



UNCONFIRMED

**ORDINARY MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday 17 February 2026

CCEC Chambers, 49 Stockyard Street, Cunnamulla

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Ordinary Council Meeting was declared open at 9:06 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	Joann Woodcroft	
Councillor	Corissa Jackson	
Councillor	Tomas King	

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Chief Executive Officer	Martin Leech
Director of Corporate Services	Sarmad Habib
Director of Infrastructure	Ajay Agwan

4 MOTION OF SYMPATHY

Council Resolution (RES.M26/27)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council move a motion of sympathy for the late Kathleen Lillis Martel, the late June Charles, the late Trevor Edward Bryan, and the late Kiefer Hooper.

Carried unanimously.

5 MAYORAL MOTION

Nil.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council Resolution (RES.M26/28)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 January 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.M26/29)**

Moved: Cr Brain
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.M26/30)**

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr King

That Council receive and note the Action Items Register Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.1.2 Development Application For A Material Change of Use – Short-term Accommodation Units Report**Council Resolution (RES.M26/31)**

Moved: Cr Woodcroft
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council approve the development application to establish four (4) short-term accommodation units at 14 Louise Street Cunnamulla on land described as Lots 1 & 2 on RP51645 and Lot 1 on RP90964 subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the allotments Lots 1 & 2 on RP51645 and Lot 1 on RP90964 be amalgamated at the applicant's expense.*
- 2. That a 6 metre wide vehicle access be provided from the proposed development to Louise Street at the applicant's expense.*
- 3. That the applicant pays compensation of up to \$5,000 to Council for the removal of the street tree.*

Carried unanimously.

10.1.3 Human Resources Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/32)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Human Resources Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.1.4 Workplace Health and Safety Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/33)

Moved: Cr King
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.M26/34)

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr King

That Council receive and note the Community Services Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.2 Community Grant Expenditure Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/35)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council receive and note the Community Grant Expenditure Report.

Carried unanimously.

Ordinary Meeting broke for morning tea and Memorial Wall unveiling at 9:30 am and re-commenced at 10:48 am.

10.2.3 Cunnamulla Swimming Pool Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/36)

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. M26/37)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council receive and note the Library Services Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.5 Tourism Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/38)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Tourism Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.6 Cunnamulla Hot Springs Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/39)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Cunnamulla Hot Springs Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.7 Paroo Shire Arts & Cultural Plan 2025-2029

Council Resolution (RES. M26/40)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council receive, note and adopt the Paroo Shire Arts & Cultural Plan 2025-2029.

Carried unanimously.

10.2.8 Community Grant Application: Stars of Charlotte Plains – Country Music Festival**Council Resolution (RES. M26/41)****Moved: Cr King****Seconded: Cr Brain***That Council:*

1. *receive and note the Community Grant Application from Charlotte Plains for the Stars of Charlotte Plains event on 25th – 28th June 2026;*
2. *approve sponsorship in accordance with grant category 4 of Council's GP-042 Community Grants Policy in relation to the provision of the following Council resources to a maximum value of \$6,000:*
 - 1 Generator
 - 3 x portable toilets
 - 1 x disabled portable toilet
 - Cold room
 - Mobile Stage
 - 2 x Gazebos
 - Council employees to deliver and set up equipment 24th June and collect 29th June 2026; and
3. *sponsorship be acknowledged during the event and in promotional material.*

Carried unanimously.**10.2.9 Community Grant Application: Eulo Gymkhana & Motorbike Club Inc.****Council Resolution (RES. M26/42)****Moved: Cr Woodcroft****Seconded: Cr Brain***That Council:*

1. *receive and note the Community Grant Application from Eulo Gymkhana & Motorbike Inc*
2. *approve in-kind assistance in relation to the provision of a water truck for Eulo Gymkhana & Motorbike Inc's event on 4 and 5 April 2026.*

Carried unanimously.

10.2.10 Request for Views Conversion of Tenure Lot3/P532 and Lot4/PR57**Council Resolution (RES. M26/43)**

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report by the Rural Lands Compliance Officer to the Ordinary Meeting dated 17 February 2026.*
- 2. Resolve that Council respond to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development making no objections and having no requirements to the Conversion to Freehold GHPL 15/1755 Lot 3/P532 and Lot 4/PR57*
- 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 or requirements regarding the conversion of the GHPL 15/1755 comprising of Lot 3/P532 and Lot 4/PR57 to freehold.*

Carried unanimously.

10.2.11 Request for Views Conversion of Tenure Lot4/KU47**Council Resolution (RES. M26/44)**

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report by the Rural Lands Compliance Officer to the Ordinary Meeting dated 17 February 2026.*
- 2. Resolve that Council respond to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development making no objections and having no requirements to the Conversion to Freehold GHPL 15/1666 comprising Lot 4 on Crown Plan KU47.*
- 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 or requirements regarding the conversion of the GHPL 15/1666 comprising Lot 4 on Crown Plan KU47 to freehold.*

Carried unanimously.

