



UNCONFIRMED

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 16 June 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

4 MOTION OF SYMPATHY

Council Resolution (RES.M26/156)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr King

That Council move a motion of sympathy for the late Bob Whittingham, the late Lynn Anderson and the Late Constance "Connie" Gall.

Carried unanimously.

5 MAYORAL MOTION

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council Resolution (RES.M26/157)

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19 May 2026 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried unanimously.

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

Nil

9 MAYOR**9.1 Mayor's Report****Council Resolution (RES.M26/158)**

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

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.M26/159)**

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Action Items Register Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.1.2 Grant Applications Report**Council Resolution (RES.M26/160)**

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Grant Application Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.1.3 Human Resources Report**Council Resolution (RES.M26/161)**

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council receive and note the Human Resources Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.1.4 Economic Development Update Report**Council Resolution (RES.M26/162)****Moved: Cr Jackson****Seconded: Cr Brain***That Council receive and note the Economic Development Update Report.***Carried unanimously.****10.1.5 Special Show Holiday 2027****Council Resolution (RES.M26/163)****Moved: Cr King****Seconded: Cr Brain***That Council:*

1. *Nominate the Friday before the 2027 Cunnamulla Show being 13 August 2027 as Paroo Shire's 2027 Special Holiday; and*
2. *Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to communicate the required date to the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and request the Special Show Holiday be included in the Queensland Government Gazette.*

Carried unanimously.**10.2 Community****10.2.1 Community Services Report****Council Resolution (RES.M26/164)****Moved: Cr Jackson****Seconded: Cr Brain***That Council receive and note the Community Services Report.***Carried unanimously.****10.2.2 Community Grant Expenditure Report****Council Resolution (RES.M26/165)****Moved: Cr King****Seconded: Cr Woodcroft***That Council receive and note the Community Grant Expenditure Report.***Carried unanimously.**

10.2.3 Cunnamulla Swimming Pool Report**Council Resolution (RES. M26/166)****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. M26/167)****Moved: Cr Brain****Seconded: Cr King***That Council receive and note the Library Services Report.***Carried unanimously.****10.2.5 Tourism Report****Council Resolution (RES. M26/168)****Moved: Cr Jackson****Seconded: Cr King***That Council receive and note the Tourism Report.***Carried unanimously.****10.2.6 Cunnamulla Hot Springs Report****Council Resolution (RES. M26/169)****Moved: Cr Woodcroft****Seconded: Cr Brain***That Council receive and note the Cunnamulla Hot Springs Report.***Carried unanimously.****10.2.7 Rural Lands Compliance Report****Council Resolution (RES. M26/170)****Moved: Cr King****Seconded: Cr Jackson***That Council receive and note the Rural Lands Compliance Report.***Carried unanimously.**

10.2.8 Local Laws and Illegal Dumping Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/171)

Moved: Cr Jackson

Seconded: Cr King

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

Carried unanimously.

10.2.9 Community Grant Application – Cunnamulla Polocrosse Club Inc.

Council Resolution (RES. M26/172)

Moved: Cr Woodcroft

Seconded: Cr King

That Council:

1. *Receive and note the Community Grant Application submitted by the Cunnamulla Polocrosse Club Inc.*
2. *Approve a direct cash funding donation of \$2,500 to support the attendance of the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) at the event.*
3. *Approve in-kind support for the provision of a water truck for the period 18–19 July, to be delivered on 17 June, valued at \$1,440.*
4. *Approve the waiver of hire fees (including security deposit) for 1 skip bin and 10 rubbish bins, valued at \$180, for the period 18–19 July, to be delivered on 17 June.*
5. *Require Paroo Shire Council's support be acknowledged during the event and in promotional material.*

Carried unanimously.

Ordinary Meeting broke for morning tea at 10:15 am and re-commenced at 10:38 am.

10.3 Infrastructure

10.3.1 Infrastructure Services Operations Status Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/173)

Moved: Cr Jackson

Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council receive and note the Infrastructure Operations Status Report

Carried unanimously.

