



Shire of Cunderdin

Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes

Dear Council Member,

The Ordinary Meeting of the Cunderdin Shire Council was held on **Wednesday 25 March 2026** in the Cunderdin Shire Council Chambers, WA, 6407 **commencing at 6.00pm.**

Stuart Hobley
Chief Executive Officer

25 March 2026

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1 Declaration of Opening

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 6.00pm.

The Shire of Cunderdin disclaimer was read aloud by Cr Jo Fulwood.

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

Members of the Public

2.2 Apologies

2.3 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

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 25th February 2026

Attachment 6.1.1 - Unconfirmed Minutes OCM – 25th February 2026 - Public Copy

Resolution 6.1

Moved Cr A Smith Seconded Cr B Daly

1. That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th February 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

6.2 Minutes of Special Council Meeting held 3rd March 2026

Attachment 6.2.1 - Unconfirmed Minutes OCM – 3rd March 2026 – Public Copy

Resolution 6.2

Moved Cr T Harris Seconded Cr N Snooke

1. That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 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

Nil.

8 Announcements by President without Discussion

Nil.

9 Finance and Administration

9.1 Financial Reports for February 2026

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Date:	20 March 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 February 2026

Proposal/Summary

The financial reports as at 28 February 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 28 February 2026 are 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

Resolution 9.1

Moved Cr B Daly Seconded Cr S Pimlott

That Council receives the monthly financial report for the period ending 28 February 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 28 February 2026

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Date:	20 March 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 February 2026 Attachment 9.2.2 - Credit Card Statement February 2026

Proposal/Summary

Council to consider the list of payments made from the Municipal and Trust funds during February 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:

Total Municipal fund -	\$617,285.86
Total Trust fund -	\$0.00
Total Credit Cards -	\$5,378.13
TOTAL	<u>\$622,663.99</u>

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

Resolution 9.2

Moved Cr J Fulwood Seconded Cr N Snooke

That Council receive the list of payments made for the period ending 28 February 2026, as listed below

Municipal fund	\$
Electronic Funds Transfer: EFT10213-10316	\$559,326.76
Cheques: 12032 to 12037	\$25,757.29
Direct Debits (Inc Bank Charges):	\$32,201.81
Trust fund	\$0.00
Credit Cards	\$5,378.13
TOTAL	<hr/> \$622,663.99

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 28 February 2026

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Date:	20 March 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 - Bank Statements February 2026 Attachment 9.3.2 - CCCT Bank Statements

Proposal/Summary

To inform Council of its investments as at 28 February 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 28 February 2026.

COUNCIL ACCOUNTS					
Institution	Amount	Investment type/ Account details	Municipal Funds	Reserve Funds	Trust Funds
Westpac Bank	\$419,024.67	Municipal- 0000030	\$419,024.67		
Bendigo Bank	\$1,339,843.82	Municipal- 155971377	\$1,339,843.82		
Bendigo Bank	\$14,097.96	Bendigo Trust Account 164 488 686			\$14,097.96
Westpac Bank	\$0.00	Trust Working Account 12-2981			\$0.00
Westpac Bank	\$365,090.12	Business Cash Reserve 22-3647 0.45%		\$365,090.12	
Bendigo Bank	\$1,851,895.88	Term Deposit -4.25% Matures 21 May 2026		\$1,851,895.88	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$3,989,952.45		\$1,758,868.49	\$2,216,986.00	\$14,097.96

Separately to the above Council funds, the Shire administers following accounts for the Cunderdin Community Centre Trust being Bendigo Term Deposits and Westpac operating account #000073 with a current balance of \$8,190.26.

The bank account and Term Deposits have had no further transactions since November 2025.

