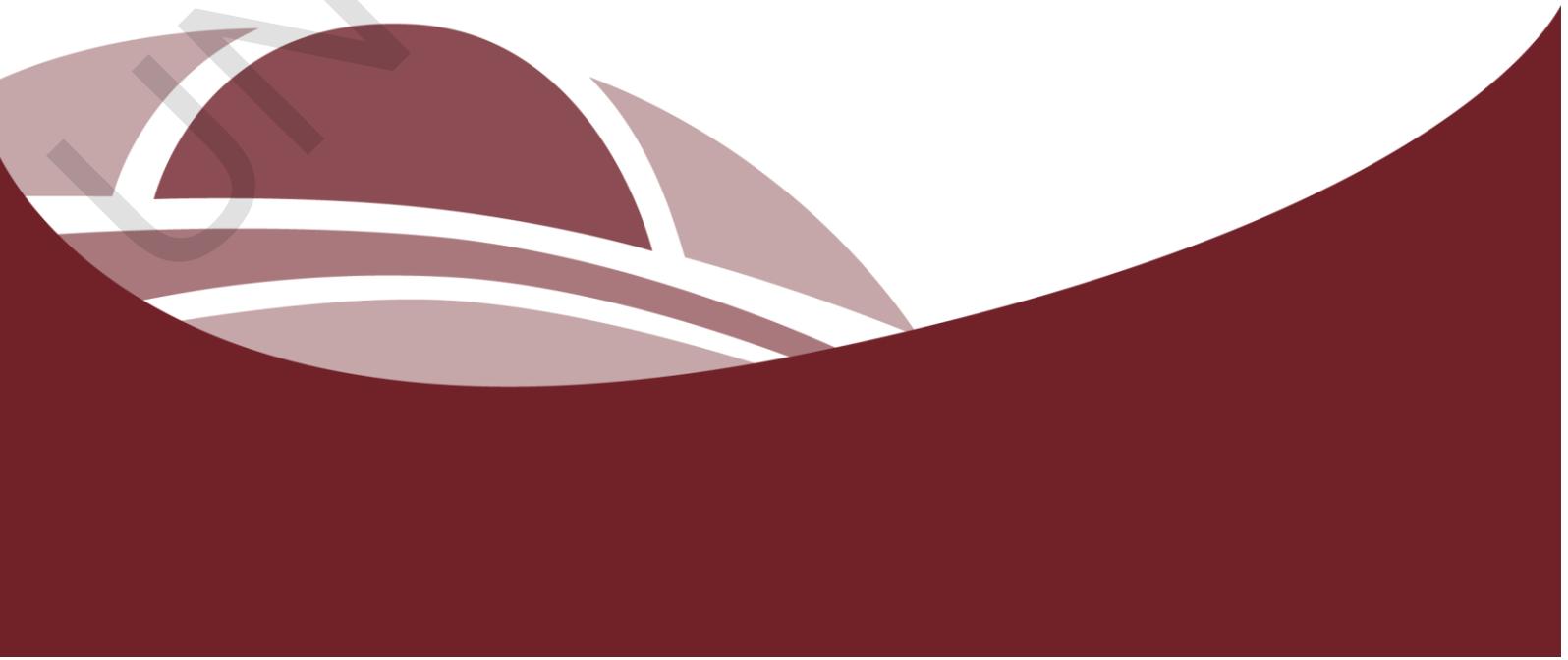




MINUTES

Annual Electors Meeting
10 February 2026





NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Elected Members and Members of the Public,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 5.29 of the Local Government Act, you are hereby notified that the Annual Electors Meeting has been convened for:

Date: Tuesday 10 February 2026
At: Shire of Narembeen Council Chambers
1 Longhurst Street, Narembeen
Commencing: 5.00pm

Rebecca McCall
Chief Executive Officer

23 January 2026

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1. Official Opening and Welcome

The Presiding Person welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 5.00pm.

Attendees were notified that the meeting was being recorded in accordance with the Local Government (Administration) Regulation r14J.

2. Record of Attendance / Apologies / Leave of Absence

Councillors:

Cr HA Cusack	President
Cr HJ Bald	Deputy President
Cr CD Bray	
Cr MJ Currie	
Cr LR Smoker	
Cr SW Stirrat	

Staff:

Ms R McCall	Chief Executive Officer
Mr B Forbes	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Mr K Markham	Executive Manager Infrastructure Services
Ms K Conopo	Executive Governance Officer

Member of Public:

L Lethlean
W Milner
H Cowan
A Yandle

Apologies:

Cr AM Hardham

3. Public Question Time

Nil

4. Confirmation of Previous Meetings

4.1 Annual Electors Meeting 10 February 2025

Attachment 4.1A

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority Absolute Majority

Officer's Recommendation – 4.1

That the minutes of the Shire of Narembeen Annual Electors Meeting held on Monday 10 February 2025, as presented, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

MIN 8118/26

MOTION – Moved Cr. Currie

Seconded Cr. Bald

CARRIED 6 / 0

For: Cr Cusack, Cr Bald, Cr Bray, Cr Currie, Cr Smoker, Cr Stirrat. Against: Nil

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Cr Cusack requested an update on the Narembreen South Road, as it was raised in the previous minutes.