10.3.2 2025-26 Works Program Status Report**Council Resolution (RES. M26/174)****Moved: Cr King****Seconded: Cr Woodcroft***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. M26/175)****Moved: Cr Jackson****Seconded: Cr Woodcroft***That Council receive and note the Restoration of Essential Public Assets Status Report.***Carried unanimously.****10.3.4 Updated Local Resilience Action Plan****Council Resolution (RES. M26/176)****Moved: Cr King****Seconded: Cr Woodcroft***That Council approve the updated Local Resilience Action Plan as attached to this report.***Carried unanimously.****10.4 Corporate Services****10.4.1 Financial Position Update Report****Council Resolution (RES. M26/177)****Moved: Cr Jackson****Seconded: Cr Brain***That Council receive and note the Financial Position Update Report.***Carried unanimously.**

10.4.2 Capital Budget Update Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/178)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Capital Budget Update Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.4.3 Customer Service Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/179)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Customer Service Report.

Carried unanimously.

11 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

11.1 Resolution 1 - Differential General Rates Categories

Council Resolution (RES.M26/180)

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council:

1. *In accordance with Sections 80 and 81 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, resolve to create the differential general rates categories of rateable land for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 as per table below; and*
2. *Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs.*

Category 1	Urban – Residential - Residential properties including vacant urban land in the townships of Cunnamulla, Eulo, Wyandra and Yowah
Category 2	Urban – Non-Residential All other urban land
Category 3	Rural – Residential - All Rural Properties classified as Residential
Category 4	Obsolete properties
Category 5	Mining Claims as notified by Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.
Category 6	Mining Leases as registered with Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.
Category 7	Rural – Rural Properties <500 Ha
Category 8	Rural – Rural Properties =>500 Ha

Carried unanimously.

11.2 Resolution 2 - Differential General Rates Levy**Council Resolution (RES.M26/181)****Moved: Cr Brain****Seconded: Cr King**

That Council, in accordance with Sections 80 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, resolve to levy differential general rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 as follows:

Rating Category	Rate: cents in the \$
01 - Urban - Residential	0.01300
02 - Urban - Non-Residential	0.01300
03 - Rural - Residential	0.01300
04 - Obsolete Properties	0.00000
05 - Mining Claims	0.01300
06 - Mining Leases	0.01300
07 - Rural < 500 Ha	0.01300
08 - Rural Properties =>500 Ha	0.00395

Carried unanimously.

11.3 Resolution 3 - Minimum General Differential Rates

Council Resolution (RES.M26/182)

Moved: Cr Woodcroft

Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council, in accordance with Section 77 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, apply a minimum general rate for each rateable land assessment within each rating category for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 as follows:

Rating Category	Minimum Rate \$
01 - Urban - Residential	\$540
02 - Urban - Non-Residential	\$595
03 - Rural - Residential	\$595
04 - Obsolete Properties	\$0
05 - Mining Claims	\$400
06 - Mining Leases	\$400
07 - Rural < 500 Ha	\$540
08 - Rural Properties =>500 Ha	\$540

Carried unanimously.

11.4 Resolution 4 - Sewerage Utility Charges

Council Resolution (RES.M26/183)

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council, in accordance which Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the following Sewerage Charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2027:

1. *For vacant land or properties that are not connected to the sewerage system but are in the declared sewerage area of Cunnamulla, a flat charge of \$112.00 per assessment per annum will apply.*
2. *For properties connected to the sewerage system, charges are based on the number of pedestals (1 unit each) and urinals (1 unit each stall) at each property.*
3. *There are two (2) categories of charge per unit:*
 - a) *each pedestal or stall will be charged at \$478.00 per annum where connection is to a rateable property, and;*
 - b) *each pedestal or stall will be charged at \$590.00 per annum where connection is to a non-rateable property.*

Carried unanimously.

11.5 Resolution 5 – Garbage Charges

Council Resolution (RES.M26/184)

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council, in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the following Garbage Charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2027:

Garbage Charges	\$502.00 per annum and covers 1 mobile bin with 1 collection per week.
Commercial Garbage Charges	A. \$502.00 per annum and covers 1 mobile bin with 1 collection per week, B. \$1,004.00 per annum and covers 1 mobile bin with 2 collections per week.

Carried unanimously.

