

Shire of Leonora

Annual Report

2023 - 2024



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Shire of Leonora acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we work and live. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging. We celebrate the stories, culture, and traditions of all communities who also work and live on this land.

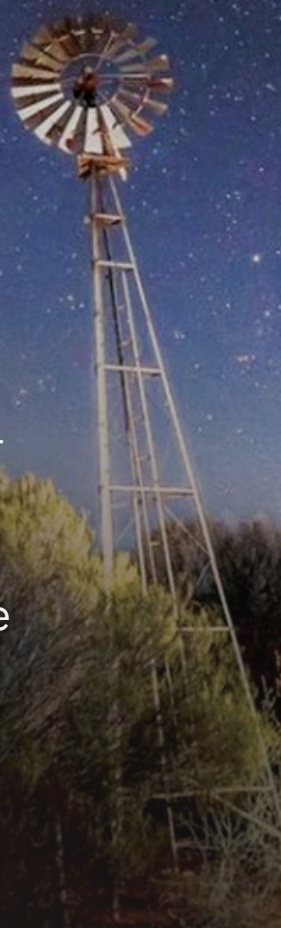


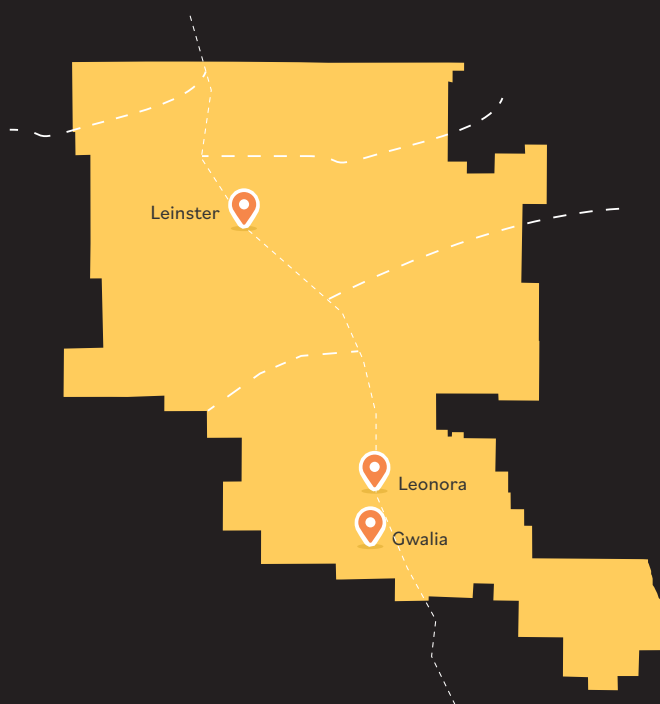
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SHIRE OF LEONORA



On the Edge of the Desert: A Gateway to Western Australia's Golden Outback

The Shire of Leonora, situated in the heart of the Northern Goldfields, encompasses an expansive area of approximately 31,893 square kilometres. Located 828 kilometres northeast of Perth and 235 kilometres north of Kalgoorlie, Leonora serves as a vital hub for the region's mining, exploration, and pastoral industries.

Leonora's landscape is characterised by its vast red sandplains set against wide blue skies. The region's diverse ecosystem includes ephemeral wetlands like Lake Darlot, spinifex hummock grasslands in the north, and mulga shrublands on elevated rocky features in the south. This varied terrain provides a sanctuary for native wildlife and attracts bird enthusiasts to locations such as Malcolm Dam. The area's natural beauty is further enhanced by spectacular wildflower displays between July and September.

For outdoor enthusiasts, The Terraces, a large breakaway formation 40 kilometres northeast of Leonora, offers excellent bushwalking trails, camping spots, and panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.

Rich in history and cultural significance, Leonora's modern heritage dates back to 1869 when explorer John Forrest named Mount Leonora, an ancient Aboriginal



spiritual site associated with the Dreamtime story of the dingo, Baba Ngoorrba. The Shire boasts an exceptional collection of well-preserved heritage buildings, offering visitors a unique glimpse into the area's gold rush era.

One of the Shire's most distinctive attractions is the living ghost town of Gwalia. Abandoned in 1963 following the closure of the Sons of Gwalia mine, it features restored miners' cottages and commercial buildings. The historic Hoover House, now a guesthouse and café, was originally built in 1898 for mine manager Herbert Hoover, who later became the 31st President of the United States. The Gwalia Museum showcases the Oregon headframe, believed to be Australia's only remaining wooden incline headframe, designed by Hoover himself.

The region boasts a rich and extensive Indigenous history that spans thousands of years. In more recent times, this cultural significance has been formally acknowledged through the recognition of over 700 Aboriginal heritage sites of importance within the area. These sites represent a diverse range of cultural, spiritual, and historical significance to the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land, the Wongatha people.

Today, Leonora stands as a thriving desert community, serving as a key service centre for the region's industries. The town's multicultural population includes a significant Aboriginal community, with various family groups represented within the Shire. Leonora provides a range of essential services to support its residents and visitors.

With its strategic location, rich history, and diverse natural attractions, the Shire of Leonora continues to play a vital role in Western Australia's outback, offering a unique blend of heritage, industry, and natural beauty in the heart of the Golden Outback.



Message from the President

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2023/2024 Annual Report, providing a comprehensive overview of the Shire of Leonora's achievements and key highlights from the past year.

The Shire of Leonora Council remains steadfastly committed to delivering optimal outcomes for our community. Reflecting on the year's accomplishments, I am particularly proud to note the continued success of the annual Golden Gift event, which was expertly organised and executed by our dedicated Shire staff. The 2023/2024 budget saw the implementation of several crucial projects, including but not limited to:

- Drafting of the Eastern Precinct Plan
- Re-structure of the Community Grants Program
- New CCTV towers to enhance community safety

The Shire of Leonora has still maintained its active membership in the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) and Northern Goldfields Working Group (NGWG).

We welcomed the State Government's commitment to establish Family and Domestic Violence programs and safe house accommodation in Leonora. This initiative will allow residents to access vital support services locally, strengthening our community's resilience and well-being.

I extend my appreciation to our CEO, Mr. Ty Matson, for his productive first year in the role. He has been actively engaged in implementing a new organizational structure and modernizing the Shire IT Administration framework.

My sincere gratitude goes to my fellow Councillors, with special thanks to Cr. Ross Norrie for his unwavering support in his role as Deputy President. We also warmly welcomed our newest council member, Tanya Nardone.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication of our Shire staff and express my genuine thanks to the community for their continued support in making Leonora an exceptional place to live.

The Shire of Leonora remains committed to balancing the preservation of our natural environment and lifestyle, respecting our rich heritage, and fostering economic growth. As we stand on the cusp of an exciting and progressive future, we anticipate numerous positive developments that will further enhance our thriving community.

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PJ Craig
President

Elected Members

Mr P Craig

SHIRE PRESIDENT

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Elected Member fees, allowances and expenses

For the year ending 30 June 2024

	Allowance	Attendance	Info & Coms	Reimburse / Travel	Total
P Craig	30,750	8,120	3,500	11,598	53,968
R Norrie	7,500	6,250	3,500	2,523	19,773
R Cotterill	-	6,250	3,500	-	9,520
F Harris	-	6,250	3,500	-	9,520
A Taylor	-	6,250	3,500	3,326	12,846
L Petersen	-	4,300	3,500	-	7,800
T Nardone	-	3,655	3,500	-	7,155

Elected Member Training

	Serving on Council	Understanding Local Government	Meeting Procedures	Conflicts of Interest	Understanding of Financial Reports and Budget
P Craig	Completed 2019	Completed 2017	Completed 2020	Completed 2019	Completed 2017
R Norrie	Completed 2019	Completed 2019	Completed 2019	Completed 2019	Completed 2017
R Cotterill	Completed 2024	Completed 2024	Completed 2024	Completed 2024	Completed 2024
F Harris	Completed 2017	Completed 2019	Completed 2024	Completed 2024	Completed 2017
A Taylor	Completed 2021	Completed 2020	Completed 2020	Completed 2020	Completed 2021
L Petersen	Completed 2017	Completed 2017	Completed 2017	Completed 2020	Completed 2017
T Nardone	Completed 2024	Completed 2024	Completed 2024	Completed 2024	Completed 2024

Elected Members Attendance

	JUL		AUG	SEP		OCT	NOV	DEC		FEB	MAR		APR	MAY	JUN	
	18th OMC	25th SMC	15th OMC	26th OMC	26th ARC	17th OMC	21st OMC	19th OMC	19th ARC	20th OMC	19th OMC	19th ARC	16th OMC	21st OMC	18th OMC	18th ARC
P Craig	✓	✓	LA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R Norrie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
L Petersen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⊙	⊙	✓	✓	✓	✓
R Cotterill	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
A Taylor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
F Harris	LA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	LA	LA	⊙	✓	✓	✓	✓	LA	LA
T Nardone							✓	✓	✓	⊙	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
A Moore	✓	✓	✓	LA	LA	LA										

OMC Ordinary Council Meeting ARC Audit and Risk Council Meeting

✓ Attended ⊙ Attended via Teams or Zoom LA Leave of Absence



Message from the Chief Executive Officer

Looking back on a year of growth and transformation, I am proud to share some of the key achievements our team delivered throughout 2023/2024, driving us closer to our vision.

This year has been both productive and demanding, with the Shire focused on strengthening governance and operational efficiencies to further enhance the high level of service we provide to our community.

A strategic organisational restructure was undertaken to improve service delivery and enhance efficiency. The Deputy Chief Executive Officer role was replaced with two manager roles, bringing the leadership team to a Chief Executive Officer, Manager Works and Services, Manager Community Services and Manager Business Services. The new positions have provided more intensive support to our staff. I was delighted to promote two highly capable and deserving long-term staff members into these roles, and they have both made significant contributions in a short period. I am incredibly proud of all our staff and their efforts.

This year, we enhanced operational efficiencies through fleet refurbishment, the implementation of a comprehensive Work Health and Safety System, and a focus on improving business processes and service delivery. These initiatives have led to a very busy year for our Shire staff. I was impressed by how well all team members embraced these changes. The dedication of the Shire staff to the community is exceptional and rivals any other local government I have encountered.

The Shire of Leonora has made substantial progress in addressing our community's priorities as outlined in the Shire's Plan for the Future. We have successfully completed and delivered several key projects in 2023/2024, including the Aging in Place facility and the swimming pool refurbishment, while also making significant progress advancing some of our key future focuses such as the Eastern Precinct project.

With considerable mining activity to the west of Leonora, plans are underway to develop a mixed-use Eastern Precinct. This will feature a multi-use

recreational area that includes firearm ranges, a racetrack and other recreation facilities. Additionally, there are plans for a new Roadhouse to accommodate the increased traffic from the Great Central Road and the proposed extension of the heavy freight bypass.

In early 2024, we experienced the end of a long-standing drought, bringing much needed rain to our Shire. This has rejuvenated the bush, making it a pleasure to drive around and enjoy the increased birdlife and blooming wildflowers. However, the rain was a double-edged sword, as several substantial rainfall events caused significant damage to the road network, with estimated damage costs reaching \$11 million. Efforts are currently underway to secure disaster relief funding to repair the roads as quickly as possible.

Leonora is a great town that has retained its unique identity and strong sense of community. I have witnessed a high level of community engagement on projects such as the Eastern Precinct and Leonora Safehouse, which is encouraging. Active community involvement in shaping Leonora's future is essential to ensuring it continues to be a great place to live.

I would like to express my gratitude to our Shire President, Peter Craig, and the Councillors for their dedication and contributions to our community over the past year. I also want to express my sincere appreciation to the staff of the Shire of Leonora for their ongoing efforts throughout 2023/2024.

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Ty Matson
Chief Executive Officer



**THIS YEAR HAS BEEN BOTH
PRODUCTIVE AND DEMANDING,
WITH THE SHIRE FOCUSED ON
STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE
AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES
TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE HIGH
LEVEL OF SERVICE WE PROVIDE
TO OUR COMMUNITY.**

Executive Team Organisational Chart



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ty Matson

- Governance & Council Support
- Human Resources
- Work Health & Safety
- Community Development
- Organisational Development
- Strategic Planning
- Emergency Management
- Economic Development
- External Communications



MANAGER BUSINESS SERVICES

Kiara Lord

- Accounts
- Rates
- Insurance
- Budget
- Financial Reporting
- Audits
- Ranger Services
- Town Planning
- Building
- Environmental Health
- Customer Service
- Administration
- Information Communication Technology



MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES

Alex Baxter

- Recreational Centre & Pool
- CRC
- Job Support Hub
- Library & Tourism Centre
- Multi-use Courts
- Oval & Parks
- Skate Park
- Youth Services
- Golden Gift & Events
- Gwalia Precinct
- Leonora Early Learning Centre
- Sport & Community Groups

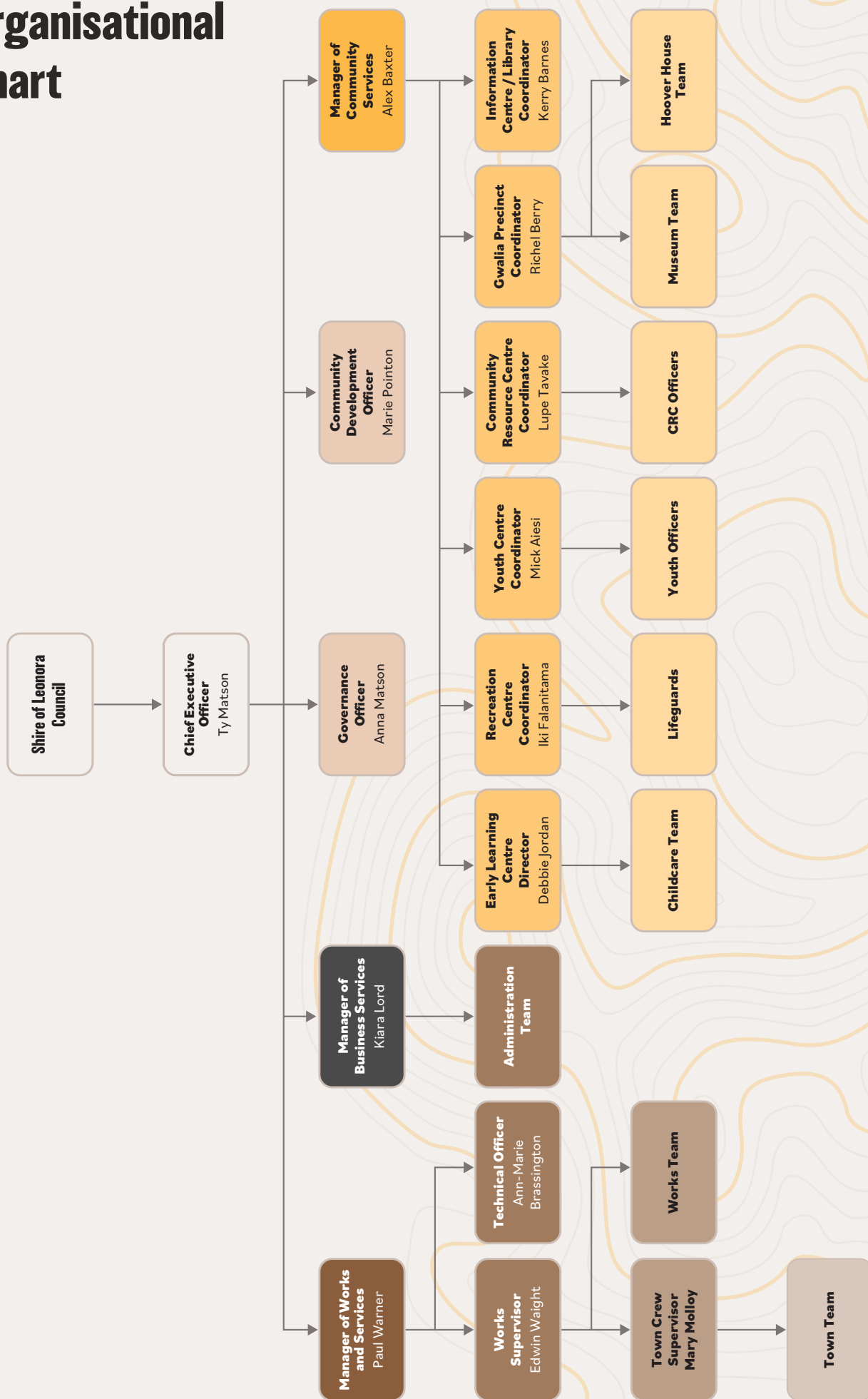


MANAGER WORKS & SERVICES

Paul Warner

- Airport
- Cemetery
- Park Ovals & Gardens
- Waste Management
- Roads & Footpaths
- Fleet and Plant Management
- Public Toilets
- Building Maintenance
- Strategic Planning
- Emergency Management
- Economic Development
- External Communications

Organisational Chart



SHIRE STATISTICS SNAPSHOT

Community



Distance
from Perth
832 kms



Mean Max
Temp
28.9C



2023/2024
Rainfall
264.8



Population
1,588



Private
Dwellings
815



Number of
Electors
516

Rates



Number of rateable properties
2,901 | GRV 690 | UV 2,211

Building



Number of building
applications
14

Planning



Number of planning
applications
1

Health



Number of Health
Registrations
9

Airport



Airport landings
2,660 includes 208 RFDS
Over 30,000 passenger
movements

CRC



1,163 People assistance provided
896 State Government &
Community information provided
42 Training Programs Delivered
and participant numbers
34 Video conference services
20 Local initiatives/projects

Leonora Early Learning Centre (LELC)



Number of enrolments – June 23 to May 24
12 children and 3 staff

Number of enrolments – June 24
15 children and 4 staff

GWALIA HISTORICAL PRECINCT SNAPSHOT

Number of Visitors



Accommodation
1,030



Museum
11,391



RV Vehicles
1,541



People in
RV Vehicles
3,093



Number of Visitors



Accommodation
\$95,821



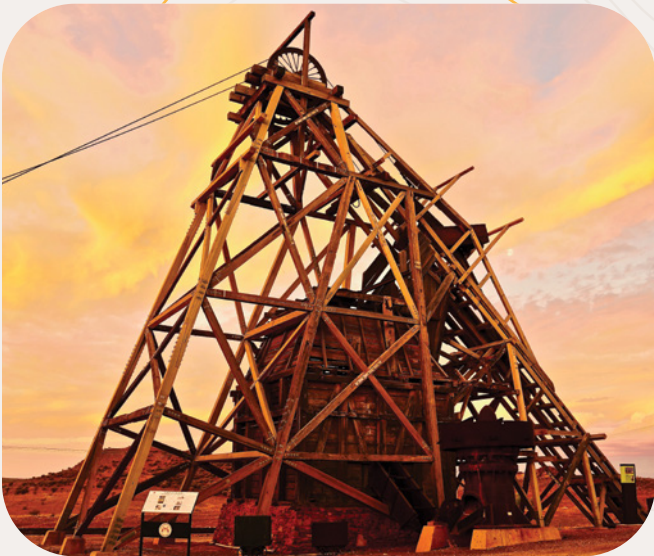
Cafe
\$138,165.81



Merchandise
\$35,143.05



Donations
\$19,185.80





2023/2024 ACHIEVEMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

The Shire of Leonora's Plan for the Future 2021-2031 outlines four key strategic themes that guide the delivery of services to our community. Throughout the 2023/2024 fiscal year, we have made significant progress in implementing these themes, resulting in several noteworthy accomplishments.

Theme Area: Social

Community Events

The Shire's annual community event program is dedicated to creating inclusive and engaging experiences for residents and visitors alike. Throughout the year, we hosted and supported a range of events and activities promoting active lifestyles, supporting our local economy and fostering community connections. This included NAIDOC Week, Multicultural Week, the Leonora Cup, Australia Day Party, The Golden Gift and a series of creative community workshops.

2024 marked the 22nd year of The Golden Gift and along with athletics, the event featured activities and entertainment for the whole family including live music performances, community markets and fireworks. It was successfully organised and managed by Shire staff, marking a return to in-house coordination after several years of outsourcing the event.

We saw the return of an art prize in 2023/2024 which was facilitated during The Golden Gift, providing an opportunity to show artists' works to a diverse audience. The Leonora Golden Gift Art Prize 2024 focused on nurturing a vibrant local art scene and it attracted a stunning display of Goldfields talent. Many beautiful works were entered, and the overall winner for 2024 was artist Simon Pool.

Family and Domestic Violence Safehouse

The Shire was successful in securing funding for the establishment of a Family and Domestic Violence Safehouse. The project will provide critical emergency accommodation and support services for those fleeing domestic violence situations, addressing a vital need in our community. This project will be completed in 2025 and is a collaborative project between the Commonwealth, State Governments, and the Shire of Leonora. It is a positive outcome for our community and allows those in need of a safe space, the ability to stay in Leonora rather than travel to other towns.

Youth Engagement

The Leonora Youth Centre has facilitated a range of diversionary programs throughout 2023/2024 including a music program, cooking program and art program. Coordination of the Youth Centre was outsourced in previous years to an external provider, however this year it was successfully transitioned back to in-house coordination by the Shire.



The Shire secured funding in 2023/2024 from the Commonwealth Government to facilitate an upgrade of the Leonora Youth Centre and works are due to be completed in 2024/2025.

During 2023/2024 the Shire collaborated with the Stephen Michael Foundation, the Shooting Stars and Blazers Basketball to provide additional activities for local youth.

Aging in Place Village

The Aging in Place project delivered eight modern, independent living units complete with adjoining private courtyards in the centre of Leonora in 2023/2024. The project received \$3.5 million in funding as part of the State Government's Regional Aged Accommodation Program. The project was completed and officially opened for its new residents to occupy in early 2024.

Pool Redevelopment

The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program enabled the Swimming Pool Retiling project to commence in 2022/2023 to enhance the life of the Leonora Swimming Pool. Works were completed in late 2023 with the retiling of the pool, including concourse paving. This work will ensure the facility will remain an excellent destination for relaxation and enjoyment for many years to come.

Community Grants

The annual community grant round opened in August 2023 with the aim of supporting community groups develop and deliver community initiatives.

The 2023/2024 grant round supported the extension of services and sporting opportunities throughout its communities with a total of \$80,000 being awarded towards 10 community initiatives. \$40,000 supported community initiatives in Leonora and \$40,000 in Leinster.

Theme Area: Economic

2023/2024 witnessed an ongoing and unprecedented boom in the resource industry. With record gold prices and significant investment in other resources, the Shire was a hive of activity.

The Shire began strategically planning the expansion of residential and industrial land availability while enhancing services throughout the region in 2023/2024. In a significant step forward, Council adopted the Eastern Precinct Master Plan. This precinct is set to integrate new sporting and recreation assets with the existing firearm facilities, creating a multi-functional community space. Provision for a service station and training area will enhance the offerings for the transport industry and tourists using the outback way.

New Power Generation Facility Project

In partnership with Horizon Power, the Shire progressed the Solar Power Generation Facility project to the advanced planning and design stage of delivery in 2023/2024. This innovative solar power generation facility will be strategically co-located with the Leonora Airport and is designed to replace the current gas facility which is approaching the end of its operational lifespan.

The new facility will feature a state-of-the-art solar array backed by a diesel generator, ensuring reliable and sustainable power generation. This initiative aligns with the Shire's commitment to renewable energy adoption and infrastructure modernisation, while also enhancing the airport's operational capabilities and energy security.

New Potable Water Supply

The Shire worked closely throughout 2023/2024 with the Water Corporation to secure a commitment for the construction of a new potable water facility. The current reverse osmosis plant, which has served the community for many years, is set to be replaced by a state-of-the-art facility.

This project aligns with Water Corporation's ongoing efforts to upgrade and modernise water infrastructure across Western Australia, aiming to ensure long-term water security and quality for regional communities. The planned facility will incorporate the latest water treatment technologies, potentially featuring advanced filtration systems and enhanced energy efficiency measures.

This upgrade is part of a broader strategy to strengthen the resilience of water supply infrastructure in response to climate change and rising demand. The project reflects the Shire's commitment to sustainable development and its proactive approach to addressing future water needs. While specific design details of the new plant are still being finalised, it is expected that the upgrade will significantly improve the reliability and efficiency of the local water supply system. The Shire and the Water Corporation will continue to collaborate throughout the planning and eventual construction phases to minimise disruptions to residents and ensure a seamless transition to the new facility.



Theme Area: Environment

Electric Vehicle Charger

The Shire was successful in obtaining grant funding for the installation of electric vehicle charger infrastructure near the Recreation Centre in Leonora's town centre. The funding was received through the WA EV Network program which is a State Government initiative delivered by Synergy and Horizon Power as part of a \$24.4 million fund to promote electric vehicle usage.

Installation of the infrastructure in 2024/2025 will ensure Leonora and our neighbouring communities are part of the expanding WA EV Network, making it easier for electronic vehicle drivers to explore regional Western Australia.

Outback Grave Markers

The volunteers at the Outback Grave Markers continued their fantastic work throughout the year bringing to life the lives and tragedies of the early gold days. The markers are being installed across the Shire and are well worth taking the time to read.

The volunteers at Outback Grave Markers continue their invaluable work in illuminating the lives and tragedies of the early gold rush era. The markers are being installed throughout the Shire, and they are well worth the time to read and reflect upon.

Capital Works

A total of \$5,693,281 was expended during the 2023/2024 financial year on capital works projects, with \$1,841,604 of external funding received to subsidise these costs.

A claim was submitted through the Commonwealth Disaster Relief Grants program to address the extensive damage to the Shire's 1,200-kilometre unsealed road network caused by severe weather events. This funding is essential for repairing the extensive damage, estimated at \$11 million, and for implementing measures to strengthen the resilience of our road network against future extreme weather events. Looking ahead to 2024/2025, we anticipate commencing extensive repair efforts across the affected road infrastructure.



CCTV Infrastructure

The Shire has significantly enhanced its surveillance capabilities with the acquisition of seven redeployable camera towers, marking a substantial upgrade to its CCTV infrastructure. Four of these advanced camera towers will be strategically positioned at the town's entry points, equipped with both video recording and automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) technology. The remaining three towers are designed for rapid deployment to allow for targeted surveillance in response to emerging public safety concerns or specific events.

This expansion of the CCTV network is part of a comprehensive approach to combat crime and antisocial behavior, while also supporting broader community safety initiatives. The Shire is committed to implementing this technology responsibly, adhering to relevant privacy laws and best practices in data management and security.

Cactus Hunters

The volunteers at the Cactus Hunters continued their work throughout 2023/2024 tracking the scourge of invasive cacti in the Shire, in preparation management through specialist eradication.

Left unmanaged these plants can spread rapidly, outcompeting native vegetation, degrading soil quality and disrupting the local ecosystem. The ongoing efforts of the Cactus Hunters is crucial for monitoring and understanding the spread of these invasive species providing essential data that will support effective, targeted eradication.



Theme Area: Leadership

2023/2024 has seen the introduction of monthly posts by the CEO to the community providing updates on Council Agendas and projects. A register of resolutions adopted by Council and their status has been placed on the Shire's website. This allows residents and ratepayers to track Council's progress on achieving the aims.

Policies

A comprehensive review of Council policies commenced in 2022/2023 and this included amendments to current policies and the development of new policies to ensure compliance with legislation and to provide appropriate governance framework.

Council adopted the new policy manual at its meeting held 21 November 2023.

Elected Members

October saw the reelection of several existing Councilors and the welcoming of Cr Tanya Nardone. Leonora is well served by its dedicated seven Councilors who are passionate about making this great place greater.

Organisational Restructure

Council approved a strategic organisational restructure aimed at improving service delivery, enhancing efficiency, and better aligning resources with the corporate objectives of the organisation.

The restructuring initiative stemmed from the departure of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, and subsequent identification of opportunities for enhancing organisational performance with the introduction of two manager roles. The existing Manager Works and Services was joined by the newly created positions of Manager Business Services and Manager Community Services. This has greatly enhanced the Shire's ability to serve our community.

Financial Management

The attached financial report of the Shire of Leonora for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 is based on proper accounts and records to present fairly the financial position of the Shire of Leonora at 30 June 2024 and the results of the operations for the financial year then ended in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995, the Australian Accounting Standards.



**IN PROGRESSING
TOWARDS THESE DESIRED
OUTCOMES, COUNCIL'S ROLE
MAY VARY FROM 'DOING',
TO COLLABORATING, TO
ADVOCATING IN BEHALF OF
THE COMMUNITY.**

Statutory Reports

Citizenship Ceremonies

Attaining Australian citizenship signifies a profound commitment to Australia. The Shire of Leonora holds the citizenship ceremonies as an esteem function and we take great pride in hosting these events.

In 2023/2024 we held two ceremonies welcoming a total of three new citizens.

Freedom Of Information Statement

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1992

Pursuant to Freedom of Information Act Section 96 and 97 an information statement detailing the process for applying for information under the Act and information the local government provides in addition to the FOI Act, the Shire is required to publish an Information Statement which details the process of applying for information under the Act as well as information that the Shire provides outside the Act.

This Information Statement is available on the Shire of Leonora website. The Freedom of Information Act 1992 and associated regulations can be found on the State Law Publisher website at www.slp.wa.gov.au where a full copy of all State legislation is available. Further information about Freedom of Information can also be found on the Freedom of Information Commissioner's website <http://foi.wa.gov.au/>.

During the 2023-2024 financial year there was one Freedom of Information application received or processed by the Shire.



State Record Act 2000 - Recordkeeping

- A. The Shire of Leonora is required to comply with the above mentioned State Government imposed Legislation.
- B. A Record Keeping Plan has been produced and approved by the State Records Commission.
- C. In accordance with minimum compliance requirements of Principle 6 of the State Records Commission – Standard 2, the following has been implemented:
 2. The efficiency and effectiveness of Councils Record Keeping Systems is evaluated not less than once every three years.
 3. The Council conducts a Record Keeping Training program.
 4. The efficiency and effectiveness of the Record Keeping Training program is reviewed from time to time.
 5. The Council's induction program addresses employee roles and responsibilities in regard to their compliance with Council's Record Keeping Plan.
 6. The Recordkeeping Plan was reviewed in December 2023.
 7. The new review is due December 2024

In order to progress the Shire of Leonora's document control practices, in 2019/20 an Electronic Information Management System was implemented.



National Competition Policy

The Competition Principles Agreement is an Inter-government Agreement between the Commonwealth and State/Territory Governments that sets out how government will apply National Competition Policy principle to public sector organisations within their jurisdiction.

The State Government released a Policy Statement effective from July 1996 called the Clause 7 Statement which forms part of the Competition Principles Agreement. The clause 7 policy document sets out nominated principles from the Agreement that now apply to Local Government. The provisions of Clause 7 of the Competition Principles Agreement require local government to report annually as to the implementation, application and effects of the Competition Policy.

The Competition Principles Agreement, under Clause 7, specifies three broad areas of reporting, they are:

- Competitive Neutrality
- Structural Review of Public Monopolies; and
- Legislative Review

In accordance with the requirements of the National Competition Policy the Shire of Leonora makes the following disclosure for 2023/2024.

COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY

The objective of competitive neutrality is the elimination of resource allocation distortions arising out of local government ownership of significant business activities.

The Shire of Leonora has assessed its operations and considers that it does not have a business activity that would be classed as significant under the current guidelines. Also the Shire of Leonora does not operate a business enterprise that has been classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as either a Public Trading Enterprise or Public Financial Enterprise.

The number of activities to which competitive neutrality principles have been applied in the reporting period is: NIL.

The number of activities to which competitive neutrality principles have been considered but not applied in the reporting period is: NIL.

Under the implementation timetable required by the National Competition Policy Statement the Shire of Leonora was required to undertake a cost benefit analysis to determine which significant business activities would be subject to competitive neutrality. This analysis was not undertaken by the Shire as no significant activities have been identified as part of its operations.



During the reporting period the Shire of Leonora did not become aware of any allegations of noncompliance with the competitive neutrality principles made by a private entity against the Shire.

STRUCTURAL REVIEW OF PUBLIC MONOPOLIES

In relation to Structural Review of Public Monopolies the Shire of Leonora discloses the following:

Structural reform principles have been applied to the following number of activities in the reporting period: NIL.

Structural reform principles have been considered but not applied to the following number of activities in the reporting period: NIL.

As no structural reform has been applied to any activities the review requirements of principle SR.3 of Clause 7 of the Competition Policy Statement have not been undertaken.

LEGISLATION REVIEW

The Shire of Leonora has a portfolio of local laws (previously known as by-laws) which may or may not conflict with the Competition Principles Agreement. These local laws are reviewed to ensure compliance with the reporting requirements,

Section 3.16 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires that all of the local laws of a Local Government must be reviewed within an eight-year period after their commencement to determine if they should remain unchanged or be repealed or Amended.

The Shire of Leonora is currently reviewing it's local laws.



Acceptance of the Annual Report

**Annual Report
Financial Year Ending 30th June 2024**

Adopted

Date: 13 December 2024

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan

- A. The Shire of Leonora is required to comply with the State Government imposed Disability Services Act (1993).
- B. A Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2025-2029 has been approved with the following principal intent.
 - i. Existing services are adapted to ensure they meet the needs of people with disabilities.
 - ii. Access to buildings and facilities are improved.
- C. The following delivery of services was implemented in the reporting year: NIL

Review of the plan was undertaken during the reporting period and as advised by Department of Communities, meets the requirements of the Disability Services Act 1993.

Official Conduct-Complaints Register

Pursuant to S.5.121 of the Local Government Act 1995, a complaints register has been maintained. As at the 30th June 2024, no complaints were recorded, therefore no action was required to deal with complaints.

Information of Payments to Employees

Pursuant to Section 5.53 (2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1995, and Administration Regulation 19B (2), set out below, the number of those employees with an annual salary entitlement that falls within each band of \$10,000 over \$130,000;

Salary Range (\$)	Number of Employees
130,000 - 140,000	2
160,000 - 170,000	1
310,000 - 320,000	1

POLICIES

The following Policies were reviewed and updated in November 2023.

Existing Policy Name	Operational in Nature (Y/N)	Existing Policy #	Action	Comment
New. Policy Manual Introduction			Adopted	Provides context and background detailing purpose of Council policies.
New. Policy Manual Review History Record (Revocations etc)			Adopted	Tabular form to record a summary of all reviews. Individual policies will also include history. Document Control Tables have been included at the end of the policy manual to record this. Historical revisions are included within the individual policies.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Existing Policy Name	Operational in Nature (Y/N)	Existing Policy #	Action	Comment
Agenda Items	Y	A.1.1	Rescinded	General policy action / operational in nature.
Chambers		A.1.2	Amended	Removed Shire President invitation to remove any crossover with administrative considerations (staffing, security of building etc).
Legal Representation		A.1.3	Amended	Policy Adopted November 2000 and no known Amendments since original Adoption. Increased assistance provision from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to reflect current market service conditions. Included exemption within procurement policy where this policy is activated and supporting controls.
Disclaimer		A.1.4	Rescinded	No longer relevant.
Well Wishes From Council		A.1.5	Rescinded	Gift provisions (legislative, Code of Conduct etc) which may result in conflict with this policy.
Meetings of Council - Guest Speakers		A.1.6	Amended	Policy allowed President to approve or disapprove requests to address Council. However there was no authority as an individual elected member to do this. Policy Amended to update controls and decision making. Amended policy wording to align with local law.

Existing Policy Name	Operational in Nature (Y/N)	Existing Policy #	Action	Comment
Public Relations - Press Releases	Y	A.1.7	Rescinded	In light of foreshadowed changes to legislation, and conflicts within the original policy, rescinded the policy and a letter or memo to the CEO from the President to be issued as interim measure until regulatory changes are effected. Code of Conduct also provides in some instances.
Execution of Documents	Amended	A.1.8	Amended	Not a policy position.
External Complaints Management	Y	A.1.9	Amended	<p>Procedures should be managed at administrative level. Policy to appropriately separate the requirements of complaints officers as per legislation.</p> <p>Complaints alleging a breach of the behaviours set out in Division 3 of the Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates are to be received by the Complaints Officer authorised by council. (The CEO is currently delegated with that function). If any complaint is received the local government (council) is to determine if a breach has occurred and any action required. The policy has been revised to provide clarity for the receiving of types of complaints. CEO procedure to be implemented for the process to deal with the Code of Conduct complaints.</p> <p>The Alleged Breach Form is required to be authorised by council and is included in the policy manual to ensure compliance, Adopted and review.</p> <p>Draft policy updates to separate community and service complaints from legislative complaints.</p>
External Complaints Management	Y	A.1.9	Combine	Considered and included legislative requirements as reviewed and Adopted in 2021.
Citizenship Ceremony		A.1.10	Amended	Level of policy background and detail reduced (does not provide additional guidance etc).
Recordkeeping Policy		A.1.11	Amended	Aligned with approved Record Keeping Plan (which is subject to ongoing reviews).
Declaration of State of Emergency		A.1.12	Rescinded	Restates legislation and not necessarily a policy position.

