resources reduces reliance on disposable items and supports the event's long-term viability, while also benefiting other sporting and community groups who will share in the use of these assets.

By showcasing best-practice approaches to environmentally conscious event management, the King of the Mountain and Picnic will set a benchmark for sustainable community events as it not only reduces emissions and waste but also safeguards local natural assets, inspires sustainable behaviours, and ensures the event remains a valuable and resilient part of Buloke's cultural and environmental future.

In accordance with the Community Grant Program Guidelines, the application was reviewed by an Assessment Panel consisting of three Council officers from across the Community Development Directorate.

This assessment was based on the application meeting the following criteria, as per the Community Grant Program Guidelines:

1. Why is the project necessary? What does the project plan to achieve?
2. Who will the project benefit? How many people will it benefit?

3. How does your project link with the Council Plan and/or the Buloke Integrated Plan or your community's 2030 community plan?
4. How will this project encourage involvement and participation? How will the project promote living in Buloke?
5. How will the project align with the sustainability target areas? How will you measure the long-term impacts of this project in terms of contributing to sustainability?

Name of Organisation	Calder United Football Netball Hockey Club
Project Title	Make King of the Mount Sustainable
Grant Type	Sustainability Grant - Up to \$10,000
Total Amount Requested	\$10,000.00
Funding Amount Recommended	\$10,000.00
Full Project Cost	\$39,690.40
Project Description	This project will enable the King of the Mountain event to adopt a range of practices to strengthen environmental, social, and financial sustainability. The grant will support initiatives such as reducing single-use plastics, expanding recycling at the event site, and one-off purchases to reuse and repurpose.
What will the project/ event achieve	It will assist with developing event infrastructure and resources that can be reused annually and shared by other community groups such as netball, hockey, cricket and race clubs - reducing reliance on disposable or one-off items and supporting the event's long-term viability. Collectively, these measures ensure the King of the Mountain event continues to deliver benefits for the community while minimising environmental impacts and building resilience and sustainable practices for future years.
Assessment Panel Scoring out of 75	22 + 20 + 13 = 55
Average Score	18 out of 25

Based on their assessment against the selection criteria, the Panel recommends that the application is funded with an assessment score of 55/75 (22 + 20 + 13 = 55).

RELEVANT LAW

Not applicable to this report.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Not applicable to this report.

OPTIONS

Council has the option not to allocate the funds as recommended by the Assessment Panel. However, such amendments to the proposed funding recommendations may undermine the integrity and fairness of the assessment process.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The Calder United Football Netball Hockey Club – Project: Make King of the Mount Sustainable will deliver strong sustainability outcomes by reducing waste, lowering emissions, and investing in reusable infrastructure that benefits both the event and the wider community.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Applicants were contacted by a Council officer if their application required additional information or clarification. The Community Grants Program is regularly promoted through the Council's website and social media channels, local radio and printed media.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The Community Grants Program is consistently assessed to identify any opportunities for continuous improvement and to ensure it reflects the needs of the community.

COLLABORATION

Not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

The allocation of funds for the applications recommended for funding will come under the adopted Community Sustainability Grants (\$50,000) in Council's Annual Budget 2025-26.

There is currently \$47,830.67 available in the Community Sustainability Grants budget for the 2025-26 financial year. Previous Community Sustainability Grants awarded for the 2025-26 financial year are:

Grant Amount	Community Group and Project Name	Project Summary
\$2,169.33	Donald Men's Shed Project: Beating the Blues	This project will enable the purchase and installation of a reverse cycle air conditioner for the Donald Men's Shed. An energy efficient reverse cycle air conditioner will reduce the current energy usage of the Donalds Men's Shed and make it a more comfortable and inviting space for current and future members.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable to this report.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Buloke Shire Council Plan 2025-2029

Community Grant Guidelines 2025

Community Engagement Policy

Community Support Policy

Buloke Shire Climate Action Plan

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

This report recommends that Council approves the recommended allocation of funds under the Community Grants Program.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in the preparation of this report has declared a conflict of interest.

Attachments: Nil

5.2 FINANCIAL REPORTS

5.2.2 FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENTS 2024/25

Author's Title: Director Corporate and Organisational Performance

Directorate: Corporate and Organisational Performance

File No: FM/02/09

Relevance to Council Plan 2021 - 2025

Strategic Council leadership and engagement

Objective: Responsible leadership and decision making

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval in principle of the Draft Financial Statements and Performance Statement (the Statements) for the 2024/25 financial year as presented, noting that they have not been finally audited. This report also seeks to authorise two Councillors to certify by signature the final form Statements on behalf of the Council, in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer. This process is in accordance with Section 99 (3) (a) and (b) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), and Sections 13 and 15 of the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020* (the Regulations).