11.6 Resolution 6 – Water Charges

Council Resolution (RES.M26/185)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council, in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and Sections 99 and 101 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the following Water Utility Charges, including water allocations, for the financial year ending 30 June 2027:

- Base Water charge: A charge of \$54.00 per unit consumed, or part of a unit, will be applied to all properties to which a water service is connected or is able to be connected, and*
- All properties in the various water areas will be charged for their base water allocations, specified in the following table, whether or not they are connected to the water supply. Each water unit entitles the property to 100 kilolitres per annum.*

Category	Water Units (Base Allocations)
Alice Street Oval	30
Any other building or structure not specified	12
Boarding houses, guest houses, hostel	24
Businesses & Commercial Premises with residence (attached or separate)	24
Café, Snack bars, restaurants, fish shops, slaughterhouses, butcher shops & bakeries	20
Caravan Parks	20
Churches	4
Cunnamulla Showgrounds	75
Dwellings	12
Flats – per flat unit	10
Detached accommodation – cabins (units per cabin)	5
Golf and Bowls Club	25
Government Residences	12
Halls (Church hall, Public hall lodges, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides)	8

Category	Water Units (Base Allocations)
Hospital	100
Hot Springs Commercial Enterprise	500
Hotel/Motel (more than one storey) (including any detached accommodation)	60
Hotel/Motel (single storey), Saleyards, Resting paddock	30
Industrial Use – Multi purpose	48
Industrial use areas (power houses, fuel depots, etc)	15
Cunnamulla Caravan Park	92
John Kerr Park	136
Laundries	25
Licensed Clubs	25
Macks Creek Water Supply	15
Northern Water Supply	15
Other parks	20
Pre Schools, Kindergarten, Child Care Centres	15
Racecourse	80
Sacred Heart School	108
Sewerage Treatment Plant	45
Small School	20
State School	150
Sporting Field	30
Service Station with café	35
Service Stations, Motor Repair Workshops, Panel Beating, General Engineering	15
Service Stations, Motor Repair Workshops, Panel Beating, General Engineering – combined with residence	27
Shops, Government Offices Building, Offices & Building Premises	12
Sporting Clubs (unlicensed)	12
Swimming Pool	25
Theatres	15
Vacant Land (connected)	10
Vacant Land (not connected)	6

- *Excess Water Usage: All water used in excess of the base allocation for a property will be charged at the excess water rate of \$0.96 per kilolitre. This charge will be levied once per year, with the exception of the Cunnamulla Hot Springs.*

Raw Water Charge

For registered users whose land is serviced by raw river water in Cunnamulla, a two-part charge is to be applied, comprising an annual access charge and annual volumetric (consumption) charges. Properties registered to use raw water, and whose owners/occupiers are willing to connect to the system with a water meter, are eligible to use this water for irrigation of grounds, gardens and vegetation only. This water is for external use only, to supplement the town supply. Registered users will pay an application fee to connect, an access charge and consumption charges as recorded by the meter. Raw river water connection will only occur through application to the Council

Access Charge (Annual)- Raw Water

Description	First Service	Additional Service(s)	Allocation
Registered User (12 units)	\$649.00	\$649.00	Nil

Volumetric (Consumption) Charges

Water consumption will be charged according to meter readings. A 2-tiered charging regime will apply as shown in the following table:

Tier	Annual Consumption	Rate per kl
1	0 – 1200 kl	\$0.96
2	Over 1200 kl	\$1.91

Council will apply Section 102 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 so that a meter reading obtained within a period of 2 weeks before or 2 weeks after the end date of a charging period will be taken as the reading obtained on that end date.

Carried unanimously.

11.7 Resolution 7 – Special Charges

Council Resolution (RES.M26/186)

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council, in accordance with Section 92 of the Local Government Act 2009 and Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, make and levy a special charge for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 on all properties except mining claims and mining leases within the local government area:

- Environmental Levy Special Charge of \$82.00.*
- Dingo Fence Barrier Levy Special Charge 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.*
- Stormwater Levy Special Charge of \$59.00 per annum per assessment, on all properties classified as urban for rating purposes in the township of Cunnamulla.*
- Rural Fire Brigade Levy charge as set out in the following table:*

Brigade	Cost per Assessment	No of Assessments	Amount Raised
Eulo Residential	\$5	63	\$315
Rural	\$40	21	\$840
Wyandra	\$80	39	\$3,120
Yowah	\$15	140	\$2,100
Total		262	\$6,375

Carried unanimously.

11.8 Resolution 8 – Interest on Overdue Rates

Council Resolution (RES.M26/187)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council, in accordance with Section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 resolve, for the financial year ending 30 June 2027, to:

- a) *apply an interest charge of 12.19% per annum (compounding daily) on overdue rates and charges; and*
- b) *apply the interest charge from the date that the rates and charges become overdue.*

Carried unanimously.

