Special Council Meeting
Minutes

Date: 12 August 2026
Venue: Council Chambers, 34 Padbury Street, Moora

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1. Declaration of Opening and Announcement of Visitors

1.1 Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member welcomed those in attendance and opened the meeting at 5.30pm.

The Shire of Moora acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Yued people, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

1.2 Disclaimer

The Presiding Member is to direct the public's attention to the Disclaimer and the paragraph that advises that formal meetings of Council will be audio visually recorded.

2. Attendance, Apologies and Approved Leave of Absence

2.1 Attendance

Councillors

KM Seymour	- President
EI Hamilton	- Deputy President
DV Clydesdale-Gebert	- Councillor
TW Dugan	- Councillor
SJ Gilbert	- Councillor
AJ Phillips	- Councillor
M James	- Councillor

Staff

G Robins	- Chief Executive Officer
B Hoogland	- Deputy Chief Executive Officer
G Teixeira	- Manager Financial Services
T Bates	- Financial Accountant RSM

Public

Jack van Voorst
Deb Fisher
Margy Frawley
Jim Frawley
Bronwyn Brown
Callum Simpson
John Minty
Tim Broad
Jennifer Murray
Danielle Williams
Jo Tripp

2.2 Apologies
Nil.

2.3 Approved Leave of Absence
Nil.

3. Declaration of Interest

Nil.

4. Public Question Time

4.1 Response to Previous Public Questions Taken on Notice
Nil.

4.2 Public Questions

Deb Fisher – Untidy Property
Question:
Ms Fisher asked a question on behalf of her son, who owns a property on Lefroy Street, regarding the neighbouring property at No. 27 Lefroy Street. She raised concerns about the condition of the derelict property, which she stated had presented an ongoing health and fire risk for several years. Although asbestos had been removed from the property, the site remained severely overgrown and attracted rodents and vermin.
Ms Fisher advised that her son was concerned about the potential impact of the property's condition on neighbouring property values, including the future sale of his property and his rates. She asked why the structure was still permitted to remain in its current condition.

Response:
The CEO advised that the matter would be taken on notice and that further information would be provided to Deb Fisher.

John Minty – Rate Increase
Question 1:
Mr Minty asked what the actual percentage rate increase would be for the 2026/2027 financial year.

Response:
The President advised that the proposed overall rate revenue increase was 6.5% and invited Travis Bate (RSM accountant) to provide further clarification.
Mr Bate explained that the 6.5% represented the overall increase in rate revenue across UV and GRV properties. Individual properties may experience a different percentage increase due to separate valuation processes applying to UV and GRV properties.

Question 2:
Mr Minty asked why the proposed increase was significantly higher than the 4.5% increase being applied by the Shire of Dandaragan.

Response:
The President explained that the Shire had a statutory obligation to balance its budget and, like other organisations, had experienced significant increases in operating costs.
The President also noted that the Shire had operated approximately 10–20% below its required staffing levels during the previous financial year and that the 2026/2027 budget included funding to fill vacant positions.
Mr Minty asked whether the understaffing had resulted in a budget surplus.
The President and CEO explained that any apparent savings from vacant positions had largely been offset by the use of contractors to undertake the required work. Contractors were generally more expensive than permanent employees.

Jennifer Murray – Rate Increase
Question:
Ms Murray asked whether the previous year's rate increase had also been 6.5%.

Response:
The President advised that the previous year's increase had been 5%.
Ms Murray then asked whether rate increases of 5–6% could be expected each year.
The President explained that local governments across Australia were experiencing financial pressure, including reduced financial assistance from the Federal Government. It was noted that the Financial Assistance Grant had decreased from approximately 1% to 0.49%.
Mr Bate further explained that the annual budget was generally developed to cover expenditure while also allocating funds to Reserve Accounts for future projects. However, the 2026/2027 budget, based on a 6.5% rate revenue increase, would primarily cover general expenditure and bring the Shire to a balanced position.

Bronwyn Brown – Wages Increase and Capital Projects
Question 1:
Ms Brown asked why there was a significant increase in the wages budget.

Response:
The CEO explained that the Shire had been approximately 20% understaffed for the previous three years. Vacant positions had been filled, where necessary, through contractors, who were generally more expensive to engage than permanent employees because of the difference in pay structures of direct employees compared with indirect / contracted workers.
The increased wages allocation was therefore intended to support the recruitment and retention of permanent staff and reduce reliance on contractors.