Existing Policy Name	Operational in Nature (Y/N)	Existing Policy #	Action	Comment
Legislative Compliance		New	Adopted	Policy to ensure commitment to high levels of legislative compliance, including reporting and actioning of breaches.
Internal Controls		New	Adopted	Policy to formalise Council's commitment to and approach to legislative compliance.
Approvals at Short Notice		New	Adopted	Provides ability to act on matters requiring a simple majority decision of Council in between meetings. Some proposed policies which have been reviewed/developed may require such approvals.

FINANCE

Existing Policy Name	Operational in Nature (Y/N)	Existing Policy #	Action	Comment
Financial Governance		New	Adopted	To establish prudent, transparent, accountable and equitable financial management and governance principles to be applied to general financial decision making.
Borrowing Management		New	Adopted	To reflect a 'no Borrowings' position
Rating		New	Adopted	Applying the rating principles set out within the Local Government Act 1995 in making decisions on the purpose for which the land is held or used or identifying any other characteristics of the land for rating purposes, including for change in valuation method.
Rating Exemption		New	Adopted	Establish a consistent approach to determine and review whether land is not rateable under Section 6.26 of the Local Government Act 1995. Provides for a delegation to the CEO, to deal with applications for exemption.
Audit & Risk Committee Terms of Reference (TOR)		New	N/A	Consider delegations to committee and whether to remain. Draft TOR developed for review.
Investments		A.2.1	Amended	Proposed policy updates include sections with some Amendments to investment terms and risk to align with Adopted risk management policy. Some sections have been added to better define expected control information. References to processes have been removed (to be considered with CEO procedures).

Existing Policy Name	Operational in Nature (Y/N)	Existing Policy #	Action	Comment
Corporate Transaction Cards	Y	A.2.2	Amended	Proposed policy has been reviewed and updated to align with policy developed through NGCG Collaborative Policy Review, and Amended to capture all transaction cards rather than only credit cards and limit the credit for each card to \$15,000. Further controls to be included through proposed CEO operational policies/procedures. Limitations on card limits, reporting of loss/theft and custodian where cards are to be returned required to be completed.
Purchasing Policy		A.2.3	Amended	Proposed policy has been reviewed and updated to align with policy developed through NGCG Collaborative Policy Review. Addresses changes to legislation, contract variations and extensions, and has improved controls with regard to procurement for tender exempt purchases. Has removed detailed repetition to legislation also. Updated to remove conflict with delegations also. Removed procedural forms (to be maintained in operational controls register). Workshop discussions controls such as contracts, exemptions, purchase thresholds and reporting, have been considered and applied. Additional consideration being applied relating to compliance and risk.
Rates Recovery	Y	A.2.4	Amended	Updated to remove repetition of legislation. Also updated to refer to financial hardship policy.
Insurance	Y	A.2.5	Rescinded	Timing may not align with expiration of current policies, and limits noted within the policy are set by the insurer, not by Council (may lead to insufficient insurance levels). Operational procedures should provide.
Budget Management - Capital Acquisitions	Y	A.2.6	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Taxation Exemptions		A.2.7	Rescinded	Policy intent understood to originally prevent opportunities for stamp duty tax avoidance.

Existing Policy Name	Operational in Nature (Y/N)	Existing Policy #	Action	Comment
Assets Accounting		A.2.8	Rescinded	Level of prescription may result in non compliance with accounting standards. Accounting standards govern, policy in its current form does not provide additional guidance or support. Accounting policies are adopted when adopting the annual budget.
Loans - Self Supporting		A.2.9	Rescinded	To be included in broader proposed 'Borrowing Management' policy.
Asset Management Policy		A.2.10	Amended	Policy has been reviewed and updated to align with current practices and adopted plans. Removed references to non relevant parties and better alignment of content to IPR documents.
The Application of Gross Rental Valuation to Mining Petroleum and Resource Interests		A.2.11	Rescinded	Policy scope is limited to mining/resources interests and also references trial periods from 2014 to 2017 and are now outdated. High levels of legislative detail/repetition and references.
Valuation of Land - Mining	Y	A.2.12	Rescinded	Included high levels of legislative details and references, as well as application forms which are external regulatory body documents.
Risk Management Policy		A.2.13	Amended	Remove detailed reference to standard (i.e. to read 'ISO 31000')
Regional Price Preference/ Buy Local Policy		A.2.14	No Action	No changes proposed
Panels of Pre-Qualified Suppliers		A.2.15	Rescinded	Risks associated with these panels (i.e. capacity and administrative resources to manage such panels).
Creditor Management	Y	A.2.16	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Financial Hardship		A.2.17	Amended	

HUMAN RESOURCES

Existing Policy Name	Operational in Nature (Y/N)	Existing Policy #	Action	Comment
Gratuity Payments		A.3.1	Amended	Updated to align with policy developed through NGCG Collaborative Policy Review where no gratuity payments considered (remove re-stated legislative references etc).

Existing Policy Name	Operational in Nature (Y/N)	Existing Policy #	Action	Comment
Conferences - Staff Attendance and Representation	Y	A.3.2	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Conferences - Staff Travel and Accommodation Expenses	Y	A.3.3	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Information and Communication Technology Usage	Y	A.3.4	Amended	Existing policy includes lots of operational inclusions. Reference to Australian Cyber Security Centre (ASCS) applied for policy inclusions and directed more toward cyber security than individual usage.
Strategic Work Health and Safety (WHS)	Y	A.3.5	Amended	Updated from 'Occupational Health and Safety' to broader Work Health and Safety (WHS) Strategic Policy. Policy content includes some overall statements and functions relating to CEO and management responsibilities. New policy title 'Strategic Work, Health and Safety (WHS)' NOTE: The policy refers to several CEO Procedures.
Temporary Employment or Appointment of a Chief Executive Officer		A.3.6	Amended	Updated to reference limitations to salary increases to be in line with SAT determination.
Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination	Y	A.3.7	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Superannuation		A.3.8	No Action	No changes
Protection from the Sun for Outdoor Work	Y	A.3.9	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Equal Opportunity		A.3.10	Rescinded	Legislation provides.
Staff Training	Y	A.3.11	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Smoke Free Environment	Y	A.3.12	Rescinded	Legislation provides.
Staff - Senior Employees		A.3.13	Amended	Minor update to note legislative compliance considerations apply to positions.
Staff - Presentations on Termination	Y	A.3.14	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Salaries and Wages - Mode of Payment	Y	A.3.15	Rescinded	Operational in nature.

Existing Policy Name	Operational in Nature (Y/N)	Existing Policy #	Action	Comment
Payroll Deduction of Union Subscriptions	Y	A.3.16	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Staff Incentive - Sick Leave Bonus	Y	A.3.17	Rescinded	Operational.
Fitness for Work (Including Alcohol, Drugs and Illegal Substance use in the Workplace)	Y	A.3.18	Rescinded	Operational.
Public Interest Disclosure		A.3.19	No Action	CEO is required by PID Act to publish on website information.
Social Media	Y	A.3.20	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Working from Home	Y	A.3.21	Rescinded	Operational.
Recruitment and Selection	Y	A.3.22	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination		A.3.23	No Action	

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Existing Policy Name	Operational in Nature (Y/N)	Existing Policy #	Action	Comment
Environment - Council Recognition		C.4.1	Rescinded	Not considered a policy position. Addressed through IPR considerations
Library Charges	Y	C.4.2	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Unruly Behaviour in Council Facilities	Y	C.4.3	Rescinded	Operational consideration encompassing.
Use of Community Bus and/ or other Vehicles	Y	C.4.4	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Museum Collections	Y	C.4.5	Amended	Was 'Gwalia Collection Policy' - combined to an Amended 'Museum Collections' policy with a broader policy statement to support the commitment to aligning with best practice initiatives and industry standards relating to museum collections, noting the CEO will implement and maintain procedures to support achieving policy objectives. Some existing/previous policy content to be implemented as CEO procedure.

Existing Policy Name	Operational in Nature (Y/N)	Existing Policy #	Action	Comment
Regional Leonora Collection Policy	Y	C.4.6	Rescinded	To be combined to an Amended 'Museum Collections' policy with a broader policy statement to support the commitment to aligning with best practice initiatives and industry standards relating to museum collections, noting the CEO will implement and maintain procedures to support achieving policy objectives. Existing/previous policy content to be implemented as CEO procedure.
Ageing in Place Village		C.4.7	Amended	New policy adopted 16 May 2023. When project nears completion, policy revision may be required to clarify approval process and remove operational considerations. Include reference to a delegation to appoint a caretaker.

MEMBERS

Existing Policy Name	Operational in Nature (Y/N)	Existing Policy #	Action	Comment
Events - Council Members' and Chief Executive Officer Attendance and Representation		M.5.1	Amended	Updated to align with policy developed through NGCG Collaborative Policy Review.
Conferences - Members' Travel and Accommodation Expenses		M.5.2	Amended	SAT determination provides for expenses and allowances and rates. Determination also states LGs cannot proscribe or limit. Policy updates applied, to also note expenses relating to travel and accommodation must be deemed reasonable if subjected to scrutiny.
Public Question Time		M.5.3	Amended	Update for compliance with standing orders (requires public raising a question to state their name and address). N.B. Minister has flagged reform agenda in relation to meeting procedures (standardising). Options in draft to refer only to standing orders. Foreshadowed changes to regulations will also provide here.
Elected Member Mandatory and Ongoing Professional Development		M.5.4	Amended	Update to align with policy developed through NGCG Collaborative Policy Review. Capture legislative review requirements (to occur after each ordinary LG election). Remove detail where repeating legislative requirements

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Existing Policy Name	Operational in Nature (Y/N)	Existing Policy #	Action	Comment
Plant and Vehicle Replacement Program	Y	T.6.1	Rescinded	Operational.
Shire's Plant and Equipment - After Hour's Use	Y	T.6.2	Rescinded	Usage should be the same for all (and not separate by users whether employees etc). Noted policy detail is not for personal use, but for community use. May not have sufficient parameters, and more appropriate to be picked up in operational procedures.
Operation of Shire Plant	Y	T.6.3	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Refuse Collection Charges		T.6.4	Rescinded	Not a policy position. Fees and charges reviewed annually and Adopted with budget.
Vendor / Trading Licence	Y	T.6.5	Rescinded	Able to manage through delegations and operational procedures.
Building Control - Free Standing Garden Sheds, Patios and Pergolas	Y	T.6.6	Rescinded	Building regulations and associated legislation prevail.
Building Control - Duration	Y	T.6.7	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Building Control - Buildings set out by Licensed Surveyor	Y	T.6.8	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Building Control - Relocated Dwellings		T.6.9	No Action	Workshop considered policy provides reasonable guidance
Building Licences	Y	T.6.10	Rescinded	Operational in nature.
Conditions for Surface Clearing and Drilling Activities within the Leonora Townsite		T.6.11	No Action	



FINANCIAL REPORT

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The Shire of Leonora conducts the operations of a local government with the following community vision:

The Shire will endeavour to provide the community services and facilities to meet the needs of the members of the community and enable them to enjoy a pleasant and healthy way of life.

**SHIRE OF LEONORA
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

*Local Government Act 1995
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*

STATEMENT BY CEO

The accompanying financial report of the Shire of Leonora has been prepared in compliance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* from proper accounts and records to present fairly the financial transactions for the reporting period ended 30 June 2024 and the financial position as at 30 June 2024.

At the date of signing this statement the particulars included in the financial report are not misleading or inaccurate.