CUNDERDIN COMMUNITY TRUST ~ INTEREST ACCOUNT ~ 28 February 2026		
Term Deposit# 5285821 Maturing 4 May 2026 (4.25%)		
Opening Balance as per Term Deposit		\$282,352.40
<i>INCOMING</i>	Interest earned – interest account	\$0.00
	Interest earned – capital account	\$0.00
	Total interest	\$0.00
<i>OUTGOING</i>		0.00
Balance at end of month		\$282,352.40

CUNDERDIN COMMUNITY TRUST ~ CAPITAL ACCOUNT ~ 28 February 2026		
Term Deposit# 5285825 Maturing 4 May 2026 (4.25%)		
Opening Balance as per Term Deposit		\$369,862.05
<i>INCOMING</i>	Interest on maturity of investment	\$0.00
<i>OUTGOING</i>	Transfer to interest account	\$0.00
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

Resolution 9.3

Moved Cr A Smith Seconded Cr T Harris

That the report on Council investments as at 28 February 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 Tender – Disposal of 2010 UD Nissan Water Truck

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Executive Assistant
Date:	13 March 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 advertising for tender the disposal of the 2010 UD Nissan Water Truck.

Background

In 2023 the Shire purchased a new 2023 FXZ Isuzu Water Truck. The existing 2010 UD Nissan Water Truck has been retained due to the amount of works the Shire was completing.

The water truck is now surplus to the Shire's needs and there have been enquiries from the community to purchase it.

Comments

A Valuation was sought from Smith Broughton Auctioneer's, who valued the truck between \$50,000 - \$55,000, unreserved.

Consultation

Robert Bell, Manager of Works & Services
Smith Broughton Auctioneers

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995 - s3.58

3.58. Disposing of property

(1) *In this section —*

dispose includes to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of, whether absolutely or not;

property includes the whole or any part of the interest of a local government in property, but does not include money.

2) *Except as stated in this section, a local government can only dispose of property to —*

a) *the highest bidder at public auction; or*

b) *the person who at public tender called by the local government makes what is, in the opinion of the local government, the most acceptable tender, whether or not it is the highest tender.*

3) *A local government can dispose of property other than under subsection (2) if, before agreeing to dispose of the property —*

a) *it gives local public notice of the proposed disposition —*

i) *describing the property concerned; and*

ii) *giving details of the proposed disposition; and*

iii) *inviting submissions to be made to the local government before a date to be specified in the notice, being a date not less than 2 weeks after the notice is first given;*

and

b) *it considers any submissions made to it before the date specified in the notice and, if its decision is made by the council or a committee, the decision and the reasons for it are recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made.*

- 4) *The details of a proposed disposition that are required by subsection (3)(a)(ii) include —*
- a) the names of all other parties concerned; and*
 - b) the consideration to be received by the local government for the disposition; and*
 - c) the market value of the disposition —*
 - i) as ascertained by a valuation carried out not more than 6 months before the proposed disposition; or*
 - ii) as declared by a resolution of the local government on the basis of a valuation carried out more than 6 months before the proposed disposition that the local government believes to be a true indication of the value at the time of the proposed disposition.*
- 5) *This section does not apply to —*
- a) a disposition of an interest in land under the Land Administration Act 1997 section 189 or 190; or*
 - b) a disposition of property in the course of carrying on a trading undertaking as defined in section 3.59; or*
 - c) anything that the local government provides to a particular person, for a fee or otherwise, in the performance of a function that it has under any written law; or*
 - d) any other disposition that is excluded by regulations from the application of this section.*

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

A valuation was sought from Smith Broughton Auctioneer's, who valued the truck between \$50,000 - \$55,000, unreserved. This does not include transportation or auction fees. Provision has been included in the 2025/26 Budget to dispose of this truck.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Resolution 9.4

Moved Cr B Daly Seconded Cr A Smith

That Council advertise the 2010 UD Nissan Water Truck for sale by tender in accordance with section 3.58 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

9.5 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Date:	18 March 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 - Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Terms of Reference Attachment 9.5.2 - Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Determination (Variation 1 of 2025)

Proposal/Summary

That Council adopt updated Terms of Reference for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC), the composition of membership, and determine a meeting fee for the Independent Presiding Member and Deputy of the Independent Presiding Member of the Committee.