Question 2:
Ms Brown asked why plans had been prepared for various capital projects, including ovals, changerooms and the Caravan Park extension, when many of the projects had not commenced.

Response:
The CEO explained that the funding arrangements for capital projects varied depending on the source of government funding. Some funding programs required the Shire to provide a co-contribution before projects could proceed or funds could be borrowed.
Over the previous five years, the Commonwealth Government had provided funding for a number of substantial projects without requiring a local government co-contribution. Consequently, several recent Shire projects had been fully Commonwealth funded, such as the child-care centre and the safety upgrade of the aerodrome, and these projects had been completed.
By comparison, State Government funding generally required a co-contribution of approximately 30–45%, creating greater financial challenges for projects such as the Recreation Centre Precinct.

Ms Brown stated that funds had been allocated to projects in previous years and questioned where those funds had gone if the projects had not proceeded.
The CEO advised that this was incorrect and outlined several completed projects, including the Wheatbelt Kids Institute, the new Childcare Centre, Stage I of the Aerodrome and several sewerage system upgrades. These projects had been substantially or fully Commonwealth funded.
He indicated that it was common for some projects, typically State funded projects, to be funded on condition that the Shire secure further funding in the form of co-contributions, from other sources. In these situations, State funding, although approved, was not released to the Shire until the total value of the project cost had been secured by the Shire.
The CEO also noted that projects such as sewerage and road upgrades were necessary to maintain compliance and essential infrastructure standards.

Jennifer Murray – Gardiner Street Roadworks
Question:
Ms Murray asked whether the works being undertaken at the southern end of Gardiner Street, Moora, were being carried out by the Shire or Main Roads and why the works were required.

Response:
The CEO advised that Main Roads was undertaking the works and investigations into a suspected significant leak beneath the road.

Question 2:
Ms Murray asked whether the Shire had any influence over the timeframe or scope of the works.

Response:
The CEO advised that the Shire did not have control over the timeframe or scope of the Main Roads works.

Jo Tripp – Clarke Street Drainage and Footpath
Question1:
Ms Tripp requested that works be undertaken to address drainage and kerbing issues around Clarke Street, noting that properties were regularly affected by flooding during heavy rainfall.

Response 1:
The President acknowledged the issue and advised that Council was working to address drainage and infrastructure issues throughout the townsite and other areas of the Shire.
Ms Murray commented that similar responses had been provided by the Shire for several years and questioned whether the issues were being sufficiently prioritised.
Ms Tripp further raised concerns about pedestrian and cyclist safety on Clarke Street, noting the absence of a footpath and reduced visibility around sunset.

Response:
The concerns regarding drainage, kerbing and pedestrian safety on Clarke Street were noted.

Jack van Voorst – Recreation Centre, Co-Located Building for Emergency Services
Question 1: Recreation Centre – $1.24 million Allocation
Mr van Voorst asked what the $1.24 million allocation for the Recreation Centre entailed.

Response:
The CEO advised that the Recreation Centre project remained subject to government funding. It was initially anticipated that the Shire would need to contribute approximately $1.2–$1.5 million towards the project involving club, change and officials' rooms and related facilities; however, these funds were not currently available.

Question 2:
Mr van Voorst asked whether any funding had been allocated to the proposed co-located facility for the Moora Central Bushfire Brigade and Moora Volunteer Fire & Rescue.

Response:
The CEO advised that no funding had currently been allocated to the proposed co-located Emergency Services Centre, as government funding commitments had not yet been made due to changed federal government funding priorities. The Shire remained committed to pursuing grant funding for the project.

Question 3:
Mr van Voorst asked how much funding the Shire had received through the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Local Government Grant Scheme for the Bushfire Brigade and SES.

Response:
The Manager Financial Services advised that the Shire had received approximately $80,000 for the Bushfire Brigade and $18,000 for the SES.

Jennifer Murray – Recreation Centre
Question:
Ms Murray asked why architectural plans had been prepared for the Recreation Centre project when the Shire did not currently appear to be in a position to commence construction. She also asked whether the Shire had already received a grant for the project.

