



## Message From The Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to the Shire of Coolgardie, where strategic innovation meets resilience. Our Shire is a place of promise and potential, driven by our commitment to sustainable growth and enduring prosperity.

In a region rooted in a mining legacy, we are at the forefront of change. We explore new opportunities, discover fresh solutions, and take decisive action. With a strategic focus on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles, we confront the unique challenges of a mining-dependent area. Our partnership with CRC TiME, our responsible waste management initiatives, the Mungari Strategic Industrial Area, and our diverse investment opportunities collectively signify our commitment to sustainable growth and resilience.

The Shire of Coolgardie isn't just a community, it's a testament to what's achievable through vision and innovation. I invite you to join us in shaping the future of the "Mother of the Goldfields."

Warm Regards,  
James Trail

## The Shire's Strategic Priorities



**Accountable and effective leaders**



**An inclusive, safe, and vibrant community**



**A thriving local economy**



**Effective management of infrastructure, heritage, and the environment**

## CRC TiME Partnership

The Cooperative Research Centre for Transformations in Mining Economies (CRC TiME) combines the efforts of over 70 influential mining and mining service companies, regional development organisations, state and federal governments, as well as research partners. CRC TiME undertakes progressive research aimed at tackling challenges associated with mine closure and relinquishment.

CRC TiME recently partnered with The Shire of Coolgardie on the project "Future-proofing a small local government authority against the impacts of the mining boom and bust cycle". The case study looked at the innovative approach of the Shire and our practical applications of research findings and innovations in a real-world context. With our rich mining history and dynamic economic landscape, it was found the Shire provides an excellent platform for implementing, meaningful and sustainable strategies.

The project showcased that the Shire has taken advantage of economic opportunities to build a corpus of funds to ride out the inevitable boom and bust sequences of mining environments. The Shire has worked on initiatives that ranged from waste recovery and circular economy projects, to strategic industrial development in the Mungari area.

We have also explored innovative investment opportunities, such as airport development and accommodation solutions tailored to the needs of critical workers. Through these collaborative efforts, CRC TiME highlighted how successfully we have demonstrated our commitment to addressing the challenges faced by mining-dependent regions and fostering resilience and sustainability in our communities.

## Waste Recovery Initiatives

At the core of our commitment to sustainable progress lies our dedicated approach to responsible waste management. This includes a strong focus on tire recycling and the establishment of a Class III waste facility. These endeavours play a pivotal role in addressing the region's substantial waste challenges and serve as the cornerstone for a circular waste economy.

The Coolgardie Waste Management Centre is a groundbreaking initiative poised to revolutionise waste management within our region. With its capacity to efficiently process and segregate plastics and tires, it is driving the area toward a more sustainable waste management paradigm. Beyond this, the facility yields valuable by-products like biofuel and char, mitigating the environmental impact of waste disposal while also generating resources that benefit the local community. This waste recovery initiative seamlessly aligns with the Shire's adherence to Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles and its unwavering dedication to responsible environmental stewardship.



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## Mungari Strategic Industrial Area

The Mungari Strategic Industrial Area (SIA) is a cornerstone of our economic growth strategy, bolstering the expansion of the Goldfields region. Covering 696 hectares, this industrial site enjoys a prime location along the Great Eastern Highway, near Coolgardie and Kambalda.

As a 'Special Use' area under the Shire of Coolgardie Local Planning Scheme, the SIA is ideally suited for critical mineral processing and holds great potential for downstream processing opportunities in the Goldfields-Esperance Region.

Recently, the Goldfields Industrial Area Working Group was established to coordinate urgent land activation activities, including those at Mungari. The Shire of Coolgardie is committed to collaborating with government authorities and project proponents to ensure essential infrastructure, promote development certainty, and facilitate various industrial activities.

## 2023 Local Government Election Results

The Shire of Coolgardie held the local government elections on 21st October 2023. We are proud to announce the following people have been elected as Councillors for the Coolgardie district.

Daphne SIMMONS  
Tracey Ann RATHBONE  
Corey James MATTHEWS  
Kathryn Ann LINDUP

## Financial Snapshot



The 2023/2024 budget allocates funds for an ambitious capital expenditure program, totalling **\$48.07 million**



The Shire is investing **\$3.8 million** into waste recovery initiatives



The Shire expects revenue increases of **\$13.2 million** from fees and charges associated with workers' accommodation, waste facilities, and the Kambalda Airport