11.9 Resolution 9 – Rates Payments & Discounts

Council Resolution (RES.M26/188)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council, in accordance with Sections 118, 129 and 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolve that the differential general rates made and levied shall be subject to a discount of 10% if paid within the discount period of 30 days after the date of issue of the rate notice provided that:

- a) *all of the aforementioned rates and charges are paid within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice; and*
- b) *all other rates and charges appearing on the rate notice (that are not subject to a discount) are paid within 30 days after the date of issue of the rate notice; and*
- c) *all other overdue rates and charges relating to the rateable assessment are paid within 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice.*

Carried unanimously.

11.10 Resolution 10 – Rate Concession - Pensioners

Council Resolution (RES.M26/189)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council, in accordance with Sections 119, 120, 121 and 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, resolve for the financial year ending 30 June 2027, that a rebate of the differential general rate of 20%, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per annum, will be granted to all ratepayers who are eligible for the following Government pensions:

- *Age pension,*
- *Disability Support pension,*
- *Veteran's Affairs pension,*
- *and are eligible for the State Government pensioner remission.*

Carried unanimously.

11.11 Resolution 11 – Register of Cost Recovery Fees**Council Resolution (RES.M26/190)**

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council, in accordance with Sections 97 and 98 of the Local Government Act 2009, adopt the Register of Cost Recovery Fees for the financial year ending 30 June 2027, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

11.12 Resolution 12 – Debt Policy**Council Resolution (RES.M26/191)**

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council adopts the Paroo Shire Council Debt Policy (GP-020) for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 as presented

Carried unanimously.

11.13 Resolution 13 – Investment Policy**Council Resolution (RES.M26/192)**

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr King

That Council, in accordance with Section 191 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the Paroo Shire Council Investment Policy (GP-022) for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 as presented.

Carried unanimously.

11.14 Resolution 14 – Rates & Charges Debt Collection and Recovery Policy**Council Resolution (RES.M26/193)**

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council, in accordance with Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt Paroo Shire Council Rates & Charges Debt Collection and Recovery Policy (GP-030) for the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

Carried unanimously.

11.15 Resolution 15 – Revenue Policy**Council Resolution (RES.M26/194)**

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council, in accordance with Section 192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the Paroo Shire Council Revenue Policy (GP-023) for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 as presented.

Carried unanimously.

11.16 Resolution 16 – Changes in Percentage of Rates and Utility Charges**Council Resolution (RES.M26/195)**

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Brain

In accordance with section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), Council adopt the statement of the total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with rates and utility charges in the previous budget. For 2026-27 the change is 3.63%, before any discounts and rebates are applied.

Carried unanimously.

11.17 Resolution 17 – Budget 2027**Council Resolution (RES.M26/196)**

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council, in accordance with Sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt its budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2027 including:

- a) Budget Statement of Comprehensive Income (3 years) for the financial years ending 30 June 2027, 2028 & 2029; and*
- b) Budget Statement of Financial Position (3 years) for the financial years ending 30 June 2027, 2028 & 2029; and*
- c) Budget Statement of Cash Flows (3 years) for the financial years ending 30 June 2027, 2028 & 2029; and*
- d) Budget Statement of Changes in Equity (3 years) for the financial years ending 30 June 2027, 2028 & 2029; and*
- e) Long Term Financial Forecast (10 years) for the financial years ending 30 June 2027 to 2037; and*
- f) Relevant Measures of Financial Sustainability (10 years) for the financial years ending 30 June 2027 to 2037; and*
- g) Revenue Statement for the financial year ending 30 June 2027; and*
- h) Revenue Policy for the financial year ending 30 June 2027; and*
- i) Capital Program as contained in Council's Capital Budget.*

Carried unanimously.

12 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil.

13 LATE REPORTS**13.1 Community Grant Application – Deadly Recruits.****Council Resolution (RES. M26/197)**

Moved: Cr Jackson

Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council:

1. *Receive and note the Community Grant Application submitted by Deadly Recruits.*
2. *Approve a waiver of hire fees for four (4) Portaloo's in the period 21 to 26 June 2026, to support the Deadly Recruits Camp, valued at \$1,600.*
3. *Approve in-kind support for the delivery and servicing of the four (4) Portaloo's, in the period 21 to 26 June 2026, to be delivered to Tinnenburra, on 19 June 2026 and collected on 29 June 2026, valued at \$2,430.*
4. *Require Paroo Shire Council's support be acknowledged during the event and in promotional material.*

Carried unanimously.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

15 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting was declared closed at 12:39 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: July 2026

Martin Leech

Chief Executive Officer

Date: July 2026