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 and have a six-month period to implement these changes 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.

Comments

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 Shire will advertise an expression of interest for appointment to these positions, and the appointments are formally made by the Council.

As part of this agenda item, the Council is requested to consider payment of a meeting attendance fee for the Independent ARIC members in accordance with the Local Government CEO and Elected Council Member Determination Variation No. 1 of 2025. Part 6.4A of the Determination prescribes a range of \$105 to \$1,215 per meeting for payment of meeting fees to Independent ARIC members.

Acknowledging that in regional areas it may be difficult to find suitable people who are not already heavily involved in community organisations, and that their time is also valuable and valued, it is recommended that the payment of meeting fees be commensurate with their time and set at \$250.00 per meeting. Independent members can also be reimbursed for travel and associated costs expenses incurred to attend ARIC meetings.

It is not proposed to alter the current practice of all seven Councillors being members of the ARIC.

The Terms of Reference for the Shire of Cunderdin Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee have been reviewed and updated to reflect the changes in legislation and are presented for adoption by Council.

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

Local Government CEO and Elected Council Member Determination Variation No. 1 of 2025

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

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

Resolution 9.5

Moved Cr A Smith Seconded Cr J Fulwood

That Council:

1. Adopt the Terms of Reference for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.
2. Appoint all seven Councillors as members of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.
3. In accordance with Part 6.4A of the Local Government CEO and Elected Council Member Determination Variation No. 1 of 2025, approve payment of a meeting fee of \$250.00 per meeting for Independent members of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

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

9.6 Minutes of Annual Electors Meeting 25th February 2026

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	19 March 2026
Author:	Stuart Hobley
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.6.1 - Minutes Annual Electors Meeting 25 th February 2026

Proposal/Summary

For Council to receive and accept the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held at the Shire of Cunderdin Council Chambers on Wednesday 25th February 2026.

Background

Council held the Annual Electors Meeting, in accordance with section 5.27(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act), on 25th February 2026 at the Shire of Cunderdin Council Chambers. For the purposes of section 5.27(3) of the Act, the matters to be discussed at a general electors' meeting are, firstly, the contents of the annual report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.

At this meeting, the community were invited to attend and given the opportunity to discuss the 2024/2025 Annual Report containing 2024/2025 Annual Financial Statements, Auditors Report, and all items as prescribed in s5.53 of the Act.

Any resolutions made at the Elector meeting are required to be presented to Council at its next Ordinary Council Meeting. There were no resolutions of this type made at the Annual Electors Meeting held 25th February 2026.

Comments

There was one (1) ratepayer (other than Councillors and staff) in attendance.

The Shire President advised of an email received from a resident expressing concern at the removal of trees alongside the current footpath works on Kennedy Street. The Shire President has responded to the email, advising the resident that any trees removed will be replaced with appropriate species and in appropriate locations, so tree roots do not interfere with the footpaths and road surfaces in the future.

All queries were answered at the meeting. The minutes of the Meeting are attached for Councils consideration.

Consultation

Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Kay Squibb, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Cr AE (Alison) Harris, Shire President

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995

5.27. Electors' general meetings

- (1) A general meeting of the electors of a district is to be held once every financial year.*
- (2) A general meeting is to be held on a day selected by the local government but not more than 56 days after the local government accepts the annual report for the previous financial year.*
- (3) The matters to be discussed at general electors' meetings are to be those prescribed.*

5.29. Convening electors' meetings

- (1) The CEO is to convene an electors' meeting by giving —
 - (a) at least 14 days' local public notice; and
 - (b) each council member at least 14 days' notice, of the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting.
- (2) The local public notice referred to in subsection (1)(a) is to be treated as having commenced at the time the notice is first given and is to continue in the prescribed way until the meeting has been held.

