



Shire of Cunderdin

Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes

Dear Council Member,

The Ordinary Meeting of the Cunderdin Shire Council was held on Wednesday 17 June 2026 in the Cunderdin Shire Council Chambers, WA, 6407 commencing at 6.00pm.

Stuart Hobley
Chief Executive Officer

17 June 2026

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AGENDA

1 Declaration of Opening

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 6.00pm.

The Shire of Cunderdin disclaimer was read aloud by Cr B Daly.

The *Local Government Act 1995* Part 5 Division 2 Section 5.25 and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 Regulation 13.

“No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Cunderdin for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting. It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this Meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council’s decisions, which will be provided within ten working days of this meeting”.

2 Record of Attendance, Apologies and Approved Leave of Absence

2.1 Record of attendance

Councillors

Cr AE (Alison) Harris	Shire President
Cr A (Tony) Smith	Deputy Shire President
Cr B (Bernie) Daly	
Cr J (Joanne) Fulwood	
Cr TE (Todd) Harris	
Cr S (Samantha) Pimlott	
Cr N (Natalie) Snooke	

In Attendance

Stuart Hobley	Chief Executive Officer
Kay Squibb	Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Guests of Council

Nil.

Members of the Public

Nil.

2.2 Apologies

Nil.

2.3 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Nil.

3 Public Question Time

Nil.

4 Petitions, Deputations & Presentations

Nil.

5 Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil.

6 Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

6.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held 27 May 2026

Attachment 6.1.1 - Unconfirmed Minutes OCM – 27 May 2026 - Public Copy

Recommendation 6.1

Moved Cr J Fulwood Seconded Cr A Smith

1. That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
2. The President to sign the minute declaration on the previous minutes.

Vote – Simple majority

Carried 7/0

For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr S Pimlott, Cr N Snooke

Against: Nil

7 Declaration of Members and Officers Interests

Stuart Hobley, CEO declared a financial interest in item 9.10 CEO Performance Appraisal.

8 Announcements by President without Discussion

The Shire President extended congratulations to Mr Norm Jenzen and Cr Todd Harris on receiving WALGA Merit Awards in recognition of their significant contributions to the Shire and the communities of Cunderdin and Meckering.

Cr Todd Harris also congratulated the Shire President on receiving a WALGA Merit Award, acknowledging her contribution to the Shire and the communities of Cunderdin and Meckering, as well as her advocacy for and support of female elected members in local government and her promotion of the Wheatbelt region.

9 Finance and Administration

9.1 Financial Reports for May 2026

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Date:	11 June 2026
Author:	Kay Squibb
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.1.1 - Financial Report May 2026

Proposal/Summary

The financial reports as at 31 May 2026 are presented for the Council's consideration.

Background

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* require a statement of financial activity to be prepared each month and prescribe the contents of that report and accompanying documents. The report is to be presented at an Ordinary Council Meeting within two months after the end of the month to which the report relates.

Comment

In accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council is required each financial year to adopt a percentage or value to be used in the Statement of Financial Activity for reporting material variances. As part of the 2025/26 budget adoption process, Council endorsed a material variance threshold of 10% or \$10,000, whichever is the greater.

The Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending 31 May 2026 is presented for Council's information.

Consultation

Chief Executive Officer

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

s6.4 Financial report

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

r34. Financial activity statement required each month

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

The report represents the financial position of the Shire at the end of each reporting period.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Cunderdin Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032

5. CIVIC LEADERSHIP

5.3 Implement systems and processes that meet legislative and audit obligations

Recommendation 9.1

Moved Cr N Snooke Seconded Cr B Daly

That Council receives the monthly financial reports for the period ending 31 May 2026.

Vote – Simple majority

Carried 7/0

For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr S Pimlott, Cr N Snooke

Against: Nil

9.2 Accounts Paid 31 May 2026

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Date:	11 June 2026
Author:	Kay Squibb
Item Approved By:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.2.1 - List of Payments May 2026 Attachment 9.2.2 - Credit Card Expenses May26

Proposal/Summary

Council to consider the list of payments made from the Municipal and Trust funds during May 2026.

Background

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* prescribe that a list of accounts paid under delegated authority by the CEO is to be prepared each month, providing sufficient information to identify the transactions. The list is to be presented to the Council at the next Ordinary Council Meeting after the list is prepared and recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

Comment

A summary of the total payments made during the month are:

May 2026

Total Municipal fund -	\$1,237,509.45
Total Trust fund -	\$0.00
Total Credit Cards -	7,870.12
TOTAL	\$1,245,379.57

Consultation

Chief Executive Officer

Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

r13. Lists of accounts

(1) *If the local government has delegated authority to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared—*

- (a) the payee's name;*
- (b) the amount of the payment;*
- (c) the date of the payment; and*
- (d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.*

r13A. Payments by employees via purchasing cards

(1) *If a local government has authorised an employee to use a credit, debit or other purchasing card, a list of payments made using the card must be prepared each month showing the following for each payment made since the last such list was prepared —*

- (a) the payee's name;*
- (b) the amount of the payment;*
- (c) the date of the payment;*
- (d) sufficient information to identify the payment.*

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

All financial implications are contained within the reports.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Cunderdin Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032

5. CIVIC LEADERSHIP

5.3 Implement systems and processes that meet legislative and audit obligations

Recommendation 9.2

Moved Cr J Fulwood Seconded Cr S Pimlott

That Council receive the list of payments made for the period ending 31 May 2026, as listed below

Municipal fund	\$
Electronic Funds Transfer: EFT10511 to EFT10623	\$1,188,152.87
Cheques: 12050 to 12053	\$15,351.55
Direct Debits (inc. Bank Charges):	\$34,005.03
Trust fund	\$0.00
Credit Cards	\$7,870.12
TOTAL	<u>\$1,245,379.57</u>

Vote – Simple majority

Carried 7/0

For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr S Pimlott, Cr N Snooke

Against: Nil

9.3 Council Investments 31 May 2026

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Date:	11 June 2026
Author:	Kay Squibb
Item Approved By:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.3.1 - CCT Bank Statements May 2026

Proposal/Summary

To inform Council of its investments as at 31 May 2026.

