

SHIRE OF WONGAN-BALLIDU 2026/2027 BUDGET BULLETIN



Shire Presidents Message...

Council is proud to present the 2026/27 Annual Budget, which reflects the priorities and aspirations identified through extensive community consultation and articulated in the Strategic Community Plan 2026–2036, adopted by Council on 25 March 2026. This budget demonstrates Council's ongoing commitment to delivering essential services, maintaining community assets, and investing in projects that will support the long-term growth and sustainability of our Shire.

A key feature of the 2026/27 Budget is the significant investment in capital works, with approximately \$7.93 million allocated to projects across the Shire. Council remains committed to maintaining its assets in a sound and serviceable condition. To support this objective, the budget includes \$714,545 in building renewal works, ensuring our facilities continue to meet the needs of residents, community groups and visitors. Council has also maintained a strong financial position, with reserves projected to total \$3.81 million as at 30 June 2027, providing capacity to fund future priorities while maintaining service levels.

Major projects funded in the 2026/27 Budget include:

- Wongan Hills Museum Conservation Works – \$214,600
- Ballidu Hall Improvements – \$153,500
- Land Development (pending tenure) – \$500,000
- Roads Program – \$5,357,665

To address increasing costs associated with service delivery and infrastructure maintenance, Council has resolved to increase rates by 5%. This increase is necessary to accommodate movements in the Consumer Price Index, and to continue strengthening Council's capacity to fund future infrastructure investment and asset renewal. Council has also approved a 10% increase in waste charges. This adjustment represents another step towards ensuring waste services are funded sustainably and equitably. The budget includes an allocation for planning to expand capacity at the waste sites in the Shire, to ensure further longevity of this important service.

A significant component of the 2026/27 operating budget relates to consultant and professional service costs. These expenditures are largely associated with the planning, investigation and design work required to progress the priorities identified through the recent review of the Strategic Community Plan. Community consultation undertaken during the review process highlighted a range of projects and opportunities that require detailed planning to ensure they are feasible, strategically aligned and ready to attract future funding. Engaging specialised expertise at this stage will enable Council to make informed decisions, position projects for grant funding opportunities, and deliver outcomes that reflect community expectations.

On behalf of Council, I would like to thank our residents, businesses, community organisations and staff for their continued support and contribution to our Shire. Together, we are building a resilient, vibrant and sustainable future for our community.

Shire President
Cr Stuart Bookeman



Rates Due Dates

OPTION 1

Single Full Payment
Due - 18.09.2026

OPTION 2

Four Instalments
First - 18.09.2026
Second - 25.11.2026
Third - 27.01.2027
Fourth - 31.03.2027

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.

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.

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 18th September 2026 with a chance to win 1 of 6 prizes.

- 1.AFGRI – John Deere Fire Pit
- 2.Mitre 10 - \$50 Gift Voucher
- 3.TKB – Wheel Alignment
- 4.SOWB – Family Pool Pass 26/27 season
- 5.Dunnings - Truck and Hand Cleaner
- 6.Wongan-Ballidu Community Fitness Centre – 3-month Gym Membership



2026/2027 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



TOTAL REVENUE & EXPENDITURE
\$16,289,088

Revenue Breakdown

Capital Grants	\$4,822,641	(29.61%)
Rates	\$3,940,523	(24.19%)
Opening Surplus	\$3,436,097	(21.09%)
Reserves/Financing	\$1,538,250	(9.44%)
Operating Grants	\$1,328,450	(8.16%)
Fees & Charges	\$710,025	(4.36%)
Interest Earnings	\$194,590	(1.19%)
Other Revenue	\$154,653	(0.95%)
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	\$143,000	(0.88%)
Proceeds- Self Supporting Loans	\$20,859	(0.13%)



HOW IS \$100 OF OUR REVENUE EXPENDED?

Capital - Roads & Footpaths	\$33.73
Employee Costs	\$20.99
Materials & Contracts	\$14.40
Loans/Reserves/Financing	\$9.13
Capital - Land & Buildings	\$7.46
Capital - Plant & Motor Vehicles	\$5.85
Utility Charges	\$2.02
Insurance	\$1.85
Capital - Other Infrastructure	\$1.36
Community Group Contributions	\$1.24
Elected Members	\$0.80
Other Expenditure	\$0.57
Capital - Furniture/Equipment/IT	\$0.31
Finance costs	\$0.29

Major Capital Works



Wongan Hills Museum
Conservation Works
\$214,600



Ballidu Hall
\$153,500



Roads
\$4,558,029



Land Development (Pending Tenure)
\$500,00

Plant and Equipment

Light Vehicles

\$60,000 – Trade in (\$45,000) = **\$15,000**

Major Plant

\$515,000 – Trade in (\$360,000) = **\$99,000**

Minor Plant

\$337,400 – Trade in (\$10,000) = **\$29,000**

Total Shire Funding (reserves) = \$711,000

Bulk Waste Trailer Hire



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FIRE BREAK AND BLOCK CLEARING REQUIREMENTS



ALL LANDOWNERS and/or occupiers are required to ensure properties meet the fire break compliance standards by 13 October 2026, and until 15 March 2027. This includes requirements for rural and residential properties to carry out the necessary clearing, ploughing, or otherwise to keep the property clear of inflammable material in accordance with the Fire Break Notice. Refer to the Shire's website for a full copy of the Fire Break Notice and the requirements for your property.

The 2026/2027 Bushfire Newsletter will be distributed to all properties in September.

PLEASE SEE WASTE PASS FOR
ALL WASTE INFORMATION OR
VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.WONGAN.WA.GOV.AU



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