Response:
The CEO explained that extensive architectural and project planning was required as part of the grant application process.
The Shire had initially been unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding in the first round of applications but subsequently secured funding in a further round. By the time funding was secured, construction costs had increased significantly while state grant allocations had remained unchanged. This change in grant circumstances resulted in substantial increase in the quantum of the Shire's co-contribution.
The CEO advised that the project was anticipated to require approximately $3 million in State Government funding and at least $1 million in Shire funds before construction could commence.
The President added that, as part of the grant application process, the Shire was required to demonstrate that funds had been allocated towards the project within its budget.
Ms Murray asked whether the project could be scaled back to provide at least the much-needed changerooms.
The CEO advised that the scope of the project had already been materially reduced. However, the Shire remained reliant on securing additional funding before it would be in a position to provide the required co-contribution.

Bronwyn Brown – Recreation Centre Project and Rate Increase
Question1:
Ms Brown asked whether some of the funds allocated to general land and buildings could be reallocated to the Recreation Centre project.

Response:
The CEO clarified that funds allocated to other land and building projects, including housing for WACHS, were already partly committed, funded from other sources or were subject to tied funding and therefore could not be reallocated to the Recreation Centre project.

Question 2:
Ms Brown asked what the community could do at this stage to assist in securing further funding for the Moora Recreation Centre project, or whether the community would need to wait until the next funding round.

Response:
The CEO advised that the Shire would need to wait until the Commonwealth Government's Budget was released to determine what funding opportunities may become available. He noted that securing Commonwealth funding would be essential, as this would reduce or eliminate the need for a Shire contribution. The CEO encouraged community members to advocate directly to government representatives in support of the Moora Recreation Centre project, noting that community advocacy can have a greater impact than Council advocacy alone.

Question 3:
Ms Brown asked whether the current year's budget could be reduced to avoid the proposed rate increase, particularly given the financial pressures currently being experienced by the community.

Response:
The President advised that the Shire is required to balance its budget and that the proposed rate increase forms an essential part of achieving a balanced budget.

Jennifer Murray – Pool Inspections
Question 1:
Ms Murray advised that she pays an annual pool inspection fee as part of her rates. She noted that the Shire has changed its inspection process and now conducts inspections every three years rather than annually. Ms Murray questioned why an annual fee continues to apply. She also advised that, when she contacted Shire staff, she was informed that pool owners had previously been undercharged and that the fee had since been increased to the correct amount.

Response:
The CEO advised that he would take the matter on notice.
The DCEO clarified that the requirements relating to swimming pool inspections, including the frequency of inspections, timeframes and applicable fees, are determined by the State Government rather than the Shire.

Question 2:
Ms Murray asked whether the Shire considered it appropriate for swimming pools to be inspected only once every three years.

Response:
The DCEO advised that responsibility for complying with swimming pool safety requirements rests with the property owner, including ensuring that fencing and other required safety measures are maintained.

The President reiterated that Ms Murray's questions regarding pool inspections would be taken on notice and that she would be provided with a response as soon as practicable.

Mr Callum Simpson – Untidy Properties
Question:
Mr Simpson asked whether the Shire issues notices to property owners regarding untidy properties. He noted that there are several properties in Moora that appear untidy, including properties with abandoned vehicles and a large number of stray cats.

Response:
The CEO advised that the Shire issues notices and takes enforcement action where possible.
The President noted that addressing these matters can be time-consuming and costly, but that it is in the Council's interest to address such issues as soon as practicable.
The DCEO advised that Local Governments generally respond to complaints received from members of the public and encouraged Mr Simpson to provide the Shire with written details of the specific properties and issues so that staff can investigate and take appropriate action.

Deb Fisher – Property Complaints
Question:
Ms Fisher asked whether legislation establishes timeframes within which the Shire is required to respond to complaints. She advised that her son and neighbours had made numerous complaints to the Shire regarding a property on Lefroy Street, but that only limited action had been taken to date.

Response:
The DCEO advised that Local Governments generally determine appropriate timeframes for responding to complaints, taking into account their available resources and the circumstances of each matter.
He explained that the general approach is for the Local Government to respond to a service request and notify the person who lodged the request of the outcome. If the matter is not resolved or there is no further response, the next step would be to lodge a formal complaint.
The DCEO advised that if a member of the public considers that their complaint has not been appropriately addressed, they may refer the matter to the Ombudsman.

5. Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil.