Background

The authority to invest money held in any Council Fund is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer. Council Funds may be invested in one or more of the following:

- Fixed Deposits;
- Commercial Bills;
- Government bonds; and
- Other Short-term Authorised Investments.

Council funds are to be invested with the following financial institutions:

- Major Banks & Bonds Issued by Government and/ or Government Authorities.

Comment

In addition to the Shire's Municipal Operating Accounts, the investment accounts below are held as at 31 May 2026.

COUNCIL ACCOUNTS					
Institution	Amount	Investment type/ Account details	Municipal Funds	Reserve Funds	Trust Funds
Westpac Bank	\$575,534.87	Municipal Fund 000030	\$575,534.87		
Bendigo Bank	\$1,018,752.06	Municipal Fund 155971377	\$1,018,752.06		
Bendigo Bank	\$14,097.96	Bendigo Trust Account 164488686			\$14,097.96
Westpac Bank	\$0.00	Trust Working Account 122981			\$0.00
Westpac Bank	\$211.84	Business Cash Reserve 223647 0.45%		\$211.84	
Bendigo Bank	\$1,785,520.63	Term Deposit -4.25% Matures 21 June 2026		\$1,785,520.63	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$3,394,117.36		\$1,594,286.93	\$1,785,732.47	\$14,097.96

Separately to the above Council funds, the Shire administers the following accounts for the Cunderdin Community Centre Trust, being Bendigo Term Deposits and a Westpac operating account with a current balance of \$8,190.26.

The Westpac operating account has had no further transactions since August 2025, however the Term Deposits matured on 4 May 2026. Interest earned on the term deposits has been reinvested into the Interest Account, and both have been invested for 6 months at 5.15%, maturing on 4 November 2026.

CUNDERDIN COMMUNITY TRUST		
~ INTEREST ACCOUNT ~		
31 May 2026		
Bendigo Term Deposit# 5424726 Maturing 4 November 2026 (5.15%)		
Opening Balance as per Term Deposit		\$282,352.40
<i>INCOMING</i>	Interest earned – interest account	\$5,950.67
	Interest earned – capital account	\$7,794.97
	Total interest	\$13,745.64
<i>OUTGOING</i>		0.00
Balance at end of month		\$296,098.04
CUNDERDIN COMMUNITY TRUST		
~ CAPITAL ACCOUNT ~		
31 May 2026		
Bendigo Term Deposit# 5424728 Maturing 4 November 2026 (5.15%)		
Opening Balance as per Term Deposit		\$369,862.05
<i>INCOMING</i>	Interest on maturity of investment	\$7,794.97
<i>OUTGOING</i>	Transfer to interest account	-\$7,794.97
Balance at end of month		369,862.05

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995

s6.14 Power to invest

Local Government (Financial Management)

r19 Investments, control procedures for

r19C Investment of money, restrictions on (Act s. 6.14(2)(a))

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in considering this item, for information only.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Cunderdin Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032

5. CIVIC LEADERSHIP

5.3 Implement systems and processes that meet legislative and audit obligations

Recommendation 9.3

Moved Cr T Harris Seconded Cr B Daly

That the report on Council investments as at 31 May 2026 be received.

Vote – Simple majority

Carried 7/0

For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr S Pimlott, Cr N Snooke

Against: Nil

9.4 Request to Initiate Review of Local Laws

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Executive Assistant
Date:	3 June 2026
Author:	Brooke Davidson
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Nil

Proposal/Summary

For Council to approve the commencement of a review of the Shire of Cunderdin Local Laws to ensure they remain current, relevant, and compliant with legislative requirements.

Background

Section 3.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires that all local laws must be reviewed within a 15-year period after their commencement to determine if they should remain unchanged, be repealed, or amended. The 15-year period is taken from either when the local law commenced or when the last review of the local law was completed.

As part of the Local Government reforms and implementation of the *Local Government Amendment Act 2024*, the Shire of Cunderdin is now required to review all local laws within a two-year period, prior to 7th December 2026, unless a review occurred within the last 8 years.

The Shire of Cunderdin has in place the following local laws:

- Cemetery Local Law 2015 (amended 2016)
- Local Government Property Local Law 2015 (amended 2016)
- Thoroughfares and Public Places Amended Local Law 2015 (amended 2016)
- Health Local Law 2016
- Animals, Environment and Nuisance Local Law 2016
- Dogs Local Law 2015
- Pest Plants Local Law 2015
- Extractive Industries Local Law 2011

Council is required to initiate the review of local laws as per the legislation. The Procedure for Making/Reviewing Local Laws in the Act is outlined below:

Part One

- Periodic Review – s.3.16(1) of the Act – The local government is to carry out a review of the local law to determine whether it considers that it should be repealed or amended.
- Local Public Notice -s.3.16(2) – The local government is to give local public notice stating that it proposes to review the local law for at least a six-week period, identifying where and during which hours (if appropriate) the proposed local law can be viewed.
- Summary of Submissions - Depending on the outcome of the broad community consultation undertaken under s3.16(1)&(2) of the Act, the Council will then consider whether or not these local laws should be repealed, amended or retained.
- Section 3.16 of the Act cannot be used to repeal or amend a local law.

