ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 21 July 2026

CCEC Chambers, 49 Stockyard Street, Cunnamulla

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Ordinary Council Meeting was declared open at 9:00 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

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

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Chief Executive Officer	Martin Leech
Director of Corporate Services	Sarmad Habib
Interim Director of Infrastructure	David Burges
Deputy Director of Infrastructure	Bill Zhang

4 MOTION OF SYMPATHY

Council Resolution (RES.M26/201)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr King

That Council move a motion of sympathy for the late Scott Shorten.

Carried unanimously.

5 MAYORAL MOTION

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council Resolution (RES.M26/202)

Moved: Cr Woodcroft
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16 June 2026 as a true and correct record of that Meeting subject to amending 11.7 Resolution 7 – Special Charges item b) to read:

Dingo Fence Barrier Levy Special Charge on all rural land within the local government area, which equates to an annual rate of 0.0001954 in the $ of rateable value of the property with a maximum charge of $5,000 and a minimum charge of $100.

Carried unanimously.

Council Resolution (RES.M26/203)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held 7 July 2026 November 2025 and are a true and correct record of that Meeting.

Carried unanimously.

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Material Personal Interest

In accordance with Chapter 5B, Sections 150EE and 150EI of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor Jackson informed the meeting that she has a material personal interest with Agenda Item 10.2.3 Community Grant – CMA District Show Society.

The nature of this interest is that Councillor Jackson currently holds the executive position of Secretary for the Cunnamulla Show Society, the applicant for the community grant, which is considered an associate of the councillor, and which stands to gain a benefit or either directly or indirectly, depending on the outcome of the consideration of the matter.

Councillor Jackson will leave the Ordinary Meeting when Agenda Item 10.2.3 Community Grant – CMA District Show Society is considered and will not participate in the discussion nor vote on the matter.

Conflict of interest

In accordance with Chapter 5B, Sections 150EF and 150EJ of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor King informed the meeting that he has a conflict of interest with Agenda Item 11.1 Flood Damaged Roads SW Quadrant – Zones 1 and 2 Panel Report.

The nature of this conflict of interest is that Councillor King has previously sub-contracted to one of the tenderers (Tuckwell Transport & Earthmoving Pty Ltd) and may do so again in the future and may derive a financial or other benefit from that contract.

Councillor King indicated that to ensure transparency of process and remove any perception of conflict of interest, he will leave the Ordinary Meeting when Agenda Item 11.1 Flood Damaged Roads SW Quadrant – Zones 1 and 2 Panel Report is considered and will not participate in the discussion nor vote on the matter.

9 MAYOR

9.1 Mayor's Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/204)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Brain

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.M26/205)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council receive and note the Action Items Register Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.1.2 Grant Applications Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/206)

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr King

That Council receive and note the Grant Application Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.1.3 Organisational Structure

Council Resolution (RES.M26/207)

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr King

That Council receive and adopt the Organisational Structure as presented in accordance with section 196(1) of the Local Government Act 2009 as the resourcing necessary for the performance of its local government responsibilities and in delivering the requirements of the corporate and operational plans.

Carried unanimously.

10.1.4 Economic Development Update Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/208)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr King

That Council receive and note the Economic Development Update Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2 Community

10.2.1 Community Services Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/209)

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.M26/210)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council receive and note the Community Grant Expenditure Report.

Carried unanimously.

In accordance with Chapter 5B, Sections 150EE and 150EI of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor Jackson informed the meeting that she has a material personal interest with Agenda Item 10.2.3 Community Grant – CMA District Show Society.

The nature of this interest is that Councillor Jackson currently holds the executive position of Secretary for the Cunnamulla Show Society, the applicant for the community grant, which is considered an associate of the councillor, and which stands to gain a benefit or either directly or indirectly, depending on the outcome of the consideration of the matter.

Councillor Jackson left the Ordinary meeting at 9:50 am prior to Agenda Item 10.2.3 Community Grant – CMA District Show Society being considered and did not participate in the discussion nor vote on the matter.

10.2.3 Community Grant Application: Cunnamulla District Show Society

Council Resolution (RES. M26/211)

Moved: Cr Woodcroft
Seconded: Cr King

That Council:

1. *Receive and note the Community Grant Application submitted by the Cunnamulla District Show Society Inc.*
2. *Approve in-kind assistance for the supply of 150 cattle panels, delivered and collected and for council employees to mow and slash all areas at the show grounds, valued at $7,375.*
3. *Approve a waiver of hire fees for wheelie bins and skip bins, delivered and collected, valued at $595.*
4. *Approve a Sponsorship, Explosive Support Package, valued at $6,000.*
5. *Require Paroo Shire Council's support be acknowledged during the event and in promotional material.*

Carried unanimously.

