



AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

to be held on

Friday, 29 August 2025 at 9:00am

at the

**Shire of Morawa Council Chambers,
26 Winfield Street, Morawa**



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DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL/ IMPARTIALITY/ PROXIMITY INTERESTS

*Local Government Act 1995 – Section 5.65, 5.70 and 5.71 Local
Government (Administration) Regulation 34*

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| <i>This form is provided to enable members and officers to disclose an Interest in a matter in accordance with the regulations of Section 5.65, 5.70 and 5.71 of the Local Government Act and Local Government (Administration) Regulation 34C</i> | | | |
| Name of person declaring the interest | | | |
| Position | | | |
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Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Important Note:

Should you declare a **Financial** or **Proximity** Interest, in accordance with the Act and Regulations noted above, you are required to leave the room while the item is being considered.

For an **Impartiality** Interest, you must state the following prior to the consideration of the item:

“With regard to agenda item (read item number and title), I disclose that I have an impartiality interest because (read your reason for interest). As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly.”

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Item 1 Opening of Meeting

The President to declare the meeting open at 6:00pm.

Item 2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Dignitaries

The President acknowledges the traditional custodians, the Yamatji people, and recognises the contribution of Yamatji Elder's past, present and future, in working together for the future of Morawa.

Item 3 Recording of Attendance**3.1 Attendance****Council**

President (Presiding Member) Councillor Karen Chappel

Deputy President Councillor Ken Stokes

Councillor Grant Chadwick

Councillor Dean Clemson

Councillor Mark Coaker

Councillor Debbie Collins

Staff

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Acting Executive Manager

Brad Douglas

Stuart Taylor

Members of the Public**3.2 Apologies****3.4 Approved Leave of Absence**

Councillor Diana North

3.5 Disclosure of Interests**Item 4 Applications for Leave of Absence****Item 5 Declaration by all Members to have given due consideration to All Matters Contained in the Business Paper before the Meeting**

The Elected Members to declare that they had given due consideration to all matters contained in the agenda.

Item 6 Reports from Officers**6.1 Adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget**

Author: Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services

Authorising Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: The Author and Authorising Officer declare that they do not have any conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council with respect to the adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget, Council considers the following:

1. Budget Adoption

That Council adopts the 2025-2026 Budget as presented in Attachment 1 and in accordance with Section 6.2(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated *Financial Management Regulations 1997*, with the following decision on specific elements of the budget:

a) Setting of Rates

Pursuant to sections 6.32, 6.33 and 6.35 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, adopt the proposed rates tabled below:

| <i>Rate Type</i> | <i>Rate in the Dollar (Cents)</i> | <i>Minimum Payment</i> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| GRV Residential / Commercial | 9.1876 | \$369 |
| UV Rural | 1.6570 | \$369 |
| UV Mining | 30.0660 | \$710 |

b) Discount for Payment by Due Date

That in accordance with section 6.46 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a discount of 1.5% is to be offered if rates are paid in full by 4.30pm (Western Australian time) on 24 September 2025.

c) Rates Instalments, Payment Options and Penalty Interest

Apply an interest rate of 5.5% per annum to Rates and/or Charges that remain unpaid after becoming due and payable.

Impose an administration charge of \$10.00 per instalment and 0.0% simple interest to the amount on the rate notice where payment of the rates are

made via the instalment option.

In accordance with Sections 6.50(2) and 6.50(3) the *Local Government Act 1995*, offer the following payment options:

Option 1

Pay the total amount of rates and charges included in the rate notice in full, less a 1.5% on time payment discount, by Monday 13 October 2025.

Option 2

Pay by four instalments as detailed on the rates notices with the following instalment dates:

- 4.30pm, Monday 13 October 2025 – First instalment
- 4.30pm, Friday 12 December 2025 – Second instalment
- 4.30pm, Tuesday 10 February 2026 – Third instalment
- 4.30pm, Monday 13 April 2026 – Final instalment

d) Concession – Assessment A315 – Morawa CWA

That Council allow a concession to be applied for the Sewerage fees on Assessment A315 – Dreghorn Street Morawa for the amount of \$1,125.00.

e) Concession – Assessment A185 – Morawa Craft Group

That Council allow a concession to be applied for the Sewerage fees on Assessment A185 – Valentine Street Morawa for the amount of \$1,125.00.

f) Reserve Funds

That Council allocate funds to and from the Reserve Accounts for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2026 as specified in Note 8 Reserve Accounts on page 20 of the 2025-2026 Budget.