Part Two

- Local Council initiate process – Under s3.12(2) of the Act and Regulation (3) Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 – the Council may resolve to initiate a new Local Law and include in the resolution the purpose and effect of the local law.
- Local Public Notice – s3.12(3) and (3a) of the Act - The local government must give local public notice for at least a six-week period, identifying where and during which hours (if appropriate) the proposed local law can be viewed
- Notification to the Minister - s3.2(3b) of the Act - Send notification to the Minister as soon as the public notice is given (after advertisement appears in the paper).
- Considering Submissions – s3.12(4) of the Act - After the last day for submissions, Council to consider any submissions made and may make the Local Law as proposed or make amendments that are not significantly different from what was proposed (by absolute majority).
- Gazettal Notice – s3.12(5) of the Act - After making the Local Law, the local government is to publish it in the Gazette.
- Giving Public Notice – s3.12(6) of the Act - After the Local Law has been published in the Gazette, Council is to give local public notice stating the title of the Local Law; summarising the purpose and effect of the Local Law (specifying the day on which it comes into operation); and advising that copies of the local law may be inspected or obtained.
- Notification to the Minister - s3.12(5) of the Act - Send notification to the Minister as soon as the public notice is given (after advertisement appears in the paper). Explanatory Memoranda – s3.12(7) of the Act - After Gazettal to provide an Explanatory Memoranda to the Government (WA Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (JSCDL).
- Commencement of Local Laws - s3.14 of the Act - The Local Law will come into effect the 14th day after publication.
- Review by Government - s3.17 of the Act - Final point on the process where the Local Law can be amended or repealed via the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (JSCDL).

Next Steps

Members of the public will have the opportunity to lodge a submission to Council on the current local laws. This consultation period will run for at least six weeks. The submissions will be considered and presented with a recommendation to Council who will then determine whether to amend, repeal or retain the local laws. During this initial consultation process staff will also undertake benchmarking and research to ensure that these local laws remain contemporary, relevant and enforceable.

In conducting the review of these local laws, the Shire will engage with the community through the website, social media and Pipeline to ensure it complies with the requirements of the Act. This will ensure that the review captures relevant societal and governance changes that may suggest that amendments are required to the Shire's local laws.

The Shire will be seeking responses to questions including:

- Do you have any feedback on the operation of the current local law?
- What changes, if any, would you like to see made to the Local law?

The outcomes of the review will be presented to the Council later in 2025 and 2026 with recommendations on any amendments to the Shire's local laws, which may be required. This process will confirm the 'purpose' and 'effect' of each local law and include a 'proposed draft' local law, which will then be advertised for a statutory period of 42 days to allow for any public comments, and together with a copy of the 'proposed draft' local law this will be forwarded to the relevant Ministers.

Comments

Council approve to review the Shire of Cunderdin's local laws within a suitable timeframe. This timeframe will need to take into consideration changes to principle legislation and other matters which will influence any recommended changes to the local laws. The suggested local law review schedule is below:

Local Law	Review Timeframe
Cemetery Local Law 2015 (amended 2016)	Review to be brought back to Council within 3 months.
Pest Plants Local Law 2015	Review to be brought back to Council within 3 months.
Local Government Property Local Law 2015 (amended 2016)	Review to be brought back to Council within 6 months.
Thoroughfares and Public Places Amended Local Law 2015 (amended 2016)	Review to be brought back to Council within 6 months.
Extractive Industries Local Law 2011	Review to be brought back to Council within 6 months.
Health Local Law 2016	Review to be brought back to Council within 9 months.
Animals, Environment and Nuisance Local Law 2016	Review to be brought back to Council within 9 months.
Dogs Local Law 2015	Review to be brought back to Council within 9 months.

Consultation

Chief Executive Officer, Stuart Hobley
Executive Assistant, Brooke Davidson

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995

Division 2 — Legislative functions of local governments

Subdivision 1 — Local laws made under this Act

3.5. Legislative power of local governments

- (1) A local government may make local laws under this Act prescribing all matters that are required or permitted to be prescribed by a local law, or are necessary or convenient to be so prescribed, for it to perform any of its functions under this Act.
- (2) A local law made under this Act does not apply outside the local government's district unless it is made to apply outside the district under section 3.6.
- (3) The power conferred on a local government by subsection (1) is in addition to any power to make local laws conferred on it by any other Act.
- 4A) Nothing in the Building Act 2011 prevents a local government from making local laws under this Act about building work, demolition work, a standard for the construction or demolition of buildings or incidental structures, or the use and maintenance of, and requirements in relation to, existing buildings or incidental structures, as those terms are defined in section 3 of that Act.
- 4B) Nothing in the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911 or the Public Health Act 2016 prevents a local government from making local laws under this Act about matters relating to public health (as defined in the Public Health Act 2016 section 4(1)).
- (4) Regulations may set out —
 - (a) matters about which, or purposes for which, local laws are not to be made; or
 - (b) kinds of local laws that are not to be made, and a local government cannot make a local law about such a matter, or for such a purpose or of such a kind.

- (5) Regulations may set out such transitional arrangements as are necessary or convenient to deal with a local law ceasing to have effect because the power to make it has been removed by regulations under subsection (4).

[Section 3.5 amended: No. 64 of 1998 s. 5; No. 24 of 2011 s. 166(2); No. 19 of 2016 s. 166.]

3.8. Local laws may adopt codes etc.

- (1) A local law made under this Act may adopt the text of —
- (a) any model local law, or amendment to it, published under section 3.9; or
 - (b) a local law of any other local government; or
 - (c) any code, rules, specifications, or standard issued by Standards Australia or by such other body as is specified in the local law.
- (2) The text may be adopted —
- (a) wholly or in part; or
 - (b) as modified by the local law; or
 - (c) as it exists at a particular date or, except if the text of a model local law is being adopted, as amended from time to time.
- (3) The adoption may be direct, by reference made in the local law, or indirect, by reference made in any text that is itself directly or indirectly adopted.

[Section 3.8 amended: No. 74 of 2003 s. 79.]