Councillor Jackson rejoined the Ordinary Meeting at 9:53 am.

10.2.4 Rural Lands and Compliance Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/212)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Rural Lands and Compliance Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.5 Local Laws and Illegal Dumping Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/213)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Local Laws and Illegal Dumping Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.6 Library Services Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/214)

Moved: **Cr King**
Seconded: **Cr Jackson**

That Council receive and note the Library Services Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.7 Tourism Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/215)

Moved: **Cr King**
Seconded: **Cr Jackson**

That Council receive and note the Tourism Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.8 Cunnamulla Hot Springs Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/216)

Moved: **Cr King**
Seconded: **Cr Jackson**

That Council receive and note the Cunnamulla Hot Springs Report.

Carried unanimously.

Ordinary Meeting broke for morning tea at 10:24 am and re-commenced at 10:57 am.

10.3 Infrastructure

10.3.1 Infrastructure Services Operations Status Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/217)

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. M26/218)

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr King

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

Carried unanimously.

10.3.3 2026-27 Works Program Status Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/219)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council receive and note the 2026-27 Works Program Status Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.3.4 Restoration of Essential Public Assets Status Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/220)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr King

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

Carried unanimously.

10.3.5 Ardgour Road Grid Replacement

Council Resolution (RES. M26/221)

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr King

That Council approve the installation of gates on Ardgour Road at approximate chainages 1.98km and 5.98 km for installation at the property owner's expense.

Carried unanimously.

10.3.6 Redundant Sports Field Lighting John Kerr Park

Council Resolution (RES. M26/222)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to donate the surplus sports field lights and associated poles from John Kerr Park to local clubs or organisations or to otherwise dispose of the surplus equipment.

Carried unanimously.

10.3.7 Fleet Program – Purchase of One New Multi-Purpose Patching Truck

Council Resolution (RES. M26/223)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council resolve to engage AUSROADS Pty Ltd under Local Buy Arrangement for the supply of one Multipatcher Unit inclusive of all required extras for the value of $699,540 excluding GST to be delivered to Cunnamulla, noting that the procurement is exempt from the requirement to seek quotes or tenders pursuant to section 234 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld).

Carried unanimously.

10.3.8 Fleet Program – Purchase of One New 12-16 Tonne Wheel Loader

Council Resolution (RES. M26/224)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council accept the quotation from RDO Equipment for the price of $389,000 excluding GST for the supply of one John Deer 544P wheel loader delivered to Cunnamulla.

Carried unanimously.

10.3.9 Fleet Program - Light Vehicle Tender - Purchase of Five New Utilities

Council Resolution (RES. M26/225)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council award the contract for RFQ 2027-0004 to South West Ford Nissan Charleville for the purchase of three (3) new Ford Ranger XL 4X4 Dual Cab utilities, one (1) Ford Ranger XL 4x4 Space Cab utility and one (1) Ford Ranger XL 4X2 Space Cab utility for a total of $318,200 excluding GST.

Carried unanimously.

10.4 Corporate Services

10.4.1 Financial Position Update Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/226)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council receive and note the Financial Position Update Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.4.2 Capital Budget Update Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/227)

Moved: **Cr King**
Seconded: **Cr Brain**

That Council receive and note the Capital Budget Update Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.4.3 Operational Plan 2026-2027

Council Resolution (RES. M26/228)

Moved: **Cr Woodcroft**
Seconded: **Cr King**

That Council receive and note the report and adopt the Paroo Shire Council Operational Plan 2026 – 2027, provided as Attachment 1 to this report.

Carried unanimously.

10.4.4 Local Law Making Process

Council Resolution (RES. M26/229)

Moved: **Cr Woodcroft**
Seconded: **Cr King**

That Council:

1. *Receive and note this Local Law Making Process report.*
2. *Adopt the Local Law Making Process as set out in Attachment 1 to this report.*

Carried unanimously.

10.4.5 Animal Management Local Laws

Council Resolution (RES. M26/230)

Moved: **Cr King**
Seconded: **Cr Brain**

That Council:

1. *Resolve to propose to make each of the following:*
   a) *Animal Management (Amendment) Local Law (No. 1) 2026; and*
   b) *Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2026.*
2. *Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to amend Schedule 7 of Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2026 designated town area.*
3. *Resolve, pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 ("the Act"), to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer of Council its powers under section 38 of the Act and section 15 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to decide—*

a) *how the public interest test of Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2026 is to be conducted; and*

b) *the matters with which the public interest test report in relation to Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2026 must deal; and*

c) *the consultation process for the public interest test and how the process is to be used in the public interest test.*

Carried unanimously.