Signed on the 3rd day of December 2024



CEO

Ty Matson

Name of CEO



**SHIRE OF LEONORA
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	NOTE	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$	2023 Actual \$
Revenue				
Rates	2(a),23	8,768,253	8,832,233	7,777,930
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2(a)	2,134,859	2,365,778	2,948,322
Fees and charges	2(a)	3,189,113	3,171,143	2,638,849
Interest revenue	2(a)	150,987	101,000	108,046
Other revenue	2(a)	281,150	346,890	315,212
		14,524,362	14,817,044	13,788,359
Expenses				
Employee costs	2(b)	(4,541,949)	(5,323,632)	(3,753,234)
Materials and contracts		(5,066,073)	(5,505,184)	(4,117,934)
Utility charges		(462,508)	(382,041)	(385,101)
Depreciation		(4,338,340)	(1,970,250)	(3,600,135)
Finance costs		(98,820)	0	(103,171)
Insurance		(326,809)	(383,056)	(322,902)
Other expenditure	2(b)	(108,147)	(369,995)	(181,430)
		(14,942,646)	(13,934,158)	(12,463,907)
		(418,284)	882,886	1,324,452
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	2(a)	804,843	2,257,760	4,094,320
Profit on asset disposals		122,506	68,083	8,770
Loss on asset disposals		(18,514)	(1,895)	(25,447)
Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4	1,261	0	61,117
		910,096	2,323,948	4,138,760
Net result for the period		491,812	3,206,834	5,463,212
Other comprehensive income for the period				
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>				
Changes in asset revaluation surplus	14	1,103,284	0	27,031,759
Total other comprehensive income for the period	14	1,103,284	0	27,031,759
Total comprehensive income for the period		1,595,096	3,206,834	32,494,971

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



**SHIRE OF LEONORA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2024**

	NOTE	2024 \$	2023 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	11,954,878	11,271,986
Trade and other receivables	5	965,694	728,304
Inventories	6	84,581	69,855
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		13,005,153	12,070,145
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Other financial assets	4	62,378	61,117
Inventories	6	45,052	45,052
Property, plant and equipment	7	38,208,906	35,177,240
Infrastructure	8	103,101,480	103,599,595
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		141,417,816	138,883,004
TOTAL ASSETS		154,422,969	150,953,149
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	865,230	593,802
Other liabilities	11	2,376,397	913,054
Employee related provisions	12	223,961	210,653
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,465,588	1,717,509
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee related provisions	12	140,945	104,691
Other provisions	13	1,976,278	1,885,887
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,117,223	1,990,578
TOTAL LIABILITIES		5,582,811	3,708,087
NET ASSETS		148,840,158	147,245,062
EQUITY			
Retained surplus		53,186,739	50,614,528
Reserve accounts	25	6,429,908	8,510,307
Revaluation surplus	14	89,223,511	88,120,227
TOTAL EQUITY		148,840,158	147,245,062

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SHIRE OF LEONORA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	NOTE	RETAINED SURPLUS \$	RESERVE ACCOUNTS \$	REVALUATION SURPLUS \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
Balance as at 1 July 2022		44,864,402	8,797,221	61,088,468	114,750,091
Comprehensive income for the period					
Net result for the period		5,463,212	0	0	5,463,212
Other comprehensive income for the period	14	0	0	27,031,759	27,031,759
Total comprehensive income for the period		5,463,212	0	27,031,759	32,494,971
Transfers from reserve accounts	25	1,000,000	(1,000,000)	0	0
Transfers to reserve accounts	25	(713,086)	713,086	0	0
Balance as at 30 June 2023		50,614,528	8,510,307	88,120,227	147,245,062
Comprehensive income for the period					
Net result for the period		491,812	0	0	491,812
Other comprehensive income for the period	14	0	0	1,103,284	1,103,284
Total comprehensive income for the period		491,812	0	1,103,284	1,595,096
Transfers from reserve accounts	25	3,058,435	(3,058,435)	0	0
Transfers to reserve accounts	25	(978,036)	978,036	0	0
Balance as at 30 June 2024		53,186,739	6,429,908	89,223,511	148,840,158

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



**SHIRE OF LEONORA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

NOTE	2024 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts		
Rates	8,667,140	7,787,755
Grants, subsidies and contributions	2,456,917	2,928,054
Fees and charges	3,189,113	2,638,849
Interest revenue	150,987	108,046
Goods and services tax received	1,064,663	1,231,826
Other revenue	281,150	315,212
	15,809,970	15,009,742
Payments		
Employee costs	(4,580,746)	(3,812,672)
Materials and contracts	(5,223,900)	(4,057,893)
Utility charges	(462,508)	(385,101)
Insurance paid	(326,809)	(322,902)
Goods and services tax paid	(1,030,363)	(1,189,468)
Other expenditure	(108,147)	(181,430)
	(11,732,473)	(9,949,466)
Net cash provided by operating activities	4,077,497	5,060,276
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for purchase of property, plant & equipment	7(a) (4,603,017)	(4,356,170)
Payments for construction of infrastructure	(1,090,264)	(3,408,921)
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	1,841,604	2,736,649
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	457,072	150,000
Proceeds from sale of infrastructure	0	13,864
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(3,394,605)	(4,864,578)
Net increase in cash held	682,892	195,698
Cash at beginning of year	11,271,986	11,076,288
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	11,954,878	11,271,986

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SHIRE OF LEONORA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	NOTE	2024 Actual \$	2024 Budget \$	2023 Actual \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Revenue from operating activities				
General rates	23	8,491,238	8,610,527	7,554,414
Rates excluding general rates	23	277,015	221,706	223,516
Grants, subsidies and contributions		2,134,859	2,365,778	2,948,322
Fees and charges		3,189,113	3,171,143	2,638,849
Interest revenue		150,987	101,000	108,046
Other revenue		281,150	346,890	315,212
Profit on asset disposals		122,506	68,083	8,770
Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4	1,261	0	61,117
		<u>14,648,129</u>	<u>14,885,127</u>	<u>13,858,246</u>
Expenditure from operating activities				
Employee costs		(4,541,949)	(5,323,632)	(3,753,234)
Materials and contracts		(5,066,073)	(5,505,184)	(4,117,934)
Utility charges		(462,508)	(382,041)	(385,101)
Depreciation		(4,338,340)	(1,970,250)	(3,600,135)
Finance costs		(98,820)	0	(103,171)
Insurance		(326,809)	(383,056)	(322,902)
Other expenditure		(108,147)	(369,995)	(181,430)
Loss on asset disposals		(18,514)	(1,895)	(25,447)
		<u>(14,961,160)</u>	<u>(13,936,053)</u>	<u>(12,489,354)</u>
Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities	24(a)	4,381,469	1,909,240	3,624,996
Amount attributable to operating activities		<u>4,068,438</u>	<u>2,858,314</u>	<u>4,993,888</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Inflows from investing activities				
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions		804,843	2,257,760	4,094,320
Proceeds from disposal of assets		457,072	478,500	163,864
		<u>1,261,915</u>	<u>2,736,260</u>	<u>4,258,184</u>
Outflows from investing activities				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	7(a)	(4,603,017)	(5,961,377)	(4,356,170)
Purchase and construction of infrastructure	8(a)	(1,527,099)	(4,350,296)	(3,408,921)
		<u>(6,130,116)</u>	<u>(10,311,673)</u>	<u>(7,765,091)</u>
Amount attributable to investing activities		<u>(4,868,201)</u>	<u>(7,575,413)</u>	<u>(3,506,907)</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Inflows from financing activities				
Transfers from reserve accounts	25	3,058,435	3,570,152	1,000,000
		<u>3,058,435</u>	<u>3,570,152</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Outflows from financing activities				
Transfers to reserve accounts	25	(978,036)	(949,233)	(713,086)
		<u>(978,036)</u>	<u>(949,233)</u>	<u>(713,086)</u>
Amount attributable to financing activities		<u>2,080,399</u>	<u>2,620,919</u>	<u>286,914</u>
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT				
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	24(b)	2,052,982	2,096,180	279,087
Amount attributable to operating activities		4,068,438	2,858,314	4,993,888
Amount attributable to investing activities		(4,868,201)	(7,575,413)	(3,506,907)
Amount attributable to financing activities		2,080,399	2,620,919	286,914
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	24(b)	<u>3,333,618</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,052,982</u>

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT
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1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial report of the Shire of Leonora which is a Class 3 local government comprises general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and accompanying regulations.

Local Government Act 1995 requirements

Section 6.4(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* read with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* prescribe that the financial report be prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Australian Accounting Standards. The Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities) and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board were applied except for disclosure requirements of:

- AASB 7 Financial Instruments Disclosures
- AASB 16 Leases paragraph 58
- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements paragraph 61
- AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows paragraphs 43 and 45
- AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment paragraph 79
- AASB 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets paragraph 85
- AASB 140 Investment Property paragraph 75(f)
- AASB 1052 Disaggregated Disclosures paragraph 11
- AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures paragraph 16

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* specify that vested land is a right-of-use asset to be measured at cost, and is considered a zero cost concessionary lease. All right-of-use assets under zero cost concessionary leases are measured at zero cost rather than at fair value, except for vested improvements on concessionary land leases such as roads, buildings or other infrastructure which continue to be reported at fair value, as opposed to the vested land which is measured at zero cost. The measurement of vested improvements at fair value is a departure from AASB 16 Leases which would have required the Shire to measure any vested improvements at zero cost.

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* provide that:

- land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment; or
- infrastructure; or
- vested improvements that the local government controls; and measured at reportable value, are only required to be revalued every five years. Revaluing these non-financial assets every five years is a departure from AASB 116 *Property, Plant and Equipment*, which would have required the Shire to assess at each reporting date whether the carrying amount of the above mentioned non-financial assets materially differs from their fair value and, if so, revalue the class of non-financial assets.

Accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. Except for cash flow and rate setting information, the financial report has been prepared on the accrual basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and liabilities.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

As with all estimates, the use of different assumptions could lead to material changes in the amounts reported in the financial report.

The following are estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year and further information on their nature and impact can be found in the relevant note:

- Fair value measurement of assets carried at reportable value including:
 - Property, plant and equipment - note 7
 - Infrastructure - note 8
- Measurement of employee benefits - note 12
- Measurement of provisions - note 13

Fair value hierarchy information can be found in note 22

The local government reporting entity

All funds through which the Shire controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements.

Initial application of accounting standards

During the current year, the following new or revised Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations were applied for the first time.

- AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Disclosure of Accounting Policies or Definition of Accounting Estimates

This standard resulted in terminology changes relating to material accounting policies (formerly referred to as significant accounting policies).

New accounting standards for application in future years

The following new accounting standards will have application to local government in future years:

- AASB 2014-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture
- AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current
- AASB 2021-7c Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections [deferred AASB 10 and AASB 128 amendments in AASB 2014-10 apply]
- AASB 2022-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
- AASB 2022-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Non-current Liabilities with Covenants

These amendments are not expected to have any material impact on the financial report on initial application.

- AASB 2022-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Fair Value Measurement of Non-Financial Assets of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities

These amendment may result in changes to the fair value of non-financial assets. The impact is yet to be quantified.

- AASB 2023-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Supplier Finance Arrangements

These amendments may result in additional disclosures in the case of applicable finance arrangements.