3.12. Procedure for making local laws

- (1) In making a local law a local government is to follow the procedure described in this section, in the sequence in which it is described.
- (2A) Despite subsection (1), a failure to follow the procedure described in this section does not
- (a) invalidate a local law if there has been substantial compliance with the procedure.
- (2) At a council meeting the person presiding is to give notice to the meeting of the purpose and
- (a) effect of the proposed local law in the prescribed manner.
- (3) Subject to subsection (3A), the local government is to —
- (a) give local public notice stating that —
 - i) the local government proposes to make a local law the purpose and effect of which is summarised in the notice; and
 - ii) a copy of the proposed local law may be inspected or obtained at any place specified in the notice;
and
 - iii) submissions about the proposed local law may be made to the local government before a day to be specified in the notice, being a day that is not less than 6 weeks after the notice is given; and
 - (b) as soon as the notice is given, give a copy of the proposed local law and a copy of the notice to —
 - i) the Departmental CEO; and
 - ii) if a department of the Public Service other than the Department assists in the administration of an Act under which the local law is proposed to be made — the chief executive officer of that other department;
and
 - iii) provide a copy of the proposed local law, in accordance with the notice, to any person requesting it.

- (3A) The local government may, at the council meeting referred to in subsection (2), determine to proceed under subsection (3C) instead of subsection (3) if all the proposed local law would do is adopt, wholly and without modification —
- (a) a model local law; or
 - (b) a model local law except certain provisions that the local government determines, at the council meeting referred to in subsection (2), are not relevant to the local government and the district.
- (3B) In subsection (3A)(a) and (b), references to a model local law include an amendment of a model local law.
- (3C) If the local government determines to proceed under this subsection, the local government must —
- (a) publish a notice on the local government’s official website stating that —
 - i) the local government proposes to make a local law the purpose and effect of which is summarised in the notice; and
 - ii) a copy of the proposed local law may be inspected or obtained at any place specified in the notice; and
 - iii) submissions about the proposed local law may be made to the local government before a day to be specified in the notice, being a day that is not less than 3 weeks after the notice is published; and
 - (b) as soon as the notice is published, give a copy of the notice to —
 - i) the Departmental CEO; and
 - ii) if a department of the Public Service other than the Department assists in the administration of an Act under which the local law is proposed to be made — the chief executive officer of that other department; and
 - (c) provide a copy of the proposed local law, in accordance with the notice, to any person requesting it.
- (4) After the last day for submissions under subsection (3) or (3C) (as the case requires), the local government is to consider any submissions made and may make the local law* as proposed or make a local law* that is not significantly different from what was proposed.
- * Absolute majority required.
- (5) After making a local law, the local government must —
- (a) publish the local law in the Gazette; and
 - (b) give a copy of the local law to —
 - i) the Departmental CEO; and
 - ii) if a department of the Public Service other than the Department assists in the administration of an Act under which the local law is made — the chief executive officer of that other department.
- (6) After the local law has been published in the Gazette the local government is to give notice in the required way —
- (a) stating the title of the local law; and
 - (b) summarising the purpose and effect of the local law (specifying the day on which it comes into operation); and
 - (c) advising that the local law is published on the local government’s official website and that copies of the local law may be inspected at or obtained from the local government’s office.
- (6A) For the purposes of subsection (6), the required way for giving a notice is as follows —
- (a) if the local government proceeded under subsection (3) — by local public notice;

(b) if the local government proceeded under subsection (3C) — by notice published on the local government's official website.

(7) The Minister may give directions to local governments requiring them to provide to the Parliament copies of local laws they have made and any explanatory or other material relating to them.

(8) In this section —

making in relation to a local law, includes making a local law to amend the text of, or repeal, a local law.
[Section 3.12 amended: No. 1 of 1998 s. 8; No. 64 of 1998 s. 6; No. 49 of 2004 s. 16(4) and 23; No. 26 of 2016 s. 5; No. 16 of 2019 s. 8; No. 47 of 2024 s. 19.]

3.16. Periodic review of local laws

(1) Within a period of 15 years after the day on which a local law commenced or a determination in respect of the local law was last made under subsection (4), as the case requires, a local government must carry out a review of the local law to determine whether it considers that the local law should be repealed, be amended or remain unchanged.

(2) The local government is to give local public notice stating that —

(a) the local government proposes to review the local law; and

(b) a copy of the local law may be inspected or obtained at any place specified in the notice;
and

(c) submissions about the local law may be made to the local government before a day to be specified in the notice, being a day that is not less than 6 weeks after the notice is given.

(3) After the last day for submissions, the local government is to consider any submissions made and cause a report of the review to be prepared and submitted to its council.

(4) After the report has been submitted to its council, the local government must determine* whether it considers that the local law should be repealed, be amended or remain unchanged.

* Absolute majority required

Any consequential amendments to the Shire's local laws must then be undertaken using the process set out in s3.12 of the Act.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

There are costs associated with the review, advertising for public comment, amendment and/or making of existing or new local laws and their eventual Gazettal. Cost for the amendment of existing local laws or the making of new ones will become apparent throughout the review process.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Cunderdin Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032

5. CIVIC LEADERSHIP

5.3 Implement systems and processes that meet legislative and audit obligations

Recommendation 9.4

Moved Cr A Smith Seconded Cr S Pimlott

That Council

1. Gives local public notice stating that the Shire proposes to review its local laws under section 3.16 of the Local Government Act 1995 as per the following timeframe –

Local Law	Review Timeframe
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Animals, Environment and Nuisance Local Law 2016	Review to be brought back to Council within 9 months.
Dogs Local Law 2015	Review to be brought back to Council within 9 months.

2. Notes that a copy of the local laws may be inspected or obtained at the Shire offices or from its website;
3. Advises that submissions about local laws may be made to the Shire before a day to be specified in the notice, being a day that is not less than six (6) weeks after the notice is given; and
4. Notes that the results of the above advertising are to be presented to Council for consideration of any submissions received.