All reserve transfers have been allocated in accordance with the adopted Cash Reserves Management Policy – FIN10.

g) New Borrowings

That Council authorises the following new borrowings:

- a. Tennis Court Renewal \$220,000
- b. Morawa Child and Family Centre \$365,000
- c. Tennis Club – Tennis Court Renewal Self Supporting Loan \$115,000

h) Elected Members Remuneration

In accordance with sections 5.98, 5.98A, and 5.99 of the Local Government Act 1995 Council endorse the provision of the 2025-2026 Elected Member Meeting Attendance allowance at \$8828 per annum, the Shire President Meeting Attendance allowance at \$17,653 per annum, the Shire President Office holder Allowance at \$18,760 per annum, and the Deputy President Office holder Allowance at \$4,691 per annum. Noting all allowances remain within thresholds prescribed under Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Determinations, and that the Shire has increased the allowances from those implemented in the 2024-2025 financial year by 3.5%.

i) Elected Member Superannuation

That Council does not provide superannuation to Elected Member Remuneration.

j) Schedule of Fees of Charges

That Council Adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges as presented with the 2025-2026 Annual Budget.

A 4% increase has been applied to most charges excepting those that are Considered to be Community and those governed by statute. It is noted that rounding may change this percentage on some fees and charges. Private Works, Plant Hire and Material Sales charges have been increased to reflect the increased cost of service provision.

Sewerage levies and Rubbish Removal Charges are to be included on the Rates Notice as an annual charge for the provision of a core Shire services. Council acknowledges the significant reduction in the Sewerage levy.

This year Rubbish Removal Charges have been increased by 4%, this increase is aligned to costs attributed to service provisions in this area.

That Council directs the CEO to allow a transition and notice period relating to the new fees and charges, with new 2025-2026 fees and charges coming into effect from 1 September 2025, with the exception of Sewerage levies which are effective from 1 July 2025.

k) CEO Authorisations

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake the necessary and actions relating to the publication of the budget to members of the community, businesses and statutory government bodies

2. Material Variances

That Council in accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* 34(5) adopt a variance percentage of plus or minus 10% or with a minimum value of \$20,000 for reporting on material variances for the 2025-2026 financial year.

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the Shire of Morawa 2025-2026 Annual Budget and Schedule of Fees and Charges as detailed in the presented format (**Attachment 1**).

DETAIL

It is a requirement of the Local Government Act and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations that a Budget be adopted in the Australian Accounting Standards (AAS) format prior to 31 August each year. A copy must be submitted to the Executive Director of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries within 30 days of its adoption.

Council considered its Rates Model in June 2025 with a 4.0% increase to the minimum rates for GRV and UV, a 4.0% rate in the \$ increase for the rates and charges for GRV properties, and a 4.0% increase to the total rates levied from UV Rural properties and 4.0% increase to UV Mining for the 2025-2026 year. It is noted that while the valuations for UV Properties increase by 18.5%, the total rates levied will only be a 4% increase in total.

Subsequent to this the UV Mining Differential Rate has been advertised and accepted by the minister.

There are several components to the Budget to be adopted by Council and these are detailed below:

Reporting Material Variances

In accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, regulation 34(5), Council is required to adopt a percentage or value calculated in accordance with AAS5 to be used in statements of financial activity for reporting material variances.

The percentage or value that is adopted will require any variances over this figure to be reported in the Monthly Statement of Financial Activity.

It is proposed that Council adopt the percentage of 10% with a minimum value of \$20,000 for reporting material variances an increase on previous years but reflecting actual variance substance throughout the year for major accounts.

Rate Modelling

The overall yield from rates is expected to increase from the 2024-2025 budgeted figure by \$143,739 as shown in the table below.