5.30. Who presides at electors' meetings

- (1) The mayor or president is to preside at electors' meetings.
- (2) If the circumstances mentioned in section 5.34(a) or (b) apply the deputy mayor or deputy president may preside at an electors' meeting in accordance with that section.
- (3) If the circumstances mentioned in section 5.34(a) or (b) apply and —
 - (a) the office of deputy mayor or deputy president is vacant; or
 - (b) the deputy mayor or deputy president is not available or is unable or unwilling to perform the functions of mayor or president,then the electors present are to choose one of the councillors present to preside at the meeting but if there is no councillor present, able and willing to preside, then the electors present are to choose one of themselves to preside.

5.31. Procedure for electors' meetings

The procedure to be followed at, and in respect of, electors' meetings and the methods of voting at electors' meetings are to be in accordance with regulations.

5.32. Minutes of electors' meetings

The CEO is to —

- (a) cause minutes of the proceedings at an electors' meeting to be kept and preserved; and
- (b) ensure that copies of the minutes are made available for inspection by members of the public before the council meeting at which decisions made at the electors' meeting are first considered.

5.33. Decisions made at electors' meetings

- (1) All decisions made at an electors' meeting are to be considered at the next ordinary council meeting or, if that is not practicable —
 - (a) at the first ordinary council meeting after that meeting; or
 - (b) at a special meeting called for that purpose, whichever happens first.
- (2) If at a meeting of the council a local government makes a decision in response to a decision made at an electors' meeting, the reasons for the decision are to be recorded in the minutes of the council meeting.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Cunderdin Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032

1. COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

1.1 Community members have the opportunity to be active, engaged and connected

The Shire supports positive leisure, learning and recreation outcomes

1.2 A healthy and safe community is planned for

Volunteers and community groups feel supported and empowered

5. CIVIC LEADERSHIP

5.3 Implement systems and processes that meet legislative and audit obligations

Capability of our organization is continually improved

Resolution 9.6

Moved Cr B Daly Seconded Cr J Fulwood

That Council:

1. Receive the minutes of the Annual General Electors Meeting held 25th February 2026, for the purpose of presenting the 2024/2025 Annual Report including the Annual Financial Statements.
2. Note there were no decisions of the meeting that require further consideration by Council.

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 Meckering Sporting Club Infrastructure and Development Plan

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	19 th March 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 - Meckering Sporting Club Infrastructure and Development Plan

Proposal/Summary

For Council to receive the Meckering Sporting Club Infrastructure and Development Plan

Background

The Meckering Sporting Club Inc. (the Club) has developed a 10-year Infrastructure and Development Plan to guide future improvements and growth.

In mid-2025, the Club undertook a comprehensive engagement process to identify and prioritise key infrastructure projects and enhancements to member services.

A Forward Planning Committee was established to oversee this process, comprising of Club Committee members as well as the President and Secretary from each of the four affiliated sporting groups—hockey, tennis, golf, and bowls.

Committee members consulted with their respective sporting groups and participated in a planning workshop held in late June. In addition, a club-wide survey was distributed in June 2025 to capture broader member feedback. The Forward Planning Committee subsequently reviewed and consolidated all input received through the consultation process and prioritised the identified projects accordingly.

The Club currently has a membership base of approximately 190, including junior, sub-junior, adult, pensioner, country, and life members.

Comments

The Club has identified several high priority projects and some of these will significantly impact Councils future financial resources. The bowling green reconstruction/resurfacing and hockey field resurfacing projects will be in excess of \$250,000.

Council will need to work with the Club to find the best solution to the issue.

Consultation

Meckering Sporting Club

Statutory Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The Club has identified projects that will require financial assistance from both the Shire and the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (Community Sport and Recreation Fund and Night Lights Program).

Council currently has a Sporting Surfaces Replacement Reserve that will have approximately \$212,559 at 30 June 2026. This Reserve has been established for the replacement of sporting surfaces in both Meckering and Cunderdin, primarily the Meckering bowling green, Meckering tennis courts, Cunderdin bowling green, Cunderdin tennis courts and Cunderdin basketball courts.