Vote – Simple Majority

Carried 7/0

For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr S Pimlott, Cr N Snooke

Against: Nil

9.5 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee – Appointment of Independent Presiding Member

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Date:	11 June 2026
Author:	Kay Squibb
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.5.1 - PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL – Expression of Interest for Independent Member

Proposal/Summary

Council to appoint suitably experienced candidates to fill the position of Independent Presiding Member and Deputy of the Independent Presiding Member for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC).

Background

On 1 January 2026, the *Local Government Regulations Amendment Regulations (no. 4) 2025* (the ARIC Regulations) came into effect, requiring local governments to transition their Audit Committees into Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees. The changes are required to be implemented by 30 June 2026.

These changes form a key part of the State Governments broader local government reforms, and aim to strengthen transparency by enhancing financial management, risk and governance practices across local governments in WA. The scope and functions of the ARIC are prescribed to include a focus on risk management and continuous improvement.

A significant change to the structure of the ARIC, is the requirement to have an Independent Presiding Member and Independent Deputy of the Presiding Member. The Deputy of the Presiding Member is required to attend and preside over ARIC meetings only in the absence of the Presiding Member. Both appointments are required to be made by an absolute majority decision of Council and expire at the next Ordinary Council elections in October 2027.

Comments

Advertising seeking expressions of interest to fill the positions was circulated during April and May. One application has been received from a suitably experienced candidate, Mrs Pauline Smart. A verbal agreement from the Shire of Quairading Chief Executive Officer has been received to fill the position of Deputy of the Independent Presiding Member, should there be insufficient interest from the community.

Mrs Smart has many years of experience working within government frameworks and in regional areas, and brings extensive experience and knowledge in internal audit, risk management, financial management and governance practices. Mrs Smart is also an active member on local committees and boards.

The Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer met with Mrs Smart and recommend her appointment as Independent Presiding Member of the ARIC.

As a second applicant wasn't forthcoming, appointment of the Shire of Quairading Chief Executive Officer as the Deputy of the Presiding Member ensures compliance with legislation, should the Presiding Member not be available to attend a committee meeting.

Consultation

Chief Executive Officer

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996

Local Government Regulations Amendment Regulations (No. 4) 2025

Policy Implications

Terms of Reference for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

Financial Implications

A meeting fee of \$250.00 per meeting for Independent Members of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee was adopted by Council at the March 2026 meeting. Provision will be made in the annual budget for payment of these in 2026-2027.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Cunderdin Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032

5. CIVIC LEADERSHIP

5.3 Implement systems and processes that meet legislative and audit obligations

Recommendation 9.5

Moved Cr T Harris Seconded Cr N Snooke

That Council –

1. Appoint Mrs Pauline Smart as the Independent Presiding Member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, with her term expiring at the October 2027 Ordinary Council election;
2. Appoint Mr Nic Warren as the Deputy of the Independent Presiding Member of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, with his term expiring at the October 2027 Ordinary Council election.

Vote – Absolute majority

Carried 7/0

For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr S Pimlott, Cr N Snooke

Against: Nil

9.6 Disaster Ready Funding – Round 4

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	11 June 2026
Author:	Stuart Hobley
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Nil

Proposal/Summary

For Council to endorse the Shire of Cunderdin participating as a Delivery Partner in a joint application coordinated by the Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils (WEROC) under Round Four of the Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) 2026-27 and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to provide a Letter of Support on behalf of the Shire.

Background

The Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) provides funding for projects that strengthen community resilience and reduce the risk and impact of natural disasters.

WEROC is coordinating a regional application under Round Four of the DRF, with member local governments invited to participate as Delivery Partners. The proposed regional approach aims to improve disaster preparedness and resilience outcomes across the Wheatbelt through collaborative planning, resource sharing and implementation of agreed project activities.

As part of the application process, participating local governments are required to provide a Letter of Support confirming their commitment to work collaboratively with WEROC and other project partners should the application be successful.

Comments

Participation in the DRF application presents an opportunity for the Shire of Cunderdin to access external funding for disaster resilience initiatives that may otherwise be difficult to deliver through existing resources.

The proposed partnership aligns with Council's commitment to emergency management, community safety and regional collaboration. Participation in the application does not commit Council to any expenditure beyond any agreed contribution outlined within the final project proposal.

Should the application be successful, a detailed project agreement outlining roles, responsibilities and contributions will be provided to participating partners.

Consultation

WEROC

Statutory Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Any financial or in-kind contribution by the Shire will be detailed within the final project proposal and considered as part of Council's participation in the project.

Strategic Implications

1.COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

1.2 A healthy and safe community is planned for

Sport and recreation facilities are upgraded in a planned, cohesive and timely manner

Promotion and advocacy of community health and wellbeing

1.4 Support emergency services planning, risk mitigation, response and recovery

Collaboratively plan and respond to emergency situations identified in Local Emergency Management Arrangement (LEMA)

Recommendation 9.6

Moved Cr T Harris Seconded Cr B Daly

That Council:

1. Endorse the Shire of Cunderdin participating as a Delivery Partner in the Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils (WERO) Disaster Ready Fund Round Four (2026-27) application;
2. Confirm its support for the joint project proposal coordinated by WERO;
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute and submit the required Delivery Partner Letter of Support and any associated documentation necessary for the application.

Vote – Simple majority

Carried 7/0

For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr S Pimlott, Cr N Snooke

Against: Nil

9.7 Adoption of Age Friendly Plan, Public Health Plan and Integrated Strategic Plan

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	19 May 2026
Author:	Stuart Hobley
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.7.1 - Age Friendly Plan Attachment 9.7.2 - Public Health Plan Attachment 9.7.3 - Integrated Strategic Plan Attachment 9.7.4 - Summary of submissions

Proposal/Summary

For Council to receive the submissions received during the public advertising period for the draft Integrated Strategic Plan 2026–2036, Age Friendly Plan and Public Health Plan, and adopt the final documents.