6. Reports of Officers

6.1 Chief Executive Officer

6.1.1 Sale of Land – Lot 2005 Atbara Street

Report Date	21 July 2026
Applicant/Proponent	Michail Andre Coetzee and Danae Louise Coetzee
Officer Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Previous Meeting References	Nil
Author	Gavin Robins, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of Report

To consider an offer to purchase residential Lot 2005 (36) (formerly 46) Atbara Street, Moora.

Background

In May 2026, Council received an offer of $85,000 for the purchase of Lot 2005, Atbara Street from Peter Craig Winters and Cathryn Mary Winters of 4 Lugano Edge, Binningup WA. On 16 July 2026, Council received advice that the Winters' application for finance had been declined. Subsequently, Lot 2005 was placed back on the market.

On 17 July 2026, a fresh offer to purchase Lot 2005 (36), Atbara Street Moora, for $80,000 was received from Michail Andre Coetzee and Danae Louise Coetzee of 5 Larapinta Parkway, Wanneroo.

This Lot was formerly Lot 46 prior to the recent uniform Lot renumbering undertaken by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage. The offer by the proponents is closely aligned with the listed price of $85,000.

Comment

Section 3.58(3) of the LGA states that if Council wishes to accept an offer for the sale of property, before doing so, the Shire must give local public notice of the proposed disposition inviting public submissions for no less than two weeks.

The notice will include details of the property concerned, the names of all interested parties, the consideration to be received and the market value of the property as ascertained by a valuation carried out and declared by resolution of the Shire.

There are challenges in receiving a meaningful and reliable valuation for vacant lots in Moora. An Independent Valuation can be expensive, $2,000-$2,500, and the contracted Valuers, usually not from Moora, may have relatively limited knowledge of the local market and would rely on a very small sample of sales for their assessment due to low volumes of property movements in the area. For this reason, a market estimate was provided by Jurien Bay Realty based on its property experience within Moora.

As there is recent interest in Moora's residential lots, and tangible economic benefits from the sale of land accruing to the Shire, it is recommended that the disposition of the property proceed for no less than $82,500 and that the offer be publicly advertised. This will allow Council to consider and potentially accept the offer of sale following the statutory two-week public notice period.

Policy Requirements

The Shire's Community Strategic Plan promotes the development of the Shire economy through the growth of new business and industry.

Legislative Requirements

Local Government Act 1995 – Section 3.58(3)

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

(a) it gives Statewide public notice of the proposed disposition —

(i) describing the property concerned;

(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.

Strategic Implications

Goal 4: An innovative, thriving and diverse local economy.	
Outcome 4.1:	Support, promote and advocate for a strong, innovative economic base and a dynamic, resilient business environment.
Strategy 4.1.4:	Progress the availability of a range of housing options to appropriately fulfil accommodation needs.

Sustainability Implications

- **Environment**
  There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal however, due regard should be had to the behaviour of water flows in the Moore River tributary creek that flows to the rear of these lots.

- **Economic**
  Providing serviced industrial lots for sale will help promote the growth of existing business or the establishment of new business operations in Moora.

- **Social**
  The establishment of new enterprises in the light industrial estate will build community capacity, resilience and the strength of the regional economy.

Financial Implications
Accepting the offer of $82,500 would result in an unbudgeted revenue flow that will offset the year end expenditure balance and provide further funding for ongoing residential land development.

Voting Requirements
Simple Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

88/26 Moved Cr Gilbert, seconded Cr Phillips, that Council:
1. ***Approve the statutory public notice of the prospective sale of Lot 2005 Atbara Street, Moora, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995.***

2. ***Approve, subject to the expiry of the public notice period and consideration of any public comment, the sale of Lot 2005 Atbara Street, Moora on terms suitable terms and as agreed by the Shire for no less than $82,500 (GST Inc).***

CARRIED: 7/0

For: Crs Seymour, Hamilton, Dugan, Gilbert, Clydesdale-Gebert, Phillips and James.
Against: Nil.

6.2 Financial Services

6.2.1 2026/2027 Budget Adoption

Report Date	07 August 2026
Officer Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Previous Meeting References	Nil
Author	Travis Bate, RSM and Geize Teixeira, Manager Financial Services
Attachments	1. 2026-2027 Draft Statutory Budget 2. 2026-2027 Draft Schedule of Fees and Charges

Purpose of Report
For Council to consider the adoption of the 2026/2027 Budget, including the supporting schedules and associated statutory resolutions relating to the imposition of rates and minimum payments, adoption of fees and charges, establishment of reserve accounts, setting of Council member fees, and other consequential matters arising from the budget papers.

Background
The 2026/2027 Draft Budget has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Australian Accounting Standards (AAS), and Australian International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS). The budget has been prepared in the prescribed statutory format.

In preparing the draft budget, the status of current projects and programs was reviewed to ensure that proposed budget amendments accurately reflect management's latest estimates and expected delivery timeframes.

Comment

The 2026/2027 Draft Budget includes the following documents:

- Shire of Moora Draft Statutory Budget
- Capital Expenditure Program
- Road Replacement Program
- Schedule of Fees and Charges

The main features of the draft budget include:

- The draft budget is based on a suggested overall indexation of a rate increase of 6.5%.
- An average of 12% increase in fees and charges, as detailed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges.
- A 6.5% increase in household and commercial waste charges, including charges for refuse disposal at the Watheroo and Miling Transfer Station.
- Sewerage service fees and charges, together with the applicable rates in the dollar, have increased by an average of 6.5% compared with the 2025/2026 financial year.
- A recurrent operating budget with an overall expenditure increase of 6%.
- A $12.7M capital works program focused on renewing and enhancing Council's infrastructure and community assets. The program includes $3.1M for roads, drainage, footpaths and sewerage infrastructure upgrades, demonstrating Council's continued investment in its transport network and essential services. A further $9.2M is allocated to land and buildings, including $3.4M combined for the Recreation Centre, WACHS Housing and the MPAC Renewal Projects.
- An estimated opening surplus of $1.5M brought forward from 30 June 2026. As this amount is unaudited, it may change, and any adjustments will be incorporated through a future budget review.
- Major grant funding anticipated during the year, including:
  - Housing Subdivision Program – $5.7M
  - Roads to Recovery – $1M
  - Regional Roads Group – $900K
  - CSRFF Funding – $800K

Policy Requirements

The Draft 2026/2027 Budget has been prepared in accordance with Council's adopted policies and the principles outlined in the Shire of Moora Policy Manual. The Policy Manual is available on the Shire's website at www.moora.wa.gov.au.

Legislative Requirements

The *Local Government Act 1995* – Section 6.2 requires each local government to prepare and adopt its annual budget by Absolute Majority, no later than 31 August each financial year, or such later date as approved by the Minister. The budget must be prepared in the prescribed form for the municipal fund for the financial year ending on the following 30 June.

The *Local Government Act 1995* – Divisions 5 and 6 of Part 6 provide the legislative framework for the preparation of annual budgets and the imposition of rates and charges.
The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* prescribe the form and content of the annual budget.
The Draft 2026/2027 Budget has been prepared in accordance with these legislative requirements.

Strategic Implications
The Draft 2026/2027 Budget aligns with the priorities and objectives identified in the Shire's Strategic Community Plan, Corporate Business Plan, and Long-term Financial Plan. It provides funding for the delivery of Council's operational services and capital works program, supporting the achievement of Council's strategic outcomes.

The budget has been prepared on the basis of an overall average rates increase of 6.5%, providing the revenue required to maintain existing service levels and deliver Council's planned operational and capital programs.

Sustainability Implications

- **Environment**
  There are no known significant environmental implications associated with this proposal.

- **Economic**
  There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal, other than those identified in the report.

- **Social**
  There are no known significant social implications associated with this proposal.

Financial Implications
Adoption of the following resolutions will result in the adoption of the Shire of Moora 2026/2027 Annual Budget, including the associated rates, fees and charges, and capital and operating programs for the financial year.

Voting Requirements
Absolute Majority

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

89/26 Moved Cr Gilbert, seconded Cr Hamilton, that Council *by Absolute Majority, pursuant to sections 6.2, 6.8 and 6.16 of the Local Government Act 1995, and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, adopts the Shire of Moora 2026/2027 Annual Budget and resolves as follows:*

Rates Model

1. General Rate – **Gross Rental Value (GRV)**

That a General Rate of **11.0380** cents in the dollar be imposed on the Gross Rental Value (GRV) of all rateable land within the district.

2. General Rate – **Unimproved Value (UV)**

That a General Rate of **0.4262** cents in the dollar be imposed on the Unimproved Value (UV) of all rateable land within the district.

3. Minimum Rates – GRV

That the minimum rate for Gross Rental Value (GRV) properties be $**929.00** per assessment.

4. Minimum Rates – UV

That the minimum rate for Unimproved Value (UV) properties be $**929.00** per assessment.

Sewerage Charges

5. That the sewerage rate be set at **8.22553** cents in the dollar, with the following minimum and maximum annual charges applying.

Property Type	Minimum Charge	Maximum Charge
Residential	$515	$1,354
Vacant Land	$515	$1,354
Commercial	$528	$6,363
Ex-Gratia Commercial/Industrial	$515	$1,354

For non-rateable properties connected to sewer:

- Class 1 – Institutional/Public and Charitable Purposes
    - First major fixture – **$334**
    - Each additional major fixture – **$140**
- Class 2 – State and Local Government commercial properties
    - **$1,856** per connection

Waste Charges

6. That annual rubbish removal charges be set as follows:
    - Residential (non-pensioner) and non-residential – **$543** per 240-litre bin (weekly) & recycling bin (fortnightly)
    - Residential (Pensioner) – **$410** per 240-litre bin (weekly) & recycling bin (fortnightly)
    - Transfer Station Key (Watheroo and Miling) – **$309**

Rates Payment Options

7. That an Early Payment Incentive be offered in the form of a **$600** cash prize for ratepayers who pay all rates, rubbish charges and arrears in full within **21 days** of the issue of the rate notice.
8. That ratepayers be offered the following payment options:

Option 1 (Full Payment) - Payment in full within 35 days of the issue of the rates notice.

Option 2 (Two Instalments) - Payment by 2 equal instalments.

(i) 50% of the rates within 35 days

(ii) 50% of the rates within 2 months of (i)

Option 3 (Four Instalments) - Payment by 4 equal instalments.

(i) 25% of the rates within 35 days

(ii) 25% of the rates within 2 months of (i)

(iii) 25% of the rates within 2 months of (ii)

(iv) 25% of the rates within 2 months of (iii) being 6 months from the expiration of the initial 35-day notice period and 6 months and 35 days from the date of the service of the notice.

That, in accordance with Regulation 64(2) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, the following due dates apply for the 2026/2027 financial year:

Payment	**Due Date**
Issue of Rates Notice	19th August 2026
Payment in Full / First Instalment	23rd September 2026
Second Instalment	25th November 2026
Third Instalment	27th January 2027
Fourth Instalment	31st March 2027

9. That instalment interest be set at 5.5% per annum, calculated using the simple interest method.
10. That an administration charge of $12.00 be applied to each instalment after the first.
11. That late payment interest on outstanding rates and rubbish charges be set at 6.5% per annum, calculated using the simple interest method, be applied for instalments past the due date, or where the instalment option is not in place, 35 days after the date of issue of the rate notice;
12. That late payment interest on outstanding sundry debtor accounts be set at 6.5% per annum, calculated using the simple interest method, be applied for outstanding sundry debtors past the due date, 30 days after the date of issue of the invoice.

Financial Management

13. That Council confirms the names and purposes of the Reserve Accounts contained within the 2026/2027 Annual Budget.

14. That the materiality threshold for monthly financial reporting be set at plus or minus 5% and greater than $10,000 at Program and Category level.

Elected Member Fees and Allowances

15. That elected member meeting fees and annual allowances be set as follows:

- Elected Members – **$244** per Committee meeting.
- Elected Members – **$244** per Council Prescribed meeting.
- Elected Members – **$481** per Ordinary Council meeting.

- Independent Elected Members – **$450** per Independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting.
- Shire President – **$735** per Ordinary Council meeting.
- Shire President's annual allowance – **$42,837**.
- Deputy Shire President's annual allowance – **$10,709** (up to 25% of the annual allowance payable to the Mayor or President under section 5.98(5) of the Local Government *Act 1995*.

Fees and Charges

16. Pursuant to section 6.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2026/2027 financial year as attached.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY: 4/3

For: Crs Seymour, Hamilton, Gilbert and Phillips.
Against: Crs Dugan, Clydesdale-Gebert and James.

7. New Business of an Urgent Nature Introduced by Decision of Council

Nil.

8. Matters for Which the Meeting May Be Closed

Nil.

9. Closure of Meeting

The Presiding Member thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 6.40pm.

Confirmed at Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 August 2026.

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Presiding Member