The Cunderdin bowling green and Cunderdin basketball courts have been recently resurfaced without having to draw on the Reserve.

In the past, Council has taken the view that the cost of replacing surfaces will be met equally between funding organisations.

Strategic Implications

These projects will need to be considered for inclusion in Councils Community Strategic Plan and Long Term Financial Plan.

Resolution 9.7

Moved Cr A Smith Seconded Cr T Harris

That Council receive the Meckering Sporting Club Infrastructure and Development Plan.

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

9.8 Move Behind Closed Doors

Resolution 9.8

Moved Cr T Harris Seconded Cr N Snooke

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

9.9 Local Government Honours Program 2026

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	19 th March 2026
Author:	Stuart Hobley
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.9.1 - Local Government Honors Program

Resolution 9.9

Moved Cr N Snooke Seconded Cr J Fulwood

That Council adopt 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

9.10 Financial Hardship Application

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Executive Assistant
Date:	19 March 2026
Author:	Brooke Davidson
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.10.1 - Financial Hardship Application

Resolution 9.10

Moved Cr T Harris Seconded Cr B Daly

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

Vote – Simple majority

Carried: 6/1

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

Against: Cr A Smith

9.11 Move From Behind Closed Doors

Resolution 9.11

Moved Cr S Pimlott Seconded Cr B Daly

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

9.12 Chief Executive Officers Report

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	19 March 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, NBN and water headworks will commence in the near future. Neighbouring properties on Hodgson, Yilgarn, and Watts Streets will be advised before this commences.

A final survey of the lots and fencing will need to be completed before the lots can be sold.

Community Plan

All of the community consultation has been completed by 150 Square with good representation at several of the events. The Community Engagement Report from the consultation meetings has been forwarded to all Councillors, ready for the April 2026 Council Meeting.

Play Our Way Basketball Court Shelter and Upgrade

The project has been delayed because Wheatbelt Steel were unable to obtain engineering plans for the shed. The footings have commenced and the shed should be completed in mid-April 2026.

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 the near future.

Emergency Bridge Repairs

Emergency bridge repairs are needed to be completed on the bridge on Dunlop Street in Meckering. The bridge is located between the railway line and the Meckering-Goomalling Road. Main Roads have identified that several of the piles, stringers and corbels need replacing or repairing.

This work will be funded from the Roads to Recovery Program.

GPG Grants

Council staff have met with GPG staff to discuss GPG's Community Benefit Program in the Shire of Cunderdin. Council will work together with GPG to co-ordinate a grant funding round. Further details will follow.

Meckering Tennis Club Meeting

The Shire President and CEO met with members of the Meckering Tennis Club to discuss the tennis club building. There was a general agreement on the works that would be completed and this would include, kitchen cabinets, plumbing, electrical works and some building repairs. The works will commence at the end of the tennis season.

Co-operative Bulk Handling (CBH) Upgrade Works

CBH have been granted development approval for additions and alterations to its existing grain handling and storage facility located at Cunderdin.

The development incorporates the following elements:

- Frame upgrade of OBH03 from 1.2m to 1.8m for increase in storage of 15,500 tonnes.
- Extension of OBH04 40m north and 25m south for increase in storage of 7,860 tonnes.
- Extension of OBH05 40m north and 25m south for increase in storage of 5,240 tonnes.
- 1 x 500tph auger pit and conveyor loading system.
- Sealed associated internal access roads inc. tarping roads and bypass lanes.
- General drainage (open drains, culverts, drainage basins) to support impervious works.

Comment

Nil.

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Resolution 9.12

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

10 Environmental Health and Building

Nil.

11 Planning & Development

Nil.

12 Works & Services

Nil.

13 Urgent Items

14 Scheduling of Meeting

14.1 April 2026 Ordinary Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 22 April 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 6.16pm.

16 Certification

DECLARATION

I, Alison Harris, certify that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th March 2026, as shown, were confirmed at the ordinary meeting of Council held on Wednesday 22nd April 2026.

Signed: _____

Date: _____