Background

At its previous meetings, Council endorsed the draft Integrated Strategic Plan 2026–2036 (ISP), Age Friendly Plan and Public Health Plan for public consultation. The documents were subsequently advertised for public comment for a period of three (3) weeks, providing residents, ratepayers and stakeholders with the opportunity to review the draft plans and make submissions.

The draft plans were developed following an extensive community engagement process undertaken by 150 Square, including community workshops, surveys and targeted consultation sessions across Cunderdin and Meckering. The plans collectively establish Council's long-term strategic direction, public health priorities and actions to support an age-friendly community.

Comments

The public advertising period has now concluded, with two (2) submissions received.

The submissions have been reviewed and considered by Administration. A summary of the submissions, together with Administration's responses and any recommended amendments, is attached for Council's consideration.

The feedback received generally supported the strategic direction outlined within the draft plans.

The final Integrated Strategic Plan 2026–2036, Age Friendly Plan and Public Health Plan are now presented to Council for adoption. Adoption of these plans will ensure the Shire meets its obligations under the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework and relevant public health legislation, while providing a clear roadmap for the future development and wellbeing of the community.

Consultation

Cunderdin and Meckering Communities
150 Square

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995

5.56. Planning for the future

- (1) A local government is to plan for the future of the district.
- (2) A local government is to ensure that plans made under subsection (1) are in accordance with any regulations made about planning for the future of the district.

Council will ensure that all of the requirements under the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 - Division 3 – Planning for the Future are met. Regulations 19C(7) and 19DA(6) require that the Integrated Strategic Plan, which incorporates both the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan, is adopted by the council by an absolute majority.

Public Health Act 2016

Disability Services Act 1993

Under Part 5 of the *Disability Services Act 1993*, all local governments are required to develop a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP). Local governments must ensure that they perform their functions outlined in the DAIP with the intent of furthering the principles outlined in Schedule 1 (Principles applicable to people with a disability) and Schedule 2 (Objectives for services and programmes) of the Act. Local governments must consult with the public on a DAIP, and it should be reviewed every five years. The principles between a DAIP and the creation of age-friendly communities are aligned as they both ensure that communities are inclusive and that services and activities are readily accessible.

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Shire of Cunderdin Strategic Community Plan 2022 -2032

1. COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

1.2 A healthy and safe community is planned for

Promotion and advocacy of community health and wellbeing

1.3 Advocate for the provision of quality health services, health facilities and programs in the Shire

Advocate for the provision of quality health services, health facilities and programs in the Shire

5. CIVIC LEADERSHIP

5.1 Shire communication is consistent, engaging and responsive

Residents and community groups believe they are being listened to and fairly treated

5.2 Forward planning and implementation of plans

5.3 Implement systems and processes that meet legislative and audit obligations

Recommendation 9.7

Moved Cr N Snooke Seconded Cr J Fulwood

That Council:

1. Receives and considers the submissions received during the public advertising period for the draft Integrated Strategic Plan 2026–2036, Age Friendly Plan and Public Health Plan;
2. Notes that the submissions do not warrant any amendments to the draft documents;
3. Adopts the Integrated Strategic Plan 2026–2036 as advertised;
4. Adopts the Age Friendly Plan as advertised;
5. Adopts the Public Health Plan as advertised; and
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to publish and implement the final adopted plans.

Vote – Absolute majority

Carried 7/0

For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr S Pimlott, Cr N Snooke

Against: Nil

9.8 Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes – 10 June 2026

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Executive Assistant
Date:	11 June 2026
Author:	Brooke Davidson
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.8.1 - Minutes of LEMC 10 June 2026 Attachment 9.8.2 - Exercise Briefing Note Attachment 9.8.3 - Department of Communities Update – 4 th Quarter 25/26

Proposal/Summary

For Council to receive and accept the Shire of Cunderdin Local Emergency Community Management Committee Minutes from the meeting held 10 June 2026.

Background

Each local government is required to establish one or more Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMCs) for its district. Local governments may also work together to form a combined LEMC for their districts.

Under the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, a local government must ensure that Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) are in place. LEMA are developed to provide a community-focused, coordinated approach to managing potential emergencies in a local government area

Managed and chaired by the local government, the LEMC includes representatives from organisations involved in emergency management in the district. A LEMC's main functions include:

- advising and assisting the local government in ensuring that LEMA are established
- liaising with public authorities and other key organisations to develop, review and test the LEMA.
- carries out other activities as directed by the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) or prescribed by the Emergency Management Regulations 2006.
- each LEMC is supported by, and reports to, a District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC), which, in turn, reports to the SEMC.

Comments

A LEMC Meeting was held on the 10 June 2026 and the Minutes are attached for Councillor review and have been made available to the public.

There are no recommendations to Council from the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting.