10.4.6 Selective Inspection Program

Council Resolution (RES. M26/231)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council resolve:

1. *That under section 113(1) of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 ("AMCAD Act 2008") Council approves a selective inspection program to allow authorised persons to enter and inspect selected properties in parts of its local government area.*
2. *In accordance with section 113(5)(a) of the AMCAD Act 2008 the purpose of the program is to monitor compliance with the Chapter 3 registration and Chapter 4 regulated dog provisions of the AMA.*
3. *In accordance with section 113(5)(b) and (e) of the AMCAD Act 2008 the program will commence on 1 September 2026 and conclude on 30 November 2026.*
4. *In accordance with section 113(5)(c) of the AMCAD Act 2008 inspections may occur in premises situated within the townships of Cunnamulla, Eulo, Yowah and Wyandra where an Authorised Person has reasonable belief that an unregistered and/or regulated dog may be present. A township area is defined as all Planning Scheme Zones excepting that zoned Rural.*
5. *In accordance with section 114 of the AMCAD Act 2008 a public notice will be lodged in the local newspaper prior to 1 August 2026 and on the Council, website stating that the program will commence on 1 September and conclude on 30 November 2026.*
6. *That Officers issue an advisory notice at time of inspection, with registration(s) to be paid within 14 days upon which, if that hasn't been paid, a fine will be issued.*

Carried: 3 votes for; 2 votes against.

Ordinary Meeting broke for lunch at 12:46 pm and re-commenced at 1:24 pm.

10.4.7 Human Resources Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/232)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council receive and note the Human Resources Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.4.8 Customer Service Report

<u>Council Resolution (RES. M26/233)</u>

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Customer Service Report.

Carried unanimously.

In accordance with Chapter 5B, Sections 150EF and 150EJ of the Local Government Act 2009, Councillor King declared a conflict of interest with Agenda Item 11.1 Flood Damaged Roads SW Quadrant – Zones 1 and 2 Panel Report.

The nature of this conflict of interest is that Councillor King has previously sub-contracted to one of the tenderers (Tuckwell Transport & Earthmoving Pty Ltd) and may do so again in the future and may derive a financial or other benefit from that contract.

Councillor King left the Ordinary Meeting at 1:37 pm prior to Agenda Item 11.1 Flood Damaged Roads SW Quadrant – Zones 1 and 2 Panel Report being considered and did not participate in the discussion nor vote on the 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.

<u>Council Resolution (RES. M26/234)</u>

Moved: Cr Woodcroft
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council resolve to move into Closed Session.

Carried unanimously.

<u>Council Resolution (RES. M26/235)</u>

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Brain

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

Carried unanimously.

11.1.1 Flood Damaged Roads SW Quadrant – Zones 1 and 2

Council Resolution (RES. M26/236)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council:

1) *Resolve to accept the tender from Schmidt Contracting Pty Ltd for contract 2026-0027 Flood Damaged Roads Restoration South-West Quadrant –* ***Zone 1*** *for the tendered price of $2,823,992.57 ex GST; and*
2) *Resolve to accept the tender from Schmidt Plant Hire Pty Ltd for Contract 2026-0028 Flood Damaged Roads Restoration South-West Quadrant –* ***Zone 2*** *for the tendered price of $1,544,066.43 ex GST; and*
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 contracts with the above named companies to deliver the above identified contracts.*

Carried unanimously.

Councillor King rejoined the Ordinary Meeting at 1:54 pm.

12 LATE REPORTS

12.1 LGAQ Annual Conference Motion – Feral Pig Coordinator funding

Council Resolution (RES. M26/237)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council endorse the following motion for submission to the 2026 LGAQ Annual conference for consideration:

That the Local Government Association of Queensland calls on the Queensland Government to:

1. *permanently continue, and substantially increase, funding for the Queensland Feral Pest Initiative – Feral Pig Coordination (Biosecurity Preparedness) Program by committing to long-term, multi-year funding that sustains the network of regional feral pig management coordinators beyond the current short-term funding cycles; and*
2. *expands coordinator coverage, on-ground control resourcing and cross-tenure coordination to match the scale of the feral pig threat to Queensland's agriculture, environment and biosecurity.*

Carried unanimously.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting was declared closed at 2:00 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: 18 August 2026	Martin Leech Chief Executive Officer Date: 18 August 2026