SHIRE OF MORAWA NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

2. RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

(a) Rating Information

| Rate Description | Basis of valuation | Rate in dollar | Number of properties | Rateable value* | 2025/26 Budgeted rate revenue | 2025/26 Budgeted interim rates | 2025/26 Budgeted total revenue | 2024/25 Actual total revenue | 2024/25 Budget total revenue |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| (i) General rates | | | | | | | | | |
| GRV - Residential/Commercial | Gross Rental Valuations | 0.091876 | 265 | 3,705,874 | 340,480 | 0 | 340,480 | 329,448 | 328,859 |
| UV Rural | Unimproved Valuations | 0.016570 | 202 | 155,683,000 | 2,579,231 | 0 | 2,579,231 | 2,479,066 | 2,479,003 |
| UV Mining | Unimproved Valuations | 0.300660 | 28 | 988,235 | 297,127 | 0 | 297,127 | 276,140 | 285,269 |
| Total general rates | | | 632 | 160,377,109 | 3,216,838 | 0 | 3,216,838 | 3,084,654 | 3,093,131 |
| (ii) Minimum payment | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Minimum \$ | | | | | | | |
| GRV - Residential/Commercial | Gross Rental Valuations | 369.00 | 44 | 26,840 | 16,236 | 0 | 16,236 | 15,975 | 15,620 |
| UV Rural | Unimproved Valuations | 369.00 | 11 | 133,536 | 4,059 | 0 | 4,059 | 3,905 | 3,905 |
| UV Mining | Unimproved Valuations | 710.00 | 13 | 17,803 | 9,230 | 0 | 9,230 | 8,879 | 8,879 |
| Total minimum payments | | | 68 | 178,179 | 29,525 | 0 | 29,525 | 28,759 | 28,404 |
| Total general rates and minimum payments | | | 700 | 160,555,288 | 3,246,363 | 0 | 3,246,363 | 3,113,413 | 3,121,535 |
| (iii) Ex-gratia rates | | | | | | | | | |
| CBH | Tonnage | 0.049484 | | 247,150 | 12,230 | 0 | 12,230 | 0 | 10,665 |
| Total ex-gratia rates | | | 0 | 247,150 | 12,230 | 0 | 12,230 | 0 | 10,665 |
| | | | | | 3,258,593 | 0 | 3,258,593 | 3,113,413 | 3,132,200 |
| Discounts (Refer note 2(g)) | | | | | | | (37,000) | (32,936) | (37,000) |
| Rate write-offs | | | | | | | (10,000) | (12,621) | (1,500) |
| Total rates | | | | | 3,258,593 | 0 | 3,211,593 | 3,067,856 | 3,093,700 |
| Instalment plan charges | | | | | | | 1,500 | 2,190 | 1,500 |
| Instalment plan interest | | | | | | | 0 | 6,697 | 5,300 |
| Late payment of rate or service charge interest | | | | | | | 12,000 | 26,562 | 24,000 |
| | | | | | | | 13,500 | 35,449 | 30,800 |

The Shire did not raise specified area rates for the year ended 30th June 2026.

*Rateable Value at time of adopting budget.

All rateable properties within the district used predominately for non-rural purposes are rated according to their Gross Rental Valuation (GRV), all other properties are rated according to their Unimproved Valuation (UV).

The general rates detailed for the 2025/26 financial year have been determined by Council on the basis of raising the revenue required to meet the estimated deficiency between the total estimated expenditure proposed in the budget and the estimated revenue to be received from all sources other than general rates and also considering the extent of any increase in rating over the level adopted in the previous year.

The minimum payments have been determined by Council on the basis that all ratepayers must make a reasonable contribution to the cost of local government services/facilities.

Differential Rates

The Shire advertised the intention to impose a differential rate of 0.30066 cents in the \$ of Unimproved Value (UV) for Mining. No submissions were received and accordingly, Council submitted a request to the Minister seeking approval for the Differential rate to be applied to the UV Mining Category.

Ministerial approval was subsequently received on Thursday 21 August 2025 (**Attachment 2**).