SUMMARY

The preparation of the annual Financial and Performance Statements is a legislative requirement. To enable the final form Statements to be submitted to the auditor in accordance with Section 99 (3) (a) and (b) of the Act and Sections 13 and 15 of the Regulations, Council is required to pass a resolution to give the Statements its approval in principle, and to authorise two Councillors to sign the Statements in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer and the Principal Accounting Officer. Councillors are requested to consider the Statements, noting that they are in the process of being reviewed by the Victorian Auditor General's Office (VAGO) and as such are considered to be in draft. Once the Statements are returned from the auditor, they will form part of Council's 2024/25 Annual Report which will be considered by Council in October 2025.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Approves in principle the draft Financial Statements and Performance Statement for the 2024/25 Financial Year, ahead of the Statements' submission to the auditor.
2. Authorises Mayor Cr Getley and Cr Milne, to certify the final form Financial Statements and Performance Statement on behalf of, and with full authority of, the Council.

MOVED: Cr Stephen Barratt

SECONDED: Cr Bernadette Hogan

CARRIED.

(R/25/85)

DISCUSSION

Under Section 98 of the *Local Government Act 2020* a Council must in respect of each financial year, prepare an Annual Report that includes audited Statements for the financial year. These Statements must be prepared in the prescribed manner and form and be certified by the Auditor General.

This year the Victorian Auditor General's Office agents Crowe acted as Council's auditors. The Statements have been reviewed by the Victorian Auditor General's Office.

Council is required to approve, in principle, the Statements prior to receiving certification from the Auditor General. The Council must also authorise two Councillors to certify the Statements in their final form. This has historically been the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Draft Statements were considered by the Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting on 10 September 2025 and resolved to receive and note the statements as presented to Council. A summary of the financial statements as presented to the Audit and Risk Committee is included in the report below.

Summary

The draft financial statements for 2024/25 disclose a surplus for the year of \$1.02 million, an unfavorable variance against the budget of \$2.03 million. Council's total comprehensive result \$2.94 million includes a net revaluation surplus of \$1.92 million.

The variance between budget and actuals has been principally due to:

- Net increase in grants (being advance receipt of the Financial Assistance grants and decrease capital grants not being recognized due to delay in receipt or completion of works)
- Increase in material and services mainly due to unbudgeted expenditure against emergency events and hire of external contractors and consultants for legal as well as internal requirements such as filling in for staff vacancies.

Council's underlying deficit for the year, after adjusting non-recurrent capital grants and contributions is \$2.12million. It reflects council's dependency on external grants to carry out operations.

Delay in approval of certified estimates towards emergency events like AGRN 1037 (October 2022 floods) as well as AGRN 1096 (December 2023 floods) has caused a reduction in Council's cash position by \$3.13 million from June 2024.

Council has a carry forward capital works program worth \$13.75million.

Income statement

Total income and total expenses for the year amounted to \$1.02 million and \$2.03 million respectively above the budgeted figures, resulting in an unfavorable variance of \$1.01 million in the net operating result.

Major reasons for variance being detailed as follows –

Description	Variance (in '000)	Comments
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Statutory fees and fines	+22	Higher than budgeted revenue from planning permits.
User fees and fines	(24)	Council's discretionary revenue from building inspections and planning permits were lower than anticipated.
Grants – operating	+5,985	Favorable variance due to 50% of FY2026 Financial Assistance Grants received in advance and - Unbudgeted income from emergency events AGRN 1096 (Dec 2023) and AGRN 1108 (Feb 2024).
Grants – Capital	(5,526)	Unfavorable variance due to - Revenue from Roads to Revenue anticipated to be recognized at a higher level than actuals - Delay in completion of capital works against major projects such as Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 4, Regional Workers Accommodation and Betterment (flood rehabilitation) has led to delay revenue recognition.
Contributions – monetary	(200)	Unfavorable variance due to delay in insurance outcome against Birchip Netball Court and Wooroonook Septic, partly offset by club contributions earned from Lighting Up Buloke
Other Income	+765	Favorable variance due to interest from investments and other minor sources of income like sale of scrap metal and fuel tax credits.
Employee Costs	+1,146	Favorable variance due to vacant positions across the organisation
Materials and Services	(2,700)	Unfavorable variance due to stockpiling of road-making materials, unbudgeted emergency event expenditure (AGRN 1037, 1096, 1108), contractor costs for election preparation and festival events, and temporary staff hires
Depreciation right of use assets	(27)	Unfavorable variance due to additional leased vehicles and changes in interest rates not captured in budget
Allowance for impairment loss (Bad debts)	(29)	Unfavorable variance due to availability of revised management guidance around prior years infringement income recoverable.
Other Expenses	(84)	Unfavorable variance caused due to under-budgeted election expenses and Council's community contributions.

