



# SHIRE OF WONGAN-BALLIDU 2025/2026 BUDGET BULLETIN



## Shire Presidents Message...

Council is proud to present the 2025/26 Annual Budget, which reflects the aspirations and goals outlined in the Shire's current Strategic Community Plan. This budget underscores Council's ongoing commitment to high-quality service delivery, supported by a range of initiatives designed to meet the evolving needs of our community. Highlights of these initiatives are detailed throughout this bulletin.

A key feature of the 2025/26 budget is the significant investment in capital works, with approximately \$8.61 million allocated to projects across the Shire.

Council remains focused on maintaining its asset base in a serviceable condition. The budget has been carefully structured to support this objective, while also preserving a strong financial position. As of June 2026, the Shire's reserves are projected to total \$4.069 million, these funds will assist to ensure that vital services continue to be delivered at or above current levels.

With the Perth CPI released at 2.7% in June 2025, and the forecast Local Government Cost Index for 2024/25 of 3.6% Council has resolved to increase rates by 5%. This measure will cover rising fixed costs, support capital renewals and upgrades, and enhance our capacity to fund future infrastructure investment. To move closer to full cost recovery, the waste charge will increase by 20%. This adjustment not only accounts for CPI but also improves the sustainability of waste management funding. Importantly this allows general rate revenue to be redirected towards future capital investments and sustaining high-quality services Shire-wide.

Council continues to have a strong emphasis on strategic planning to guide decision-making and ensure long-term sustainability. This focus is reflected in the integration of the Strategic Community Plan review into the budget framework, and to support this approach, consultants will be engaged, ensuring access to expert advice and contemporary best practices. This enables Council to make informed decisions, deliver targeted outcomes, and maintain transparency and accountability in planning and service delivery.

Shire President  
Cr Mandy Stephenson



## Rates Due Dates

### OPTION 1

Single Full Payment

Due - 22.09.2025



### OPTION 2

Four Instalments

First - 22.09.2025

Second - 24.11.2025

Third - 27.01.2026

Fourth - 31.03.2026

Update Your Contact Details



## Why do we Pay Rates?

Your rates provide valuable revenue to maintain the current quality services and facilities the Shire operates for the community to enjoy. The rates raised provide for the net funding requirements of the Shire's services, activities, financing costs and the current and future capital requirements of renewing and upgrading the Shire's assets, after taking into account all other forms of revenue.

It is not only funds from rates which supports the Shire's projects and activities. Council aims to keep rates as reasonable as possible by raising over 75% of its income from investments, fees and charges and through Federal and State Government grants.

## PAY YOUR RATES IN FULL PRIZE DRAW

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, in partnership with local businesses, encourages all residents to settle their rates in full by 22 September 2025 with a chance to win 1 of 6 prizes.

1. AFGRI - Weber Baby Q
2. Boekeman Machinery - \$250 Voucher
3. Dsatco - Bulk Bag Triple C Mulch
4. TKB Mechanical - Wheel Alignment Voucher
5. Dunnings - Truck Wash & Hand Cleaner
6. Wongan Hills Mitre 10 - \$75 Voucher



# 2025/2026 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



**TOTAL REVENUE & EXPENDITURE**  
**\$16,430,832**

## Revenue Breakdown

Capital Grants	\$4,098,264	(24.94%)
Rates	\$3,750,334	(22.82%)
Borrowings/Reserves/Financing	\$2,663,626	(16.22%)
Opening Surplus	\$2,269,742	(13.82%)
Operating Grants	\$2,244,188	(13.66%)
Fees & Charges	\$621,529	(3.78%)
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	\$449,000	(2.73%)
Interest Earnings	\$185,331	(1.13%)
Other Revenue	\$128,700	(0.78%)
Proceeds- Self Supporting Loans	\$20,118	(0.12%)



## HOW IS \$100 OF OUR REVENUE EXPENDED?



Capital - Roads & Footpaths	\$28.75
Employee Costs	\$19.08
Capital - Land & Buildings	\$12.95
Materials & Contracts	\$11.77
• Includes \$230,000 Medical Centre Subsidy	
Loans/Reserves/Financing	\$10.16
Capital - Plant & Motor Vehicles	\$8.73
Utility Charges	\$1.90
Insurance	\$1.87
Capital - Other Infrastructure	\$1.64
Community Group Contributions	\$1.19
Elected Members	\$0.81
Other Expenditure	\$0.49
Capital - Furniture/Equipment/IT	\$0.36
Finance costs	\$0.30



## Major Capital Works



**Civic Centre - Conservation Works**  
**\$107,100**



**BFB & VFRS Co-Location**  
**\$1,500,000\***



**Ballidu Hall**  
**\$153,500**



**Museum Works**  
**\$77,000**

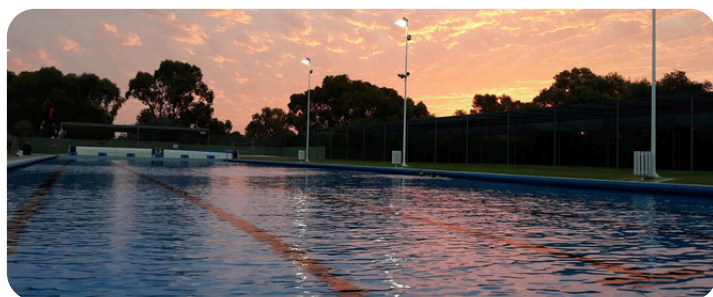


**Mocardy Dam**  
**\$104,272**



**Roads**  
**\$4,558,029**

*\*Total amount TBC. Externally funded.*



## Emergency Services Levy

The ESL is an annual charge paid by all property owners in Western Australia.

Every dollar raised through the ESL pays for the delivery of critical and life-saving fire and emergency services across the State. In the event of a structure fire, bushfire, flood, storm, cyclone, hazardous spill, road crash or any other emergency on land or sea, DFES are there to support us.

The Shire collects the ESL on behalf of DFES through rates payments. ESL has increased approximately 4.5% this financial year, mandated by the State Government.

## Bulk Waste Trailer Hire



**PLEASE SEE WASTE PASS FOR ALL WASTE INFORMATION OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.WONGAN.WA.GOV.AU](http://WWW.WONGAN.WA.GOV.AU)**

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