Other Rates Items

The following interest rates and administration charges be considered:

- The full payment discount of 1.5%.
- The interest rate on all rates and charges that are overdue be set at 5.5%.
- Instalment plans to comprise of interest charged at 0.0% pa, calculated from the due date the first instalment is due, together with and administration fee of \$10.00 for each instalment notice.

Due Dates

The due date for payment of rates needs to be set at a minimum of 35 days after the date of issue in accordance with Section 6.5(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*. The instalment due dates are then at intervals of at least 2 months with the first falling due 35 days after the date of issue of the rates notice in accordance with Section 62(2) of the *Financial Management Regulations 1996*.

Due dates for instalment options:

- 4.30pm, Monday 13 October 2025 – First instalment
- 4.30pm, Friday 12 December 2025 – Second instalment
- 4.30pm, Tuesday 10 February 2026 – Third instalment
- 4.30pm, Monday 13 April 2026 – Final instalment

Annual Charges

In accordance with Section 67 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* (WARR Act) the refuse collection service Council provides to ratepayers has increased by 4% from \$570.00 to \$593.00 per annum for residential services, based on a once a week pick-up and \$1,186.00 per annum for commercial properties based on twice weekly pick-up.

Sewerage levy Rate in the Dollar has been reduced significantly with an overall reduction of \$96,130 for 2025-2026 and are as follows:

Class 1 Properties

- 1st Major fixture \$1,125.00 (No change)
- Each Additional Fixture \$ 485.00 (No Change)

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Vacant Land | \$300.00 per assessment (No Change) |
| GRV Residential | 5.8760 cents in the dollar |
| GRV Commercial | 5.8760 cents in the dollar |
| Minimum Charges – residential | \$407.11 (No Change) |
| Minimum Charge – Commercial | \$958.03 (No Change) |

During 2024/25 the Shire of Morawa engaged an engineering consultant to review and update the Shire of Morawa Sewerage Asset Management Plan. Prior to this there was a level of uncertainty on the sewerage asset's condition and estimated costs to maintain. The updated Sewerage Asset Management Plan has allowed the Shire to reduce the Sewerage Levy for all properties. The surplus from 2024/25 Sewerage Levies has been placed into the reserve to fund future maintenance and upgrades of the sewerage system.

Loan Fund/Debt Servicing

The below lists the Shire's borrowings and interest between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

7. BORROWINGS

(b) New borrowings - 2025/26

| Particulars/Purpose | Institution | Loan type | Term (years) | Interest rate | Amount borrowed budget | Total interest & charges | Amount used budget | Balance unspent |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | % | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Tennis Court Renewal | WATC | Debenture | 10 | 4.4694% | 115,000 | 30,117 | 115,000 | 0 |
| Tennis Court Renewal | WATC | Debenture | 10 | 4.5774% | 220,000 | 56,645 | 220,000 | 0 |
| Early Childhood and Family Centre | WATC | Debenture | 10 | 4.5774% | 365,000 | 93,979 | 365,000 | 0 |
| | | | | | 700,000 | 180,741 | 700,000 | 0 |

| INFORMATION ON BORROWINGS AND LEASE FINANCING | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Debenture Repayments | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Principal 1-Jul-25 | New Loans | Principal Repayments | Guarantee Fee Repayments |
| | | | | | | 2025/26 Budget | 2025/26 Budget | 2025/26 Budget |
| | | | | | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Particulars | Loan Finishes | Lender | Loan No. | Interest Rate | | | | |
| Education and Welfare | | | | | | | | |
| Early Childhood and Family Centre - New Building | 18/07/2035 | WATC | 143 | 4.5774% | 0.00 | 365,000.00 | 14,595.17 | 2,390.00 |
| Recreation and culture | | | | | | | | |
| Self Supporting Loan - Tennis Club - Court Renewal | 30/06/2035 | WATC | 141 | 4.4694% | 0.00 | 115,000.00 | 9,371.90 | 805.00 |
| Tennis Courts Renewal Project | 18/07/2035 | WATC | 142 | 4.5774% | 0.00 | 220,000.00 | 8,797.09 | 1,441.00 |
| | | | | | 0.00 | 700,000.00 | 32,764.16 | 4,636.00 |
| All borrowing repayments will be financed by general purpose revenue . | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | \$ 55,928.87 |

Repayments for all New Loans will reduce discretionary funding by \$55,928.87 this financial year

Elected Members Meeting Fees and Allowances

As per the Shire's historical practice, it has once again been proposed that Council adopt an annual fee for Council Members in lieu of fees for attending meetings as per 5.99 of the Local Government Act.