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2. REVENUE AND EXPENSES

(a) Revenue

Contracts with customers

Recognition of revenue is dependant on the source of revenue and the associated terms and conditions associated with each source of revenue and recognised as follows:

Revenue Category	Nature of goods and services	When obligations typically satisfied	Payment terms	Returns/Refunds/Warranties	Timing of revenue recognition
Grants, subsidies and contributions	Community events, minor facilities, research, design, planning evaluation and services	Over time	Fixed terms transfer of funds based on agreed milestones and reporting	Contract obligation if project not complete	Output method based on project milestones and/or completion date matched to performance obligations
Fees and charges - licences, registrations, approvals	Building, planning, development and animal management.	Single point in time	Full payment prior to issue	None	On payment of the licence, registration or approval
Fees and charges - waste management entry fees	Waste treatment, recycling and disposal service at disposal sites	Single point in time	Payment in advance at gate or on normal trading terms if credit provided	None	On entry to facility
Fees and charges - airport landing charges	Permission to use facilities and runway	Single point in time	Monthly in arrears	None	On landing/departure event
Fees and charges - sale of stock	Aviation fuel, kiosk and visitor centre stock	Single point in time	In full in advance, on 15 day credit	Refund for faulty goods	At point of sale
Other revenue - private works	Contracted private works	Single point in time	Monthly in arrears	None	At point of service

Consideration from contracts with customers is included in the transaction price.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue recognised during the year under each basis of recognition by nature of goods or services is provided in the table below:

For the year ended 30 June 2024

Nature	Contracts with customers	Capital grant/contributions	Statutory Requirements	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Rates	0	0	8,768,253	0	8,768,253
Grants, subsidies and contributions	703,503	0	0	1,431,356	2,134,859
Fees and charges	1,920,425	0	52,284	1,216,404	3,189,113
Interest revenue	0	0	0	150,987	150,987
Other revenue	61,493	0	91,624	128,033	281,150
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	0	804,843	0	0	804,843
Total	2,685,421	804,843	8,912,161	2,926,780	15,329,205

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Nature	Contracts with customers	Capital grant/contributions	Statutory Requirements	Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Rates	0	0	7,777,930	0	7,777,930
Grants, subsidies and contributions	1,016,744	0	0	1,931,578	2,948,322
Fees and charges	1,260,688	0	123,080	1,255,081	2,638,849
Interest revenue	0	0	0	108,046	108,046
Other revenue	48,146	0	0	267,066	315,212
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	180,719	3,687,854	0	225,747	4,094,320
Total	2,506,297	3,687,854	7,901,010	3,787,518	17,882,679

2. REVENUE AND EXPENSES (Continued)

2024 Actual	2023 Actual
\$	\$
93,803	73,086
57,184	34,960
150,987	108,046
11,088	8,424
75,300	60,000
15,050	2,200
90,350	62,200
4,367,902	3,723,519
174,047	29,715
4,541,949	3,753,234
98,820	103,171
98,820	103,171
108,147	181,430
108,147	181,430

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3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at bank and on hand
Total cash and cash equivalents

Held as

- Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents
- Restricted cash and cash equivalents

Note	2024	2023
	\$	\$
	11,954,878	11,271,986
	11,954,878	11,271,986
	3,148,573	1,848,625
15	8,806,305	9,423,361
	11,954,878	11,271,986

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Bank overdrafts are reported as short term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

Restricted financial assets

Restricted financial asset balances are not available for general use by the local government due to externally imposed restrictions. Restrictions are specified in an agreement, contract or legislation. This applies to reserve accounts, unspent grants, subsidies and contributions and unspent loans that have not been fully expended in the manner specified by the contributor, legislation or loan agreement and for which no liability has been recognised.

4. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

Non-current assets

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Units in Local Government House Trust - opening balance
 Movement attributable to fair value increment
 Units in Local Government House Trust - closing balance

2024	2023
\$	\$
62,378	61,117
62,378	61,117
61,117	0
1,261	61,117
62,378	61,117

Fair value of financial assets through profit or loss is determined from the net asset value of the units held in Trust at balance date as compiled by WALGA.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The Shire has elected to classify the following financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

- debt investments which do not qualify for measurement at either amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income.
- equity investments which the Shire has elected to recognise as fair value gains and losses through profit or loss.

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5. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Current

Rates and statutory receivables
Trade receivables
Other receivables
GST receivable

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
	196,290	97,456
	661,844	557,320
	68,332	0
	39,228	73,528
	965,694	728,304

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Rates and statutory receivables

Rates and statutory receivables are non-contractual receivables arising from statutory requirements and include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other statutory charges or fines.

Rates and statutory receivables are recognised when the taxable event has occurred and can be measured reliably.

Trade receivables

Trade receivables are amounts receivable from contractual arrangements with customers for goods sold, services performed or grants or contributions with sufficiently specific performance obligations or for the construction of recognisable non financial assets as part of the ordinary course of business.

Other receivables

Other receivables are amounts receivable from contractual arrangements with third parties other than contracts with customers and amounts received as grants for the construction of recognisable non financial assets.

Measurement

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at the amount of the transaction price, unless they contain a significant financing component, and are to be recognised at fair value.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Receivables which are generally due for settlement within 30 days except rates receivables which are expected to be collected within 12 months are classified as current assets. All other receivables such as, deferred pensioner rates receivable after the end of the reporting period are classified as non-current assets.

Trade and other receivables are held with the objective to collect the contractual cashflows and therefore the Shire measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Due to the short term nature of current receivables, their carrying amount is considered to be the same as their fair value. Non-current receivables are Indexed to inflation, any difference between the face value and fair value is considered immaterial.

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6. INVENTORIES

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current		
Fuel and materials	84,581	69,855
	84,581	69,855
Non-current		
Land held for resale		
Cost of acquisition	300	300
Development costs	44,752	44,752
	45,052	45,052
Balance at beginning of year	114,907	166,209
Inventories expensed during the year	(211,841)	(426,088)
Additions to inventory	226,567	374,786
Balance at end of year	129,633	114,907

The following movements in inventories occurred during the year:

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

Land held for resale

Land held for development and resale is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of acquisition, development, borrowing costs and holding costs until completion of development.

Land held for resale (Continued)

Borrowing costs and holding charges incurred after development is completed are expensed.

Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss at the time of signing an unconditional contract of sale if significant risks and rewards, and effective control over the land, are passed onto the buyer at this point.

Land held for resale is classified as current except where it is held as non-current based on the Shire's intentions to release for sale.

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7. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

(a) Movements in Balances

Movement in the balances of each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Land \$	Buildings - specialised \$	non- Total Property \$	Plant and equipment \$	Total property, plant and equipment \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	778,000	21,820,798	22,598,798	3,285,851	25,884,649
Additions	10,877	4,047,799	4,058,676	297,494	4,356,170
Disposals	(13,000)	(141,230)	(154,230)	0	(154,230)
Revaluation increments / (decrements) transferred to revaluation surplus	54,623	5,931,441	5,986,064	0	5,986,064
Depreciation	0	(464,475)	(464,475)	(430,938)	(895,413)
Balance at 30 June 2023	830,500	31,194,333	32,024,833	3,152,407	35,177,240
Comprises:					
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2023	830,500	31,194,333	32,024,833	4,597,834	36,622,667
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2023	0	0	0	(1,445,427)	(1,445,427)
Balance at 30 June 2023	830,500	31,194,333	32,024,833	3,152,407	35,177,240
Additions	0	2,622,793	2,622,793	1,980,224	4,603,017
Disposals	0	0	0	(353,080)	(353,080)
Depreciation	0	(706,471)	(706,471)	(511,800)	(1,218,271)
Balance at 30 June 2024	830,500	33,110,655	33,941,155	4,267,751	38,208,906
Comprises:					
Gross balance amount at 30 June 2024	830,500	33,817,125	34,647,625	5,895,105	40,542,730
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2024	0	(706,470)	(706,470)	(1,627,354)	(2,333,824)
Balance at 30 June 2024	830,500	33,110,655	33,941,155	4,267,751	38,208,906

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7. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

(b) Carrying Amount Measurements

Asset Class	Fair Value Hierarchy	Valuation Technique	Basis of Valuation	Date of Last Valuation	Inputs Used
(i) Fair Value - as determined at the last valuation date					
Land and buildings					
Land	2	Market approach using recent observable market data for similar properties/income approach using discounted cashflow methodology	Independent registered valuer	June 2023	Price per hectare/market borrowing rate
Buildings	2	Improvements to land, using cost approach method using depreciated replacement cost	Independent registered valuer	June 2023	Improvements to land using construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments

Level 3 inputs are based on assumptions with regards to future values and patterns of consumption utilising current information. If the basis of these assumptions were varied, they have the potential to result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement.

During the period there were no changes in the valuation techniques used by the local government to determine the fair value of property, plant and equipment using either level 2 or level 3 inputs. The valuation techniques applied to property subject to lease was the same as that applied to property not subject to lease.

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8. INFRASTRUCTURE

(a) Movements in Balances

Movement in the balances of each class of infrastructure between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Infrastructure - roads, drainage & footpaths \$	Infrastructure - other \$	Infrastructure - landfill \$	Total Infrastructure \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	70,918,811	9,276,704	2,574,064	82,769,579
Additions	2,140,570	1,268,351	0	3,408,921
(Disposals)	0	(26,311)	0	(26,311)
Revaluation increments / (decrements) transferred to revaluation surplus	10,148,320	10,003,808	0	20,152,128
Depreciation	(1,948,981)	(644,229)	(111,512)	(2,704,722)
Balance at 30 June 2023	81,258,720	19,878,323	2,462,552	103,599,595
Comprises:				
Gross balance at 30 June 2023	93,679,814	19,878,323	2,676,283	116,234,420
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2023	(12,421,094)	0	(213,731)	(12,634,825)
Balance at 30 June 2023	81,258,720	19,878,323	2,462,552	103,599,595
Additions	757,790	769,309	0	1,527,099
Revaluation increments / (decrements) transferred to revaluation surplus	1,094,855	0	0	1,094,855
Depreciation	(1,989,987)	(1,018,570)	(111,512)	(3,120,069)
Balance at 30 June 2024	81,121,378	19,629,062	2,351,040	103,101,480
Comprises:				
Gross balance at 30 June 2024	95,677,469	20,647,632	2,676,283	119,001,384
Accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2024	(14,556,091)	(1,018,570)	(325,243)	(15,899,904)
Balance at 30 June 2024	81,121,378	19,629,062	2,351,040	103,101,480

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8. INFRASTRUCTURE (Continued)

(b) Carrying Amount Measurements

Asset Class	Fair Value Hierarchy	Valuation Technique	Basis of Valuation	Date of Last Valuation	Inputs Used
(i) Fair Value - as determined at the last valuation date					
Infrastructure - roads, drainage & footpaths	3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Management valuation	June 2024	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments inputs
Infrastructure - other	3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Management valuation	June 2023	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments inputs
Infrastructure - landfill	3	Cost approach using depreciated replacement cost	Management valuation	June 2022	Construction costs and current condition, residual values and remaining useful life assessments inputs

Level 3 inputs are based on assumptions with regards to future values and patterns of consumption utilising current information. If the basis of these assumptions were varied, they have the potential to result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement.

During the period there were no changes in the valuation techniques used to determine the fair value of infrastructure using level 3 inputs.

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9. FIXED ASSETS

(a) Depreciation

Depreciation rates

Typical estimated useful lives for the different asset classes for the current and prior years are included in the table below:

Asset Class	Useful life
Buildings	20 to 50 years
Plant and equipment	5 to 15 years
Infrastructure - roads, drainage & footpaths	20 to 50 years
Infrastructure - other	15 to 100 years
Infrastructure - landfill	24 years

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9. FIXED ASSETS (Continued)

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Initial recognition

An item of property, plant and equipment or infrastructure that qualifies for recognition as an asset is measured at its cost.

Upon initial recognition, cost is determined as the amount paid (or other consideration given) to acquire the assets, plus costs incidental to the acquisition. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Shire includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overheads. For assets acquired at zero cost or otherwise significantly less than fair value, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition.

Assets for which the fair value as at the date of acquisition is under \$5,000 are not recognised as an asset in accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(5)*. These assets are expensed immediately.

Where multiple individual low value assets are purchased together as part of a larger asset or collectively forming a larger asset exceeding the threshold, the individual assets are recognised as one asset and capitalised.

Individual assets that are land, buildings and infrastructure acquired between scheduled revaluation dates of the asset class in accordance with the Shire's revaluation policy, are recognised at cost and disclosed as being at reportable value.

Measurement after recognition

Plant and equipment including furniture and equipment and right-of-use assets (other than vested improvements) are measured using the cost model as required under *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(2)*. Assets held under the cost model are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses being their reportable value.

Reportable Value

In accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(2)*, the carrying amount of non-financial assets that are land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment, investment properties, infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls.

Reportable value is for the purpose of *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 17A(4)* is the fair value of the asset at its last valuation date minus (to the extent applicable) the accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses in respect of the non-financial asset subsequent to its last valuation date.

Revaluation

Land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment, infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls and measured at reportable value, are only required to be revalued every five years in accordance with the regulatory framework. This includes buildings and infrastructure items which were pre-existing improvements (i.e. vested improvements) on land vested in the Shire.

Whilst the regulatory framework only requires a revaluation to occur every five years, it also provides for the Shire to revalue earlier if it chooses to do so.

For land, buildings and infrastructure, increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of asset classes are credited to a revaluation surplus in equity.

Decreases that offset previous increases of the same class of asset are recognised against revaluation surplus directly in equity. All other decreases are recognised in profit or loss.

Subsequent increases are then recognised in profit or loss to the extent they reverse a net revaluation decrease previously recognised in profit or loss for the same class of asset.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment and infrastructure, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the individual asset's useful life from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvements.

