



ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 17 March 2026

CCEC Chambers, 49 Stockyard Street, Cunnamulla

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Ordinary Council Meeting was declared open at 9:09 am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Council would like to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners, the Kunja People, of the land on which this meeting is taking place and Elders both past and present. We also recognise those whose ongoing effort to protect and promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures will leave a lasting legacy for future Elders and leaders.

3 ATTENDANCE

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| Mayor | Suzette Beresford | Chairperson |
| Deputy Mayor | Councillor Rick Brain | |
| Councillor | Joann Woodcroft | |
| Councillor | Corissa Jackson | |
| Councillor | Tomas King | |

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

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| Chief Executive Officer | Martin Leech |
| Director of Corporate Services | Sarmad Habib |

4 MOTION OF SYMPATHY

Council Resolution (RES.M26/64)

Moved: Cr Woodcroft
Seconded: Cr King

That Council move a motion of sympathy for the late Andrew Bignell.

Carried unanimously.

5 MAYORAL MOTION

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council Resolution (RES.M26/65)

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 February 2026 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried unanimously.

Council Resolution (RES.M26/66)

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 9 March 2026 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried unanimously.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**8 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Chapter 5B of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor King declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest with Agenda Item 11.1 Flood Damaged Roads NE Quadrant Zones 1-3 Panel Report as he has previously sub-contracted to one of the tenderers (Tuckwell Transport & Earthmoving Pty Ltd) and may do so again in the future.

Councillor King will leave the Ordinary Meeting when this matter is considered and will take no part in discussions in relation to the Flood Damaged Roads NE Quadrant Zones 1-3 Panel Report and will not participate in voting on this matter.

9 MAYOR**9.1 Mayor's Report****Council Resolution (RES.M26/67)**

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Mayor's Report.

Carried unanimously.

10 OFFICER REPORTS**10.1 Chief Executive Officer****10.1.1 Action Items Register Report****Council Resolution (RES.M26/68)**

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Action Items Register Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.1.2 Grant Application Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/69)

Moved: Cr Woodcroft
 Seconded: Cr King

That Council receive and note the Grant Application Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.1.3 Human Resources Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/70)

Moved: Cr Jackson
 Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council receive and note the Human Resources Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.1.4 Workplace Health and Safety Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/71)

Moved: Cr Jackson
 Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council receive and note the Workplace Health and Safety Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2 Community

10.2.1 Community Services Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/72)

Moved: Cr Brain
 Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Community Services Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.2 Community Grant Expenditure Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/73)

Moved: Cr King
 Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Community Grant Expenditure Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.3 Cunnamulla Swimming Pool Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/74)

Moved: Cr Jackson
 Seconded: Cr King

That Council receive and note the Cunnamulla Swimming Pool Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.4 Library Services Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/75)

Moved: Cr Jackson
 Seconded: Cr King

That Council receive and note the Library Services Report.

Carried unanimously.

Ordinary Meeting broke for morning tea at 10:21 am and re-commenced at 10:55 am.

10.2.5 Tourism Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/76)

Moved: Cr Bain
 Seconded: Cr King

That Council receive and note the Tourism Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.6 Cunnamulla Hot Springs Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/77)

Moved: Cr King
 Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council receive and note the Cunnamulla Hot Springs Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.7 Rural Lands Compliance Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/78)

Moved: Cr Jackson
 Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council receive and note the Rural Lands Compliance Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.8 Permit to Occupy Application – Karlot Pty Ltd

Council Resolution (RES. M26/79)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

1. *That Council receive and note Part A & B from Karlot Pty Ltd for the application for a PTO on the Stock Route Reserve Lot 7 on Crown Plan CS31 which adjoins Lot 6 on Crown Plan C5323.*
2. *Council supports the application as presented.*
3. *Authorise the CEO to complete and sign Part C 'Statement in relation to an application under the Land Act 1994 over State Land' in respect to this application.*
4. *In the additional comments section of Part C ask that the Department consider as a condition of the Permit to Occupy that stockproof fencing be installed along both sides of the state controlled road and PTO boundary and that these fences must have adequate stock crossing points so the movement of livestock is not obstructed and if not already an existing condition that the permittee/s be responsible for the control of invasive animals and noxious weeds within the permit area.*

Carried unanimously.

10.2.9 Request for Views Conversion of Tenure Lot4/NB36

Council Resolution (RES. M26/80)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council:

1. *Receive and note the report by the Rural Lands Compliance Officer.*
2. *Resolve that Council respond to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development advising that Council has no objections regarding the conversion to freehold of GHPL 15/1680 comprising of Lot 4 on Crown Plan NB36.*
3. *Authorise the CEO to inform the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development in writing before the 31 March 2026 that Council has no objections regarding the conversion of the GHPL 15/1666 comprising Lot 4 on Crown Plan KU47 to freehold but requests that a condition of the conversion be that the off alignment section of the Waverley - Mintaka Road within Lot 4/NB36 is surveyed at the applicant's expense and a road opening/closing action occur and the off alignment section of the Waverley Mintaka road be recorded on its current alignment.*

Carried unanimously.