K Markham, EMIS, provided an update noting that funding was successful through Regional Road Group, with the funding split into two parts. However, due to there being funding leftover from this year, the entire 5.6Km section will be completed. This included 5 culverts and a 7.2m seal by the end of the month to match the rest of the road.

Cr Cusack noted concerns were raised regarding the status of the Clock Tower Garden in the previous minutes, but that this project was now completed.

6. Officers Reports – Corporate Services

6.1 Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2025

Date:	8 January 2026
Location:	Not Applicable
Responsible Officer:	Ben Forbes, Executive Manager Corporate Services
Author:	Ben Forbes, Executive Manager Corporate Services
File Reference	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT\AUDIT\2024\Interim
Previous Meeting Reference	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	6.1A Shire of Narembreen - 2025 Annual Report

Purpose of Report

- Executive Decision Legislative Requirement

Summary

In accordance with statutory requirements, the annual report is presented to the Electors for review and comment.

Background

A Local Government is to prepare an annual report each financial year containing such information as prescribed by the *Local Government Act 1995* Section 5.53(2) and the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, Regulation 19 in addition to the contained financial statements being in accordance with all the Australian Accounting Standards. This report, in addition to all associated accounting practices and records, is subject to audit each year.

The audit of the financial statements is split into two components due to the quantity of work. Prior to 30 June an 'interim audit' is conducted to review profit and loss accounts and directly associated balance sheet accounts. After 30 June the 'annual audit' is conducted to review the rest of the balance sheet accounts, associated methodologies and controls and general compliance with laws, regulations and accounting standards.

Comment

The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) has issued an unqualified audit opinion for the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025, meaning there were no detected or suspected material misstatement in the financial statements or areas of material non-compliance in the Shire's procedures and controls.

Further, the audit provided no management letter, meaning that the financial statements and from all records and materials audited there were no detected instances of immaterial mismanagement or misstatement requiring rectification. Summarily, this means that no faults of any kind were found from the audit process that were not capable of being immediately addressed.

Consultation

Council
Chief Executive Officer
OAG
Pitcher Partners (OAG's contract auditors)

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995

Part 5, Section 5.53

- (1) The local government is to prepare an annual report for each financial year.
- (2) The annual report is to contain —
 - a) a report from the mayor or president; and
 - b) a report from the CEO; and
 - e) an overview of the plan for the future of the district made in accordance with section 5.56, including major initiatives that are proposed to commence or to continue in the next financial year; and
 - f) the financial report for the financial year; and
 - g) such information as may be prescribed in relation to the payments made to employees; and
 - h) the auditor's report prepared under section 7.9(1) or 7.12AD(1) for the financial year; and
 - ha) a matter on which a report must be made under section 29(2) of the Disability Services Act 1993; and
 - hb) details of entries made under section 5.121 during the financial year in the register of complaints, including —
 - i. the number of complaints recorded in the register of complaints; and
 - ii. how the recorded complaints were dealt with; and
 - iii. any other details that the regulations may require; and
 - iv. and such other information as may be prescribed.

7.12A. Duties of local government with respect to audits

- (1) A local government is to do everything in its power to —
 - (a) assist the auditor of the local government to conduct an audit and carry out the auditor's other duties under this Act in respect of the local government; and
 - (b) ensure that audits are conducted successfully and expeditiously.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a local government is to meet with the auditor of the local government at least once in every year.

- (3) A local government must —
 - (aa) examine an audit report received by the local government; and
 - (a) determine if any matters raised by the audit report, require action to be taken by the local government; and
 - (b) ensure that appropriate action is taken in respect of those Matters
- (4) A local government must —
 - (a) prepare a report addressing any matters identified as significant by the auditor in the audit report, and stating what action the local government has taken or intends to take with respect to each of those matters; and
 - (b) give a copy of that report to the Minister within 3 months after the audit report is received by the local government.
- (5) Within 14 days after a local government gives a report to the Minister under subsection (4)(b), the CEO must publish a copy of the report on the local government's official website.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Part 4 - Financial Reports

Regulations 36 to 49 prescribe the contents and disclosures required in the financial statements and accompanying notes.

Regulation 51 prescribes that the Local Government's CEO provide a copy of the audited financial report to the CEO of the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety within 30 days of the receipt of the audit report.

Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996, Regulation 10

- (1) An auditor's report is to be forwarded to the persons specified in section 7.9(1) within 30 days of completing the audit.
- (2) The report is to give the auditor's opinion on —
 - a. the financial position of the local government; and
 - b. the results of the operations of the local government.
- (3) The report must include a report on the conduct of the audit.
- (4) Where it is considered by the auditor to be appropriate to do so, the auditor is to prepare a management report to accompany the auditor's report and to forward a copy of the management report to the persons specified in section 7.9(1) with the auditor's report.