The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Depreciation on revaluation

When an item of property, plant and equipment and infrastructure is revalued, any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is treated in one of the following ways:

- (i) The gross carrying amount is adjusted in a manner that is consistent with the revaluation of the carrying amount of the asset.
- (ii) Eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Impairment

In accordance with *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 17A(4C)*, the Shire is not required to comply with *AASB 136 Impairment of Assets* to determine the recoverable amount of its non-financial assets that are land or buildings classified as property, plant and equipment, infrastructure or vested improvements that the local government controls in circumstances where there has been an impairment indication of a general decrease in asset values.

In other circumstances where it has been assessed that one or more of these non-financial assets are impaired, the asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains or losses on disposal

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

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10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Current

Sundry creditors
 Prepaid rates
 Accrued payroll liabilities
 ATO liabilities
 Bonds and deposits held

2024	2023
\$	\$
688,469	405,587
11,508	13,787
59,980	51,128
94,421	123,300
10,852	0
865,230	593,802

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value when the Shire becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and any consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Shire prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Shire becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured, are recognised as a current liability and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. The carrying amounts of trade and other payables are considered to be the same as their fair values, due to their short-term nature.

Prepaid rates

Prepaid rates are, until the taxable event has occurred (start of the next financial year), refundable at the request of the ratepayer. Rates received in advance are initially recognised as a financial liability. When the taxable event occurs, the financial liability is extinguished and the Shire recognises income for the prepaid rates that have not been refunded.

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11. OTHER LIABILITIES

Current

Contract liabilities

Capital grant/contributions liabilities

Reconciliation of changes in contract liabilities

Opening balance

Additions

Revenue from contracts with customers included as a contract liability at the start of the period

The aggregate amount of the performance obligations unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) in relation to these contract liabilities was \$936,038 (2023: \$509,456)

The Shire expects to satisfy the performance obligations, from contracts with customers unsatisfied at the end of the reporting period, within the next 12 months.

Reconciliation of changes in capital grant/contribution liabilities

Opening balance

Additions

Revenue from capital grant/contributions held as a liability at the start of the period

Performance obligations in relation to capital grant/contribution liabilities are satisfied as project milestones are met or completion of construction or acquisition of the asset.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Contract liabilities	936,038	509,456
Capital grant/contributions liabilities	1,440,359	403,598
	2,376,397	913,054
Reconciliation of changes in contract liabilities		
Opening balance	509,456	348,746
Additions	445,812	379,615
Revenue from contracts with customers included as a contract liability at the start of the period	(19,230)	(218,905)
	936,038	509,456
Reconciliation of changes in capital grant/contribution liabilities		
Opening balance	403,598	1,761,269
Additions	1,110,776	403,598
Revenue from capital grant/contributions held as a liability at the start of the period	(74,015)	(1,761,269)
	1,440,359	403,598

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Contract liabilities

Contract liabilities represent the Shire's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Shire has received consideration from the customer.

Contract liabilities represent obligations which are not yet satisfied. Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the performance obligations in the contract are satisfied.

Capital grant/contribution liabilities

Capital grant/contribution liabilities represent the Shire's obligations to construct recognisable non-financial assets to identified specifications to be controlled by the Shire which are yet to be satisfied. Capital grant/contribution liabilities are recognised as income when the obligations in the contract are satisfied.

Fair values for non-current capital grant/contribution liabilities, not expected to be extinguished within 12 months, are based on discounted cash flows of expected cashflows to satisfy the obligations using a current borrowing rate. They are classified as level 3 fair values in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 22(i)) due to the unobservable inputs, including own credit risk.

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12. EMPLOYEE RELATED PROVISIONS

Employee Related Provisions

Current provisions

Employee benefit provisions

Annual leave

Long service leave

Total current employee related provisions

Non-current provisions

Employee benefit provisions

Long service leave

Total non-current employee related provisions

Total employee related provisions

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Annual leave	145,602	134,449
Long service leave	78,359	76,204
Total current employee related provisions	223,961	210,653
Long service leave	140,945	104,691
Total non-current employee related provisions	140,945	104,691
Total employee related provisions	364,906	315,344

Provision is made for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave and associated on costs for services rendered up to the reporting date and recorded as an expense during the period the services are delivered.

Annual leave liabilities are classified as current, as there is no unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Employee benefits

The Shire's obligations for employees' annual leave, long service leave and other employee leave entitlements are recognised as employee related provisions in the Statement of Financial Position.

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The Shire's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position.

Other long-term employee benefits

Long-term employee benefits provisions are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur.

The Shire's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the Shire does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

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13. OTHER PROVISIONS

	Make good provisions	Total
	\$	\$
Opening balance at 1 July 2023		
Non-current provisions	1,885,887	1,885,887
	<u>1,885,887</u>	<u>1,885,887</u>
Changes in provision to revaluation surplus	(8,429)	(8,429)
Charged to profit or loss		
- unwinding of discount	98,820	98,820
Balance at 30 June 2024	<u>1,976,278</u>	<u>1,976,278</u>
Comprises		
Non-current	1,976,278	1,976,278
	<u>1,976,278</u>	<u>1,976,278</u>

Other provisions

Amounts which are expected to be paid out within 12 months of the reporting date are classified as current. Exact timing of payment of non-current obligations is unable to be reliably estimated as it is dependent on factors beyond the control of the local government.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Shire has a present legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

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14. REVALUATION SURPLUS

	2024 Opening Balance	Total Movement on Revaluation	2024 Closing Balance	2023 Opening Balance	Total Movement on Revaluation	2023 Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revaluation surplus - Land and buildings	7,753,059	0	7,753,059	1,766,995	5,986,064	7,753,059
Revaluation surplus - Plant and equipment	688,288	0	688,288	688,288	0	688,288
Revaluation surplus - Infrastructure - roads, drainage & footpaths	63,251,361	1,094,855	64,346,216	53,103,041	10,148,320	63,251,361
Revaluation surplus - Infrastructure - other	15,533,952	0	15,533,952	5,530,144	10,003,808	15,533,952
Revaluation surplus - Infrastructure - landfill	893,567	8,429	901,996	0	893,567	893,567
	88,120,227	1,103,284	89,223,511	61,088,468	27,031,759	88,120,227

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15. RESTRICTIONS OVER FINANCIAL ASSETS

The following classes of financial assets have restrictions imposed by regulations or other externally imposed requirements which limit or direct the purpose for which the resources may be used:

- Cash and cash equivalents

3

8,806,305

9,423,361

8,806,305

9,423,361

The restricted financial assets are a result of the following specific purposes to which the assets may be used:

Restricted reserve accounts

25

6,429,908

8,510,307

Contract liabilities

11

936,038

509,456

Capital grant liabilities

11

1,440,359

403,598

Total restricted financial assets

8,806,305

9,423,361

16. CREDIT STANDBY ARRANGEMENTS

Credit card limit

35,000

35,000

Credit card balance at balance date

(5,071)

(11,948)

Total amount of credit unused

29,929

23,052

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17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

In compliance with the Contaminated Sites Act 2003 section 11, the Shire of Leonora has listed sites to be possible sources of contamination.

Details of those sites are:

- Leonora Rubbish and Sanitation disposal site Reserve 31924 (Lot 521 Deposited Plan 401139).

The Shire has conducted an investigation to determine the presence and scope of contamination, assess the risk and agree with the Department of Environment Regulation on the need and criteria for remediation with a risk based approach.

The Shire has estimated the potential cost associated with remediation of these sites and recorded them in Note 13.

The Shire has no other contingent liabilities.

18. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Contracted for:

- capital expenditure projects
- plant & equipment purchases

Payable:

- not later than one year

2024	2023
\$	\$
387,044	1,531,195
32,000	0
419,044	1,531,195
419,044	1,531,195

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19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) Elected Member Remuneration

Fees, expenses and allowances to be paid or reimbursed to elected council members.

Note	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	2023 Actual
	\$	\$	\$
President's annual allowance	30,750	30,750	30,750
President's meeting attendance fees	8,120	8,900	9,527
President's annual allowance for ICT expenses	3,500	3,500	3,500
President's travel and accommodation expenses	11,598	9,000	12,390
	53,968	52,150	56,167
Deputy President's annual allowance	7,687	7,688	7,500
Deputy President's meeting attendance fees	6,250	7,400	5,798
Deputy President's annual allowance for ICT expenses	3,500	3,500	3,500
Deputy President's travel and accommodation expenses	2,524	0	0
	19,961	18,588	16,798
All other council member's meeting attendance fees	27,305	31,800	25,422
All other council member's annual allowance for ICT expenses	18,667	17,500	17,500
All other council member's travel and accommodation expenses	3,327	3,000	2,772
	49,299	52,300	45,694
19(b)	123,228	123,038	118,659

(b) Key Management Personnel (KMP) Compensation

The total of compensation paid to KMP of the Shire during the year are as follows:

Short-term employee benefits	911,907	978,973
Post-employment benefits	134,618	140,164
Employee - other long-term benefits	74,137	91,018
Employee - termination benefits	21,226	0
Council member costs	123,228	118,659
19(a)	1,265,116	1,328,814

Short-term employee benefits

These amounts include all salary and fringe benefits awarded to KMP except for details in respect to fees and benefits paid to council members which may be separately found in the table above.

Post-employment benefits

These amounts are the current-year's cost of the Shire's superannuation contributions made during the year.

Other long-term benefits

These amounts represent annual leave and long service leave entitlements accruing during the year.

Termination benefits

These amounts represent termination benefits paid to KMP (Note: may or may not be applicable in any given year).

Council member costs

These amounts represent payments of member fees, expenses, allowances and reimbursements during the year.

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19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with related parties

Transactions between related parties and the Shire are on normal commercial terms and conditions, no more favourable than those available to other parties, unless otherwise stated.

No outstanding balances or provisions for doubtful debts or guarantees exist in relation to related parties at year end.

In addition to KMP compensation above the following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2024 Actual \$	2023 Actual \$
Purchase of goods and services	45,951	78,098
Amounts outstanding from related parties:		
Trade and other receivables	2,407	1,000
Amounts payable to related parties:		
Trade and other payables	0	10,157

Related Parties

The Shire's main related parties are as follows:

i. Key management personnel

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Shire, directly or indirectly, including any council member, are considered key management personnel and are detailed in Notes 19(a) and 19(b).
The KMP figures disclosed above also include close family members or individual's dependent on KMP, as per definition of related parties described in AASB 124.

ii. Other Related Parties

Outside of normal citizen type transactions with the Shire, there were no other related party transactions involving key management personnel and/or their close family members and/or their controlled (or jointly controlled) entities.

iii. Entities subject to significant influence by the Shire

There were no such entities requiring disclosure during the current or previous year.

20. EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

There were no events occurring after the end of the reporting period 30 June 2024.

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21. JOINT ARRANGEMENTS

Share of joint operations

The Shire has a joint venture agreement with two other Councils, being the Shire of Coolgardie and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder known as the Goldfields Records Storage Joint Venture.

The record storage facility is located in Kalgoorlie and the Shire held a 1/3rd share of the joint operation. The joint operation is managed by the Shire of Coolgardie, The effect of Shires interest in the joint operations are as follows:

	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
	\$	\$
Statement of Financial Position		
Cash and cash equivalents	17,254	12,586
Property, plant and equipment	201,082	213,410
Trade debtors	19,833	7,595
Total assets	238,169	233,591
Trade and other payables	46,733	40,466
Total liabilities	46,733	40,466
Total equity	191,436	193,125
Statement of Comprehensive Income		
Other revenue	51,503	24,166
Depreciation	(12,328)	(12,328)
Other expense	(40,865)	(43,681)
Profit/(loss) for the period	(1,690)	(31,843)
Other comprehensive income	0	0
Total comprehensive income for the period	(1,690)	(31,843)

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Joint operations

A joint operation is a joint arrangement where the Shire has joint control with two or more parties to the joint arrangement. All parties to joint arrangement have rights to the assets, and obligations for the liabilities relating to the arrangement.

Assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses relating to the Shire's interest in the joint operation are accounted for in accordance with the relevant Australian Accounting Standard.