The annual fee for Council Members has been set at \$8,528, with the Shire President annual fee in lieu of fees for attending meetings set at \$17,653, these payments have been increased by 3.5% in accordance with the parameters of the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal.

Under sections 5.98(5) and 5.98A, Council pays an annual allowance for Councillors who hold the office of Shire President and Deputy President. The Shire President office holder allowance is \$18,126, and the Shire Deputy President office holder allowance is \$4,532 – set at 25% of the President allowance as per the State Administrative Tribunal Determination aligned to section 5.98A of the Local Government Act 1995. The Shire President office holder allowance and the Deputy President Office Holder allowance have also increased by 3.5%.

Full details can be found on page 22 of the Budget document.

Reserves

The full list of reserve balances and budgeted movements can be found on page 20 of the Budget document. The budget allows for spending of \$1,118,409 from the reserve with transfers in of \$987,717 with the total reserve end of year closing balance of \$7,610,105

Capital Works and Major Projects

The Shire of Morawa would like to acknowledge the Federal Government for its ongoing support through the Financial Assistance Grants (FAG), the Roads to Recovery Grants (R2R), and the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP). Without these funding opportunities supporting our budget each year, the Shire would not be able to meet the aspirations of our community, as set out in the Shire of Morawa's Strategic Community Plan.

The Shire would also like to thank the Western Australia Government which annually provides support through its Regional Roads Group (RRG) contributions which support Council in providing essential roads infrastructure for the Shire residents and businesses and also makes other Ad Hoc grants available throughout the year for Shire applications.

Below is a list of some of the major projects and works for the 2025-2026 financial year.

| | | Source of Funds | | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Projects | Budget 2025-2026 | Grants/ Contributions | Loans | Reserves | Sale of Assets | Municipal Funds |
| <i>Buildings & Recreation</i> | | | | | | |
| CCTV Upgrade | \$ 30,000 | | | | | \$ 30,000 |
| Early Childhood Centre | \$ 3,700,000 | \$ 2,967,388 | \$ 365,000 | \$ 367,612 | | \$ - |
| Allocation for all Staff Housing Renewal | \$ 198,000 | | | | | \$ 198,000 |
| New Koolanooka Springs Public Toilets | \$ 20,000 | | | | | \$ 20,000 |
| Solomon Terrace Stage 2 | \$ 125,370 | \$ 125,370 | | | | \$ - |
| Interim Depot Construction Works | \$ 50,000 | | | | | |
| Town Hall and Old Chambers | \$ 134,000 | \$ 50,000 | | | | \$ 84,000 |
| Recreation Centre Renewals | \$ 82,000 | | | | | \$ 82,000 |
| Office Upgrade | \$ 280,000 | | | | | \$ 280,000 |
| Tennis Club Resurfacing | \$ 650,000 | \$ 315,000 | \$ 335,000 | | | \$ - |
| Tennis Courts Refencing | \$ 56,000 | | | \$ 56,000 | | \$ - |
| | \$ 5,325,370 | \$ 3,457,758 | \$ 700,000 | \$423,612 | \$ - | \$ 694,000 |
| <i>Infrastructure</i> | | | | | | |
| RRG Morawa-Yalgoo Road | \$ 450,000 | \$ 300,000 | | | | \$ 150,000 |
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| RRG Nanekine Rd - Widen and Seal | \$ 511,223 | \$ 241,140 | | | | \$ 270,083 |
| RRG Nanekine Rd - Widen and Seal | \$ 450,000 | \$ 180,000 | | | | \$ 270,000 |
| BSP Evaside Road | \$ 537,000 | \$ 358,000 | | | | \$ 179,000 |
| R2R-Norton Road | \$ 165,876 | \$ 165,876 | | | | \$ - |
| R2R-Malcolm Road | \$ 274,003 | \$ 274,003 | | | | \$ - |
| R2R-Olden Road | \$ 74,523 | \$ 74,523 | | | | \$ - |
| R2R-Collins Road | \$ 145,682 | \$ 145,682 | | | | \$ - |
| R2R-Jones Lake Road | \$ 211,727 | \$ 211,727 | | | | \$ - |
| R2R-Krummel Road | \$ 50,991 | \$ 50,991 | | | | \$ - |
| R2R-Broad Avenue | \$ 51,859 | \$ 51,859 | | | | \$ - |
| Sewerage Ponds Improvements | \$ 50,000 | | | \$ 50,000 | | \$ - |
| Sewerage Ponds Plant & Equipment | \$ 25,000 | | | \$ 25,000 | | \$ - |
| Broad and Gill Street Footpath | \$ 125,000 | \$ 61,500 | | | | \$ 63,500 |
| Prater Street Footpath | \$ 135,000 | \$ 67,777 | | | | \$ 67,223 |
| | \$ 3,707,884 | \$ 2,483,078 | \$ - | \$ 75,000 | \$ - | \$1,149,806 |
| <i>Plant and Equipment</i> | | | | | | |
| New Iveco Truck | \$ 450,000 | | | \$ 370,000 | \$ 80,000 | \$ - |
| New Street Sweeper (carryover) | \$ 235,600 | | | | | \$ 235,600 |
| MWS Vehicle | \$ 60,000 | | | \$ 20,000 | \$ 40,000 | \$ - |
| EMCCS Vehicle | \$ 60,000 | | | \$ 20,000 | \$ 40,000 | \$ - |
| CDO Vehicle | \$ 38,000 | | | \$ 8,000 | \$ 30,000 | \$ - |
| | \$ 843,600 | \$ - | \$ - | \$418,000 | \$ 190,000 | \$ 235,600 |
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| | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | \$ 9,876,854 | \$ 5,940,836 | \$ 700,000 | \$916,612 | \$ 190,000 | \$2,079,406 |