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, Regulation 10

19B. Information to be included in annual report

- (2) For the purposes of section 5.53(2)(g) and (i), the annual report for a financial year beginning on or after 1 July 2020 must contain the following —
 - (a) the number of employees of the local government entitled to an annual salary of \$130,000 or more;
 - (b) the number of employees of the local government entitled to an annual salary that falls within each band of \$10 000 over \$130 000:
 - (c) any remuneration and allowances paid by the local government under Schedule 5.1 clause 9 during the financial year;

- (d) any amount ordered under section 5.110(6)(b)(iv) to be paid by a person against whom a complaint was made under section 5.107(1), 5.109(1) or 5.114(1) to the local government during the financial year;
- (e) the remuneration paid or provided to the CEO during the financial year;
- (f) the number of council and committee meetings attended by each council member during the financial year;
- (g) if available, the gender, linguistic background and country of birth of council members;
- (h) if available, the number of council members who are aged —
 - i. between 18 years and 24 years; and
 - ii. between 25 years and 34 years; and
 - iii. between 35 years and 44 years; and
 - iv. between 45 years and 54 years; and
 - v. between 55 years and 64 years; and
 - vi. over the age of 64 years;
- (i) if available, the number of council members who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
- (j) details of any modification made to a local government’s strategic community plan during the financial year;
- (k) details of any significant modification made to a local government’s corporate business plan during the financial year.

Policy Implications

Risk Management Policy

Strategic Implications

Strategic Community Plan

Strategic Priority: 4. Civic Leadership
 Objective: Well governed and efficiently managed Local Government
 Strategy: 4.2 Compliant and resourced Local Government

Asset Management Plan

Nil

Long Term Financial Plan

Nil

Risk Implications

Risk Profiling Theme	Failure to Fulfill Statutory, Regulatory or Compliance Requirements
Risk Category	Compliance
Consequence Description	No noticeable regulatory or statutory impact
Consequence Rating	Minor (2)
Likelihood Rating	Likely (4)
Risk Matrix Rating	Moderate (8)
Key Controls in Place	Governance Calendar, Risk Management Policy
Action / Treatment	Nil
Risk Rating After Treatment	Adequate

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority Absolute Majority

Officers Recommendation – Item 6.1

That the 2025 Annual Report, as attached, be received.

MIN 8119/26

MOTION - Moved Cr. Bray

Seconded Cr. Stirrat

CARRIED 6 / 0

For: Cr Cusack, Cr Bald, Cr Bray, Cr Currie, Cr Smoker, Cr Stirrat. Against: Nil

7. General Business

L Lethlean raised concerns regarding the medium for which the Shire interacts with the community, noting that the elderly demographic specifically does not engage through the website or social media. There is a concern that the Shire is missing feedback and engagement from its elderly community members. L Lethlean queried as to whether there was another way to reach the community and suggested using the letterboxes through the Post Office.

Cr Cusack noted that historically, the Shire has provided surveys to individual houses, and the use of the Fencepost and the website.

R McCall advised that legislated notifications go onto the Shire noticeboard and the website, as regulated by the Act, but are otherwise limited to the Fencepost and LED board. The From the Chief fortnightly submission provides all current updates to include community consultation. The assumption is that the elderly access the Fencepost. There have been discussions, but no further action, on providing the Fencepost submission (From the Chief) via email. R McCall noted that a fortnightly Post Office drop is likely to be cost prohibitive. R McCall suggested meeting with the Fencepost to come up with alternate ways to disseminate information.

H Cowan advised that the general information being received from the Shire is very good these days, noting that the public is getting a broad idea of what is going on.

A Yandle raised concerns regarding road maintenance and construction of certain patches of road, noting that this is an ongoing issue from previous administrations.

- *Road condition was bad enough that damage was being done to the truck after 2 loads*
- *There was no difference in condition following grading*
- *Dayman Road is never upgraded because it bypasses the town*
- *Road condition worsened after major carting event, and was not repaired*
- *Noted several instances of near misses and accidents over the years.*

Cr Cusack noted that the EMIS has done a lot of work on the Road Strategy and invited the CEO and the EMIS to comment further.

R McCall advised that the Plant and Works Committee has received the draft Transport Service Level Plan and will be recommending its adoption by Council at the February Ordinary Council Meeting. This document outlines the standard of maintenance, and that will be monitored closely over the next 12 months.

K Markham provided some background and context, noting that Dayman Road was highlighted in 2024, however the CBH Bin closed, reducing the amount of traffic that was contributing to the poor condition. The section between Kondinin and Bows Road has been reviewed for inclusion into next years budget if possible.

W Milner requested an update on the roofing of the Narembreen Netball courts.

R McCall advised that a feasibility study was performed with four options identified ranging from \$26Million to \$4Million, which is outside of the budget allocation. Last 18 months, the Shire has been in consultation with Netball and Basketball to come up with alternate plans that meet their needs. The project plan is near completion, and then funding can be applied for. However, there are currently no funding options available.

8. Closure of Meeting

The next meeting will be advised

There being no further business, the chair declared the meeting closed at 5.20pm