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22. OTHER MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows.

b) Current and non-current classification

The asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the Shire's operational cycle. In the case of liabilities where the Shire does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months, such as vested long service leave, the liability is classified as current even if not expected to be settled within the next 12 months. Inventories held for trading are classified as current or non-current based on the Shire's intentions to release for sale.

c) Rounding off figures

All figures shown in this annual financial report, other than a rate in the dollar, are rounded to the nearest dollar. Amounts are presented in Australian Dollars.

d) Comparative figures

Where required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

When the Shire applies an accounting policy retrospectively, makes a retrospective restatement or reclassifies items in its financial statements that has a material effect on the statement of financial position, an additional (third) Statement of Financial Position as at the beginning of the preceding period in addition to the minimum comparative financial report is presented.

e) Budget comparative figures

Unless otherwise stated, the budget comparative figures shown in this annual financial report relate to the original budget estimate for the relevant item of disclosure.

f) Superannuation

The Shire contributes to a number of Superannuation Funds on behalf of employees. All funds to which the Shire contributes are defined contribution plans.

g) Fair value of assets and liabilities

Fair value is the price that the Shire would receive to sell the asset or would have to pay to transfer a liability, in an orderly (i.e. unforced) transaction between independent, knowledgeable and willing market participants at the measurement date.

As fair value is a market-based measure, the closest equivalent observable market pricing information is used to determine fair value. Adjustments to market values may be made having regard to the characteristics of the specific asset or liability. The fair values of assets that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data.

To the extent possible, market information is extracted from either the principal market for the asset or liability (i.e. the market with the greatest volume and level of activity for the asset or liability) or, in the absence of such a market, the most advantageous market available to the entity at the end of the reporting period (i.e. the market that maximises the receipts from the sale of the asset after taking into account transaction costs and transport costs).

For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement also takes into account a market participant's ability to use the asset in its highest and best use or to sell it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

h) Interest revenue

Interest revenue is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset measured at amortised cost except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets the effective interest rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

i) Fair value hierarchy

AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* requires the disclosure of fair value information by level of the fair value hierarchy, which categorises fair value measurement into one of three possible levels based on the lowest level that an input that is significant to the measurement can be categorised into as follows:

Level 1

Measurements based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2

Measurements based on inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3

Measurements based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The fair values of assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data. If all significant inputs required to measure fair value are observable, the asset or liability is included in Level 2. If one or more significant inputs are not based on observable market data, the asset or liability is included in Level 3.

Valuation techniques

The Shire selects a valuation technique that is appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data is available to measure fair value. The availability of sufficient and relevant data primarily depends on the specific characteristics of the asset or liability being measured. The valuation techniques selected by the Shire are consistent with one or more of the following valuation approaches:

Market approach

Valuation techniques that use prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions for identical or similar assets or liabilities.

Income approach

Valuation techniques that convert estimated future cash flows or income and expenses into a single discounted present value.

Cost approach

Valuation techniques that reflect the current replacement cost of the service capacity of an asset.

Each valuation technique requires inputs that reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would use when pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risks. When selecting a valuation technique, the Shire gives priority to those techniques that maximise the use of observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs that are developed using market data (such as publicly available information on actual transactions) and reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would generally use when pricing the asset or liability are considered observable, whereas inputs for which market data is not available and therefore are developed using the best information available about such assumptions are considered unobservable.

j) Impairment of assets

In accordance with Australian Accounting Standards the Shire's assets, other than inventories, are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication they may be impaired.

Where such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount except for non-financial assets that are:

- land and buildings classified as property, plant and equipment;
- infrastructure; or
- vested improvements that the local government controls, in circumstances where there has been an impairment indication of a general decrease in asset values.

These non-financial assets are assessed in accordance with the regulatory framework detailed in Note 9.

Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard (e.g. AASB 116 *Property, Plant and Equipment*) whereby any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

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23. RATING INFORMATION

General Rates

RATE TYPE	Basis of valuation	Rate in \$	Number of Properties	2023/24 Actual Rateable Value*	2023/24 Actual Rate	2023/24 Actual Interim Rates	2023/24 Actual Total Revenue	2023/24 Budget Rate	2023/24 Budget Interim Rate	2023/24 Budget Total Revenue	2022/23 Actual Total Revenue
General	Gross rental valuation	0.0741	597	20,513,404	1,520,043	0	1,520,043	1,520,043	76,750	1,596,793	1,415,500
General	Unimproved valuation	0.1628	1,650	42,820,607	6,971,195	0	6,971,195	6,971,194	42,540	7,013,734	6,138,914
Total general rates			2,247	63,334,011	8,491,238	0	8,491,238	8,491,237	119,290	8,610,527	7,554,414
Minimum payment											
General	Gross rental valuation	339	93	102,514	31,527	0	31,527	31,527	0	31,527	30,685
General	Unimproved valuation	339	561	640,135	190,179	55,309	245,488	190,179	0	190,179	192,831
Total minimum payments			654	742,649	221,706	55,309	277,015	221,706	0	221,706	223,516
Total general rates and minimum payments			2,901	64,076,660	8,712,944	55,309	8,768,253	8,712,943	119,290	8,832,233	7,777,930
Total Rates							8,768,253			8,832,233	7,777,930

The rate revenue was recognised from the rate record as soon as practicable after the Shire resolved to impose rates in the financial year as well as when the rate record was amended to ensure the information in the record was current and correct.

*Rateable Value at time of raising of rate.

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24. DETERMINATION OF SURPLUS OR DEFICIT

		2023/24 Budget (30 June 2024 Carried Forward)	2022/23 (30 June 2023 Carried Forward)
Note	2023/24 (30 June 2024 Carried Forward)		
	\$	\$	\$
(a) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities			
The following non-cash revenue or expenditure has been excluded from amounts attributable to operating activities within the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> .			
Adjustments to operating activities			
Less: Profit on asset disposals	(122,506)	(68,083)	(8,770)
Less: Movement in liabilities associated with restricted cash	13,308	0	(89,389)
Less: Fair value adjustments to financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(1,261)	0	(61,117)
Add: Loss on disposal of assets	18,514	1,895	25,447
Add: Depreciation	4,338,340	1,970,250	3,600,135
Non-cash movements in non-current assets and liabilities:			
Employee benefit provisions	36,254	5,178	6,191
Other provisions	98,820	0	103,171
Inventory	0	0	49,328
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	4,381,469	1,909,240	3,624,996
(b) Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates			
The following current assets and liabilities have been excluded from the net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity in accordance with <i>Financial Management Regulation 32</i> to agree to the surplus/(deficit) after imposition of general rates.			
Adjustments to net current assets			
Less: Reserve accounts	(6,429,908)	(5,889,388)	(8,510,307)
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at end of year	223,961	300,689	210,653
- Employee benefit provisions	(6,205,947)	(5,588,699)	(8,299,654)
Total adjustments to net current assets			
Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity			
Total current assets	13,005,153	6,329,459	12,070,145
Less: Total current liabilities	(3,465,588)	(740,760)	(1,717,509)
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	(6,205,947)	(5,588,699)	(8,299,654)
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	3,333,618	0	2,052,982

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25. RESERVE ACCOUNTS

	2024 Actual Opening Balance	2024 Actual Transfer to	2024 Actual Closing Balance	2024 Budget Opening Balance	2024 Budget Transfer to	2024 Budget Closing Balance	2024 Budget Transfer (from)	2024 Budget Closing Balance	2023 Actual Opening Balance	2023 Actual Transfer to	2023 Actual Transfer (from)	2023 Actual Closing Balance
Restricted by council												
(a) Employee leave reserve	0	306,578	0	306,578	0	306,141	0	306,141	0	0	0	0
(b) Annual Leave reserve	166,936	0	(166,935)	166,935	0	(166,935)	0	0	165,420	1,516	0	166,936
(c) Long Service Leave reserve	135,855	0	(135,856)	135,856	0	(135,856)	0	0	134,622	1,233	0	135,855
(d) Building reserve	2,865,622	35,839	(844,783)	2,865,621	16,560	(1,369,000)	1,513,181	1,513,181	2,839,604	26,018	0	2,865,622
(e) Fire Disaster reserve	40,306	504	0	40,306	446	0	40,752	39,940	39,940	366	0	40,306
(f) Plant Purchase reserve	1,125,838	14,080	(570,500)	1,125,837	5,841	(598,000)	533,678	533,678	1,115,616	10,222	0	1,125,838
(g) Gwalia Precinct reserve	493,353	6,171	0	493,354	3,688	(160,000)	337,042	337,042	488,874	4,479	0	493,353
(h) Waste Management reserve	600,321	147,526	0	747,847	148,192	0	748,514	748,514	456,137	144,184	0	600,321
(i) Aerodrome reserve	996,453	441,442	(200,000)	996,453	458,072	0	1,454,525	1,454,525	746,453	250,000	0	996,453
(j) IT reserve	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	0	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	0	15,000
(k) Pool reserve	478,379	5,983	0	478,379	5,293	0	483,672	474,036	474,036	4,343	0	478,379
(l) Aged Care reserve	1,140,361	14,262	(1,140,361)	1,140,361	0	(1,140,361)	0	0	2,121,478	18,883	(1,000,000)	1,140,361
(m) Heritage Buildings reserve	451,883	5,651	0	451,883	5,000	0	456,883	456,883	200,041	251,842	0	451,883
	8,510,307	978,036	(3,058,435)	8,510,307	949,233	(3,570,152)	5,889,388	5,889,388	8,797,221	713,086	(1,000,000)	8,510,307

All reserves are supported by cash and cash equivalents and financial assets at amortised cost and are restricted within equity as Reserve accounts.

In accordance with council resolutions or adopted budget in relation to each reserve account, the purpose for which the reserves are set aside and their anticipated date of use are as follows:

Name of reserve account	Purpose of the reserve account
Restricted by council	
(a) Employee leave reserve	To be used to pay annual and long service leave liabilities.
(b) Annual Leave reserve	This reserve is to be offset against the Shire's leave liability to its employees.
(c) Long Service Leave reserve	This reserve is to offset Council's long service leave liabilities to its employees.
(d) Building reserve	To be used for the construction and preservation of Shire buildings and urgent repairs and maintenance.
(e) Fire Disaster reserve	This reserve will assist in the provision of emergency contingencies in the case of a fire disaster.
(f) Plant Purchase reserve	To be used for the purchase of major plant.
(g) Gwalia Precinct reserve	To be used for the restoration and historical projects in Gwalia precinct.
(h) Waste Management reserve	To be used for management and compliance works associated with the rubbish tip and liquid waste disposal site.
(i) Aerodrome reserve	To be used for maintenance, renewal and upgrade works at Leonora airport.
(j) IT reserve	To be used for maintenance, renewal and upgrade of IT requirements/projects.
(k) Pool reserve	To be used for the purpose of refurbishment of the swimming pool.
(l) Aged Care reserve	To be used for the provision of facilities for aged care.
(m) Heritage Buildings reserve	For the purpose of ensuring the Shire's historical buildings remain for future generations of the community by specific asset management planning.

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Auditor General

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

2024

Shire of Leonora

To the Council of the Shire of Leonora

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of the Shire of Leonora (Shire) which comprises:

- the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and statement of financial activity for the year then ended
- notes comprising a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the financial report:

- is based on proper accounts and records
- presents fairly, in all material respects, the results of the operations of the Shire for the year ended 30 June 2024 and its financial position at the end of that period
- is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Act, Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report section below.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Other information

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible for the preparation and the Council for overseeing the other information. The other information is the information in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but not the financial report and my auditor's report.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

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If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I did not receive the other information prior to the date of this auditor's report. When I do receive it, I will read it and if I conclude that there is a material misstatement in this information, I am required to communicate the matter to the CEO and Council and request them to correct the misstated information. If the misstated information is not corrected, I may need to retract this auditor's report and re-issue an amended report.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer and Council for the financial report

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Shire is responsible for:

- keeping proper accounts and records
- preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the requirements of the Act, the Regulations and Australian Accounting Standards
- managing internal control as required by the CEO to ensure the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the CEO is responsible for:

- assessing the Shire's ability to continue as a going concern
- disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless the State Government has made decisions affecting the continued existence of the Shire.

The Council is responsible for overseeing the Shire's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report. The objectives of my audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located on the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website. This description forms part of my auditor's report and can be found at https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf.

My independence and quality management relating to the report on the financial report

I have complied with the independence requirements of the *Auditor General Act 2006* and the relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements. In accordance with ASQM 1 Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements, the Office of the Auditor General maintains a comprehensive system of quality management including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

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Matters relating to the electronic publication of the audited financial report

This auditor's report relates to the financial report of the Shire of Leonora for the year ended 30 June 2024 included in the annual report on the Shire's website. The Shire's management is responsible for the integrity of the Shire's website. This audit does not provide assurance on the integrity of the Shire's website. The auditor's report refers only to the financial report. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the annual report. If users of the financial report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to contact the Shire to confirm the information contained in the website version.

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