Consultation

Shire of Cunderdin Staff

Statutory Implications

Emergency Management Act 2005

s36 Functions of local government

It is a function of a local government —

- (a) subject to this Act, to ensure that effective local emergency management arrangements are prepared and maintained for its district; and
- (b) to manage recovery following an emergency affecting the community in its district; and
- (c) to perform other functions given to the local government under this Act.

s38. Local emergency management committees

- (1) A local government is to establish one or more local emergency management committees for the local government's district.
- (2) If more than one local emergency management committee is established, the local government is to specify the area in respect of which the committee is to exercise its functions.
- (3) A local emergency management committee consists of —
 - (a) a chairman and other members appointed by the relevant local government in accordance with subsection (4); and
 - (b) if the local emergency coordinator is not appointed as chairman of the committee, the local emergency coordinator for the local government district.

s39. Local emergency management committees

The functions of a local emergency management committee are, in relation to its district or the area for which it is established —

- (a) to advise and assist the local government in ensuring that local emergency management arrangements are established for its district; and
- (b) to liaise with public authorities and other persons in the development, review and testing of local emergency management arrangements; and
- (c) to carry out other emergency management activities as directed by the SEMC or prescribed by the regulations.

s41. Emergency management arrangements in local government district

- (1) A local government is to ensure that arrangements (local emergency management arrangements) for emergency management in the local government's district are prepared.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Cunderdin Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032

1. COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

1.4 Support emergency services planning, risk mitigation, response and recovery

5. CIVIC LEADERSHIP

5.3 Implement systems and processes that meet legislative and audit obligations

Capability of our organization is continually improved

Recommendation 9.8

Moved Cr B Daly Seconded Cr J Fulwood

That Council receive the Local Emergency Management Committee Minutes from the meeting held 10 June 2026.

Vote – Simple majority

Carried 7/0

For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr S Pimlott, Cr N Snooke

Against: Nil

9.9 Move Behind Closed Doors

Recommendation 9.9

Moved Cr B Daly Seconded Cr J Fulwood

That Council move behind closed doors in accordance with s.5.23 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Vote – Simple majority

Carried 7/0

For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr S Pimlott, Cr N Snooke

Against: Nil

Stuart Hobley, CEO, left the meeting at 6.13pm.

9.10 Private & Confidential – Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Executive Assistant
Date:	12 June 2026
Author:	Brooke Davidson
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Stuart Hobley, CEO declared a financial interest in this item and left the meeting at 6.13pm.
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Nil

Recommendation 9.10

Moved Cr B Daly Seconded Cr A Smith

That Council adopts the recommendation as contained within the official report.

Vote – Absolute majority

Carried 7/0

For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr S Pimlott, Cr N Snooke

Against: Nil

Stuart Hobley, CEO, returned to the meeting at 6.16pm.

9.11 Private & Confidential – Expressions of Interest Received for Sale of Lots 1-7 Watts Street, Cunderdin

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Executive Assistant
Date:	12 June 2026
Author:	Brooke Davidson
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.11.1 - Summary of Responses Attachment 9.11.2 - Livestock and Land Response Attachment 9.11.3 - Connect Real Estate Attachment 9.11.4 - Elders Real Estate Attachment 9.11.5 - Bob Davey Real Estate Attachment 9.11.6 - Western Town & Country

Recommendation 9.11

Moved Cr A Smith Seconded Cr T Harris

That Council adopts the recommendation as contained within the official report.

Vote – Simple majority

Carried 7/0

For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr S Pimlott, Cr N Snooke

Against: Nil

9.12 Move From Behind Closed Doors

Recommendation 9.12

Moved Cr T Harris Seconded Cr N Snooke

That Council move from behind closed doors in accordance with s.5.23 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Vote – Simple majority

Carried 7/0

For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr S Pimlott, Cr N Snooke

Against: Nil

9.13 Chief Executive Officers Report

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	20 May 2026
Author:	Stuart Hobley
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	Nil
Attachments:	Nil

Proposal/Summary

To provide an update on the matters that the Chief Executive Officer has been addressing over the past month.

Background

Watts Street Subdivision

Construction works associated with the installation of underground power and NBN have been completed. Water headworks have been paid and the works will be completed on the application for a building permit.

Play Our Way Basketball Court Shelter and Upgrade

The shed construction has been completed.

The asphalt works plumbing and a majority of the electrical works have been completed. There will be a delay in laying the sports surface due to the low temperature and this has been explained to the effected sporting groups.

Pool and Wellness Centre

Demolition works on the buildings and the toddlers pool have been completed. Works on the new learn to swim pool have commenced. The new footprint has been excavated, and fill and drainage works have commenced. Utilities including power and water have been disconnected and moved.

The building plans are nearly finalised and will be certified in the near future. We are still waiting on the Health Department approval for the pool plans.

Pathways Construction

Construction of the footpaths is continuing. Works are being carried out on both Forrest and Mitchell Street, and stage two will commence in June.

Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Election Commitment Grant Program

Council has received advice that it was successful in its application to the CCTV Election Commitment Grant Program.

The program received overwhelming interest, with more than 300 applications submitted from 70 Local Government Authorities across the State.

All applications were rigorously assessed by the WA Police State Operations Command Centre and the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety. Successful projects were selected based on factors including local crime and antisocial behaviour trends, prioritisation of operational and technical considerations, opportunities for network development, and existing CCTV coverage in the area.

The following locations were approved:

Location: Cnr Gabbedy Pl/Great Eastern Highway
Camera Type: Dual CCTV/ANPR
Amount: \$20,343

Location: Corner Great Eastern Highway/Baxter Road
Camera Type: Dual CCTV/ANPR
Amount: \$20,343

The Shires application included three more CCTV cameras that were not funded. These locations were:
Gabbedy Place, Meckering – Near public toilets
Vanzetti Road Meckering – near transfer station
Corner of Great Eastern Hwy and Cubbine Street, Cunderdin

Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) - Resignation

The Cunderdin , Quairading Tammin (CESM), Mr John Idland has advised that he has been offered another position within the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. His last day will be on the 19th June 2026, although he will be returning to conduct several events including training days and Meetings.

As the Shire of Cunderdin is now the host Council, we will be advertising for a new CESM in the near future. This will be done in coordination with the other Councils and DFES.

Local Government Week

WALGA have advised that Local Government Week is being held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Wednesday 16 to Friday 18 September. This year's theme is "*Tomorrow's World*" and reflects the rapidly changing environment facing Local Governments across Western Australia. From emerging technologies and shifting community expectations to economic pressures and global uncertainty, the challenges and opportunities facing the sector are evolving faster than ever before.