Balance Sheet

Items	Comments
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Cash and Cash equivalents	Closing balance of \$3.128 million, a decrease from \$6.396 million last year, due to significant flood recovery expenditure (AGRN 1037, 1096).
Other financial assets	They are term deposits held by Council and include investments of approx. \$15million having maturity 90 days or less from date of balance sheet. Overall, council cash position has increased by \$1.7million
Trade and other receivables	It includes statutory debtors like rates and infringements as well as non-statutory debtors like grants, accrued income and others. Decrease in receivables is primarily due to grant debtors of approx. \$1,343 being received.
Non-current assets held for sale	Relates to works done on the Sea Lake Housing Development subdivision.
Property, plant and equipment	Total value of PPE has increased by \$3.7million that comprises of – \$11.57million of capital works undertaken, Revaluation gains from Land of \$2million set off by a revaluation loss from Buildings of \$80K, Depreciation and write-off of \$9million and \$600K respectively
Right of Use assets	Includes Council's leased light vehicle fleet. Decrease in value is due to depreciation charge.
Investments in associates, joint arrangements and subsidiaries	Relates to Council's share of profits in Wimmera Southern Mallee Development (WSMD). Decrease is due to movement in WSMD's net assets.
Trade and other payables	Includes creditors and accrued expenses, balance has increased by \$100K
Trust funds and deposits	This value has increased by \$120K
Contract and other liabilities	These include grant money received in advance and has increased by \$263K
Lease liabilities	They related to light vehicles leased by council
Provisions	These include – Employee provisions increased by \$118K mainly due to long service leave provisions Landfill provision – increased by \$64K Gravel pit provision – increased by \$81K
Accumulated Surplus	Net decreased by \$608K comprising of Annual surplus result - \$1.02million Net transfers to reserve – (\$413K)

Reserves	Net Increased by \$2.333million comprising of \$1.92 million – net revaluation surplus \$58K – transfer of unspent sustainability grants to ‘Sustainability Fund’ \$200K – Annual top up to ‘Grant Opportunity Reserve’ \$200K – Annual top up to ‘Capital Project Initiations’ (\$45K) – transfer of loss incurred in the ‘Waste Program’
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Statement of Capital Works

Total capital works undertaken were \$11.57million. This includes capital projects of \$6.5million which was approx. \$13million short of the original budget of \$19.7million as well as unbudgeted flood works of approx. \$5million.

Major variances are due to below

Asset Class	Comments
PROPERTY	
Land improvements	Unfavorable variance due to Sea Lake Housing Development not considered under budget
Building improvements	Favorable variance due to major building improvements including heating, ventilation and air conditioning works not undertaken.
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	
Plant, equipment and machinery	Favorable variance as purchase of heavy plant and equipment like grader and water trucks, has been delayed.
Computers and Telecommunications	Favorable variance as investment in IT equipment were lower than anticipated.
Library books	Favorable variance as investment in library books were lower than anticipated.
INFRASTRUCTURE	
Roads	Favorable variance due to delay in Jeffcott Road rehabilitation, safer local roads program, flood rehabilitation works as well as lower than anticipated delivery on reseals etc.
Footpath and Cycleways	Favorable variance due to delay in works being progressed.

Drainage	Favorable variance due to works not initiated.
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	Favorable variance due to delay in projects majorly relating to Aquatic Renewal, Birchip Netball Court Remediation, Tiny Towns as well as Birchip Recreation Reserve Generator
Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes	Favorable variance majorly due to works towards Regional Workers Accommodation being delayed
Aerodromes	Favorable variance due to works being delayed.

Changes to comparative period

- As recommended under audit - landfill provisions have been re-classified from current provisions to non-current provisions and respective changes have been made in the comparative year of 2024 as well.

RELEVANT LAW

The Statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, the Local Government Act 2020 and the Regulations. Council's Statements must be audited to meet the requirements as set out under the Local Government Act 2020.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Not applicable to this report

OPTIONS

Not applicable to this report

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable to this report

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community consultation was not required in the preparation of the Statements. However, the Statements will be made available as public documents following the Auditor-General's approval. Once fully audited and approved, the Statements will be published in Council's upcoming Annual Report.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Not applicable to this report

COLLABORATION

Not applicable to this report

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

The Statements are a report back to the community on Council's performance against the adopted 2024/25 Annual Budget, along with performance against measures and targets for Key Strategic Activities specified in the 2024/25 Annual Budget.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable to this report

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

The Statements are a report back to the community on Council's performance against the performance against measures and targets for Key Strategic Activities specified in the 2024/25 Annual Budget.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

The availability of Council's audited financial and performance reporting to the community is essential for ensuring transparency and accountability to the community and other levels of government

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

Attachments:

1. Attachment 5.2.2.1 - DRAFT Annual Financial Statements- GPF S-2025 17092025
2. Attachment 5.2.2.2 - DRAFT Performance Statement 16092025

6 MEETING CLOSE

Meeting closed at 4:52pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held in Wycheproof Hall Supper Room on 15 October 2025 at 7:00pm.