10.3 Infrastructure

10.3.1 Infrastructure Operations Status Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/81)

Moved: Cr Jackson
 Seconded: Cr King

That Council receive and note the Infrastructure Operations Status Report

Carried unanimously.

10.3.2 2025-26 Works Program Status Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/82)

Moved: Cr Jackson
 Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council receive and note the 2025-26 Works Program Status Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.3.3 Restoration of Essential Public Assets Status Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/83)

Moved: Cr Jackson
 Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council receive and note the Restoration of Essential Public Assets Status Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.4 Corporate Services

10.4.1 Financial Position Update Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/84)

Moved: Cr King
 Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Financial Position Update Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.4.2 Capital Budget Update Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/85)

Moved: Cr King
 Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council receive and note the Capital Budget Update Report.

Carried unanimously.

Ordinary Meeting broke for lunch at 1:09 pm and re-commenced at 1:49 pm.

10.4.3 Customer Service Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/86)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Customer Service Report.

Carried unanimously.

In accordance with Chapter 5B of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor King declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest with Agenda Item 11.1 Flood Damaged Roads NE Quadrant Zones 1-3 Panel Report as he has previously sub-contracted to one of the tenderers (Tuckwell Transport & Earthmoving Pty Ltd) and may do so again in the future.

Councillor King left the Ordinary Meeting at 1:58 pm and took no part in discussions in relation to the Flood Damaged Roads NE Quadrant Zones 1-3 Panel Report and did not participate in voting on this matter.

11 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Pursuant to Section 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation (LGR) 2012, Council may resolve that a meeting is necessary to be closed to the public for councillors and members to consider negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

Council Resolution (RES. M26/87)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council resolve to move into Closed Session.

Carried unanimously.

Council Resolution (RES. M26/88)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council resolve to re-open the meeting to the public.

Carried unanimously.

11.1 Flood Damaged Roads NE Quadrant – Zones 1- 3 Panel Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/89)

Moved: Cr Jackson

Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council:

1. Resolve to appoint **Schmidt Contracting Pty Ltd** for Contract 2026-0019 Flood Damaged Roads North-East Quadrant – **Zone 1** for the tendered price of \$1,934,198.62 ex GST; and
2. Resolve to appoint **Tuckwell Transport & Earthmoving Pty Ltd** for Contract 2026-0020 Flood Damaged Roads North-East Quadrant – **Zone 2** for the tendered price of \$1,005,269.95 ex GST; and
3. Resolve to appoint **Russell's Grader Hire Pty Ltd** for Contract 2026-0021 Flood Damaged Roads North-West Quadrant – **Zone 3** for the tendered price of \$1,626,005.25 ex GST; and
4. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to exercise the functions and powers assigned to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into contracts with the above named companies to deliver the above identified contracts, noting the contracts each have a value in excess of the Chief Executive Officers normal financial delegation of \$200,000.

Carried unanimously.

Councillor King rejoined the Ordinary Meeting at 2:05 pm

Pursuant to Section 254J(3)(g) of the Local Government Regulation (LGR) 2012, Council may resolve that a meeting is necessary to be closed to the public for councillors and members to consider negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

Council Resolution (RES. M26/90)

Moved: Cr Brain

Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council resolve to move into Closed Session.

Carried unanimously.

Council Resolution (RES. M26/91)

Moved: Cr Jackson

Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council resolve to re-open the meeting to the public.

Carried unanimously.

11.2 Supply and installation of an amenities building at John Kerr Park

Council Resolution (RES. M26/92)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council

1. *Accept the tender from Modus Australia for the price of \$243,221 (excluding GST) under Vendor Panel Market Place.*
2. *Approve the following additional elements amounting to \$40,454 as detailed in Modus Australia’s tender (excluding GST).*
 - 7 deadlocks to toilet doors
 - 7 stainless steel 1.2L vertical soap dispensers
 - 7 stainless steel hand towel dispensers
 - 7 stainless steel triple toilet roll dispensers
 - 1 upgrade to external cladding: - powder coated aluminium fascia planking
 - 1 service corridor area to building
3. *Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to exercise the functions and powers assigned to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract, including any necessary contract variations, with Modus Australia at a total cost of \$283,675 (excluding GST).*

Carried unanimously.

12 LATE REPORTS

Nil

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

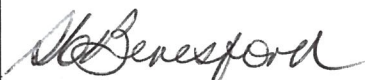
Nil.

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting was declared closed at 2:22 pm.

MINUTES CERTIFICATE

This is to confirm that the minutes constitute a true and correct record of the proceedings at the meeting.



Suzette Beresford

Mayor

Date: 21 April 2026



Martin Leech

Chief Executive Officer

Date: 21 April 2026