WALGA have advised that have received the feedback from last year and have designed this years program to maximise choice and relevance.

Comment

Nil.

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Strategic

Nil.

Recommendation 9.13

Moved Cr J Fulwood Seconded Cr S Pimlott

That Council receive and accept the CEO report as presented.

Vote – Simple majority

Carried 7/0

For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr S Pimlott, Cr N Snooke

Against: Nil

Councillors acknowledged outgoing CESM John Idland and the great work he has done during his time in the role and wished him well in his new position with DFES.

10 Environmental Health and Building

Nil.

11 Planning & Development

Nil.

12 Works & Services

12.1 Five Year Plan Regional Road Group Roads

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Manager of Works and Services
Date:	13 May 2026
Author:	Rob Bell
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Nil

Proposal/Summary

For Council to review the Five-Year Regional Road Group Plan formalising Council's commitment to delivering identified projects funded by the Regional Road Group.

Background

The Regional Road Group (RRG) funding is provided by the State Government via Main Roads to Local Government and is based on 20% of the Motor Vehicle Licence Inspection Fees. Cunderdin is a part of the Wheatbelt North RRG and the Kellerberrin Sub-Group. The Kellerberrin Sub-Group includes the Shires of Cunderdin, Dowerin, Kellerberrin, Merredin and Tammin.

The Wheatbelt North RRG receives an allocation of funds from Main Roads which is based on the following methodology, 75% Asset Preservation Model and 25% population factor. The Sub-Group then receives an allocation based on the same methodology.

The Kellerberrin Subgroup is permitted to determine how it allocates its funding to the Councils and the present model used is as follows: 25% to Merredin and 19% each to the remaining Councils.

RRG funding is allocated on a two thirds Main Roads, one third Shire ratio. In 2025/26 the Shire budgeted to receive approximately \$420,000 from Main Roads which equates to \$630,000 when the shire contributes its one third.

Main Roads requires that Council submits a Five Year Plan for its Regional Road Group Funding. Council last confirmed a Five Year Plan in August 2024.

Comments

To be eligible to be funded under the RRG program a road must be submitted by the individual Council to the Wheatbelt North RRG and the road must meet a select criteria. These criteria include traffic volume, commodity routes, school bus routes and economic value. These roads are usually local distributor roads.

The roads within the Shire of Cunderdin that are eligible for RRG funding are:

Baxter Road

Carter Drive

Carter-Doodenanning Road

Cubbine Street

Cunderdin-Minnivale Road

Cunderdin-Quairading Road

Cunderdin-Wyalkatchem Road
 Dowerin-Meckering Road
 Goldfields Road
 Goomalling-Meckering Road
 Loton Street (Meckering)
 Moore Road
 Olympic Avenue
 Quellington Road
 Southern Brook Road (part of)

In the past few years the Shire has completed works on Goldfields Road, Southern Brook Road and the Cunderdin-Wyalkatchem Road.

These funds are most effectively spent when large sections of roads are targeted over a number of years to improve the entire road. RRG funds are usually spent on reconstructing failing sections of sealed roads or resealing existing sealed roads.

The Manager of Works and Chief Executive Officer have discussed Council priorities with respect to Regional Road Group Roads.

The program that was approved in August 2024 included works on Moore Road for 2027/28 to 2029/30. This has had to be amended due to the lack of gravel that is being made available for road works in the area. The Shire received out of session “Shovel Ready” funding from Main Roads in this financial year to complete gravel re-sheeting works on Moore Road. It was extremely difficult to source gravel in the area and the gravel that was made available was of poor quality.

It is proposed to amend the program from Moore Road to the Carter-Doodenanning Road. The Shire has good gravel that is readily available on the Carter-Doodenanning Road in close proximity to the proposed road works. The works would commence at 9.15 SLK and conclude at the Shire boundary, a distance of 2.5kms.

The proposed works would include:

- Improving and reinstating drainage,
- Widening the shoulder and improving sightlines,
- Reconstruction of failed sections of the existing bitumen surface,
- Gravel re-sheeting and widening and bitumen sealing the current gravel sections of the road.

Road	SLK	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32
Moore Road	0.00-5.72	750,000					
Carter-Doodenanning Road	9.15- 11.65		760,000				
Carter-Doodenanning Road	11.65-14.00			770,000			
Carter-Doodenanning Road	14.00-16.50				780,000		
Carter-Doodenanning Road	16.50-19.00					790,000	
Carter-Doodenanning Road	19.00-21.50						800,000

This program can be amended at any time by a decision of Council.

Consultation

Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Robert Bell, Manager of Works and Services

Statutory Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

This will prioritise Councils RRG Funding for the next five years. Funding for these roads will be 2/3 State Government and 1/3 Council.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Cunderdin Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032

5. CIVIC LEADERSHIP

5.2 Forward planning and implementation of plans

5.3 Implement systems and processes that meet legislative and audit obligations

Recommendation 12.1

Moved Cr N Snooke Seconded Cr B Daly

That Council endorse and accept the proposed Five-year Regional Road Group Funding plan as presented.

Vote – Simple majority

Carried 7/0

For: Cr A Harris, Cr A Smith, Cr B Daly, Cr J Fulwood, Cr T Harris, Cr S Pimlott, Cr N Snooke

Against: Nil

13 Urgent Items

Nil.

14 Scheduling of Meeting

14.1 July 2026 Ordinary Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 22 July 2026 commencing at 6:00pm at the Cunderdin Shire Council Chambers, Cunderdin, WA 6407.

15 Closure of meeting

There being no further business the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 6.21pm.

16 Certification

DECLARATION

I, Alison Harris, certify that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 June 2026 as shown, were confirmed at the ordinary meeting of Council held on Wednesday 22 July 2026.

Signed: _____

Date: _____