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

Very High – Adoption of the budget will enable Council to provide the necessary services and facilities to ratepayers and residents, delaying adoption may cause regulatory non-compliance.

CONSULTATION

This year has seen several workshops and consultation to ensure adequate endorsement by Council. The following engagement has taken place in the development of the 2025-2026 financial year budget:

- Various management team meetings in May, June and July 2025;
- Council workshops;

- Presentation of the Statement of Objective and Reasons and Budget Efficiency and setting of the Differential Rates presented to Council in a Special Council Meeting in June 2025.

Based on the extensive level of consultation undertaken, the administration hopes Council is comfortable to commit to the projects and services delivery as presented in the statutory budget.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Local Government Act 1995:

- s 6.2(1), 6.12(1), 6.16, 6.32, 6.45(3), 6.50 & 6.51

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996:

- Regulations 68 and 70

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

The statutory budget contains the expected expenditure, revenue, capital projects and services delivery by Shire staff to the community. The details can be found in the attached Budget document and forms the basis of the operations for the 2025-2026 financial year.

The Shire administration aims to undertake at least two budget reviews each year to review the accuracy of budgeting and account for known changes, this practice works to ensure financial information remains current as the financial year progresses.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The ability for the Shire to undertake the work identified in this budget will rely on effective and successful collection of rates and revenue levied and identified; and the allocation of suitable resources with which to achieve the programs outlined in both the Operational and Capital sections of the Budget document. A significant risk to the Shire achieving the budget expectations in the current economic climate is the ongoing availability of contractors and workforce to deliver both operational and capital outputs within planned timeframes at a reasonable cost. At this stage, this is a risk to most organisations when adopting their budgets under current economic and labour market constraints.

CONCLUSION

That after due consideration to all areas of Council's operations and services, that the Annual Budget including statutory statements and schedule of fees and charges (***Attachment 1***) suitably reflects Council's financial commitments for the financial year 2025-2026 for the Shire of Morawa.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – 6.1a Statutory Annual Budget 2025-2026 including Fees and Charges

Attachment 2 – 6.1b Ministerial Approval Letter for Differential Rates

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There being no further business, the President to declare the meeting closed at