10.2.12 Request for Views Conversion of Tenure Lot 7/PR140 and Lot 6/PR45**Council Resolution (RES. M26/45)**

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council:

1. *Receive and note the report by the Rural Lands Compliance Officer to the Ordinary Meeting dated 17 February 2026.*
2. *Resolve that Council respond to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development making no objections and having no requirements to the Conversion to Freehold GHPL 10/2867 Lot 6/PR45 and GHPL 10/2850 Lot 7/PR140*
3. *Authorise the CEO to inform the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development in writing before the 31st March 2026 that Council has no objections or requirements regarding the conversion of the GHPL 10/2867 Lot 6/PR45 and GHPL 10/2850 Lot 7/PR140 to freehold.*

Carried unanimously.

10.2.13 Request for Views Conversion of Tenure Lot 1/NO19 and Lot 2/NO24**Council Resolution (RES. M26/46)**

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council:

1. *Receive and note the report by the Rural Lands Compliance Officer to the Ordinary Meeting dated 17 February 2026.*
2. *Resolve that Council respond to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development making no objections and having no requirements to the Conversion to Freehold GHPL 15/1682 comprising Lot 1 on Crown Plan NO19 and Lot 2 on Crown Plan NO24.*
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 or requirements regarding the conversion of the GHPL 15/1682 comprising Lot 1 on Crown Plan NO19 and Lot 2 on Crown Plan NO24 to freehold.*

Carried unanimously.

10.2.14 Request for Views Conversion of Tenure Lot 26/WELL5339**Council Resolution (RES. M26/47)**

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council:

1. *Receive and note the report by the Rural Lands Compliance Officer to the Ordinary Meeting dated 17 February 2026.*
2. *Resolve that Council respond to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development making no objections and having no requirements to the Conversion to Freehold GHPL 15/1475 Lot 26/WELL5339*
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 or requirements regarding the conversion of the GHPL 15/1475 comprising of Lot 26/WELL5339 to freehold.*

Carried unanimously.

10.2.15 Request for Views Conversion of Tenure Lot 3 on Crown Plan SP114837**Council Resolution (RES. M26/48)**

Moved: Cr Woodcroft
Seconded: Cr King

That Council:

1. *Receive and note the report by the Rural Lands Compliance Officer to the Ordinary Meeting dated 17 February 2026.*
2. *Resolve that Council respond to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development making no objections and having no requirements to the Conversion to Freehold GHPL 0/211950 comprising Lot 3/SP114837*
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 or requirements regarding the conversion of the GHPL 0/211950 comprising Lot 3/SP114837 to freehold.*

Carried unanimously.

10.2.16 Permit to Occupy Application – Karlot Pty Ltd

Council Resolution (RES. M26/49)

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr Brain

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 support 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 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.

10.2.17 Permit to Occupy Application – Tantallon Pastoral Co

Council Resolution (RES. M26/50)

Moved: Cr King

Seconded: Cr Jackson

1. That Council receive and note Part A & B from Tantallon Pastoral Co for the application for a PTO on the Stock Route Network (SRN) section SR:052PARO adjoining Lot 10 on Crown Plan SP237289.
2. Council support 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 the permittee erect a stock proof fence along the boundary of Lot 10 on Crown Plan SP237289 and the stock route allowing the permittee to better manage the grazing pressure on the permit area. And also ask that the Department consider as a condition of the Permit to Occupy 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.

10.2.18 Permit to Occupy Application – Turn Turn Pastoral Co

Council Resolution (RES. M26/51)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

1. That Council receive and note Part A & B from the owners of Turn Turn Pastoral Company for the application for a PTO on the Stock Route Network (SRN) section SR:510PARO adjoining Lot 5 on Crown Plan NL22, land owned by the applicants
2. Council support 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 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.

10.2.19 Rural Lands Compliance Report

Council Resolution (RES. M26/52)

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Rural Lands Compliance Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.3 Infrastructure

10.3.1 Infrastructure Operations Status Report

Council Resolution (RES.M26/53)

Moved: Cr Woodcroft
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. M26/54)**

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. M26/55)**

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Brain

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

Carried unanimously.

Ordinary Meeting broke for lunch at 12:44 pm and re-commenced at 1:10 pm.

10.4 Corporate Services**10.4.1 Financial Position Update Report****Council Resolution (RES. M26/56)**

Moved: Cr Brain
Seconded: Cr King

That Council receive and note the Financial Position Update Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.4.2 Capital Budget Update Report**Council Resolution (RES. M26/57)**

Moved: Cr King
Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receive and note the Capital Budget Update Report.

Carried unanimously.

10.4.3 Operation Plan 2025-26 Quarter 2 Review**Council Resolution (RES. M26/58)**

Moved: Cr Jackson
Seconded: Cr Brain

That Council receive and note the review of the Operational Plan 2025-26 for Quarter 2.

Carried unanimously.

10.4.4 Customer Service Report**Council Resolution (RES. M26/59)**

Moved: Cr King
 Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council receive and note the Customer Service Report.

Carried unanimously.

11 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil.

12 LATE REPORTS**12.1 Community Grant Application: Noorama Tennis Day****Council Resolution (RES. M26/60)**

Moved: Cr King
 Seconded: Cr Woodcroft

That Council

1. *receive and note the Community Grant Application from Noorama Picnic Racing & Community Group Inc; and*
2. *approve a cash grant of \$800 in relation to the purchase of new tennis equipment for the Tennis Day on 7 March 2026.*

Carried unanimously.

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

15 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting was declared closed at 1:50 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:

Martin Leech
 Chief Executive Officer
 Date: