



# **Minutes**

**Ordinary Council Meeting**

**Thursday 26 February 2026 at 5.30pm**

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Minutes of Shire of Murray Ordinary Council Meeting held at the Murray Shire Council, 1915 Pinjarra Road, Pinjarra on Thursday, 26 February 2026

## **1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Presiding Member, President D McLarty declared the meeting open the time being **5.30pm**.

The Shire of Murray's Ordinary Council Meeting is being live streamed and recorded on the Shire's website in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*. Members of the public attending this meeting, consent to the possibility that their image and voice maybe captured on the recording and livestreaming. Statements or decisions made at this meeting should not be relied or acted on by an applicant or any other person until they have received written notification from the Shire of Murray.

## **2 ATTENDANCES/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **PRESENT**

President Douglas McLarty, Cr Geoff Black, Cr Stuart Kirkham, Cr Steve Lee, Cr Ange Rogers (Deputy President), Cr Stewart Carter, Cr Nicole Willis, Cr Rob Cashman

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Dean Unsworth (Chief Executive Officer), Alan Smith (Director Infrastructure Services), Rod Peake (Director Planning and Sustainability), Tracie Unsworth (Director Corporate Services), Krystal Dawe (Director Community and Economic Development), Belinda Brown (Minute Taker)

There were two (2) members of the public and five (5) members of staff in attendance at this time.

### **APOLOGIES**

Cr Prue George

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

## **3 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil.

## **4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

### **Ms Kristy Nichols – Ravenswood – not present at the meeting**

Question read by the Shire President Douglas McLarty:

I am a resident of Ravenswood and I writing to request/ask that council reconsider its position on the development of a footpath/cycle path connecting Ravenswood to its neighbouring centre of Pinjarra.

I raise this as an equity and inclusion issue. This week, I saw an elderly gentleman using a mobility scooter on the shoulder of the busy Pinjarra Road, heading in the direction of Pinjarra just past Murray Bend. Indeed, my husband has a disability and his access from Ravenswood to either Mandurah or Pinjarra is very limited by the lack of footpaths in either direction.

Ravenswood is a rapidly growing development, with a boost in rates to be subsequently incoming to the Shire of Murray. I suggest it is therefore viable for council to direct some of this revenue to a plan for the 'incremental' development of pathways along the stretch of road (at least) in the direction of Pinjarra (if not Mandurah). Demand for this access will only be increasing as

Ravenswood grows and council is in a position to support a newly emerging community with (at least a plan for gradual building of) this fundamental infrastructure.

Answer: Shire President Douglas McLarty

The Shire of Murray is very aware of the importance of this pathway. Future development between Pinjarra and Ravenswood will enable a shared path network along Pinjarra Road to be accommodated and ultimately located within the adjacent private land, an additional shared path is also being planned along the Murray River Foreshore to provide a more interactive and community focused network.

This important project has been somewhat problematic to progress in recent times due to a lack of support from a landowner who is objecting to this proposal.

Major shared paths are reliant on various Agencies and development progression to evolve. The Shire of Murray will continue to work towards a positive outcome for shared paths.

## **5 PETITIONS AND APPROVED DEPUTATIONS**

Nil.

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **6.1 Ordinary Council Meeting – 18 December 2025**

**Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/001**

**Moved: Cr A Rogers**

**Seconded: Cr S Lee**

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 18 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Rob Cashman**

**Against: Nil.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0**

### **6.2 Special Council Meeting - 22 January 2026**

**Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/002**

**Moved: Cr S Kirkham**

**Seconded: Cr G Black**

**That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday 22 January 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Rob Cashman**

**Against: Nil.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0**

### 6.3 Annual Electors Meeting - 29 January 2026

#### Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/003

**Moved: Cr S Carter**

**Seconded: Cr R Cashman**

**That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on Thursday 29 January 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Rob Cashman**

**Against: Nil.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0**

## 7 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER

### Cr Douglas McLarty, Shire President

On 19 December the CEO and I attended the quarterly Peel Regional Alliance Forum meeting which was held via teams.

On 10 January I attended along with the Shire President and fellow Councillors the 'Murray Library Community Event' held at the Murray Library.

On 13 January the Deputy Shire President, Shire Officers and I took part in a Metro Outer Development Assessment Panel meeting which was held via teams.

On 15 January the CEO and I held a meeting with Members of the Bendigo Community Bank Board to discuss upcoming projects.

On 16 January the CEO and I hosted a meeting with the Member for Murray Wellington David Bolt MLA and the Shadow Minister for Transport Steve Martin to discuss multiple projects in Murray.

On 22 January the CEO, fellow Councillors and I attended a site tour of the Pinjarra Alumina Refinery. In the evening, I presided over the Special Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers.

On 23 January the CEO and I held our bi-monthly meeting with the Member for Murray Wellington Mr David Bolt MLA, which was held at the Shire Administration Building.

On 26 January I attended along with the Deputy Shire President and fellow Councillors the Annual Australia Day Breakfast at the Edenvale Heritage Precinct. At this event the Shire of Murray welcomed 33 New Citizens to the region and awarded 4 Individuals and Groups as part of the 2026 Citizen of the Years Awards.

On 29 January the Deputy Shire President, fellow Councillors, Shire Officers and I attended a workshop in the Council Chambers to discuss the Shire of Murray's Strategic Priorities over the upcoming years. In the evening I presided over the Annual Electors meeting in the Council Chambers.

On 12 February the Deputy Shire President, fellow Councillors, Shire Officers and I attended the monthly Councillor Briefing session which was held at the South Yunderup Recreation Club. During this session 'Cuppa with Council' was held with approximately 30 residents in attendance.

On 14 February I attended the Annual Magic Millions WA Ladies Race Day Luncheon at the Pinjarra Race Club.

On 17 February the Deputy Shire President, fellow Councillors, CEO and I attended Parliament House in Perth after an invite from the Member for Murray Wellington Mr David Bolt MLA (former Shire President) to attend a lunch and the afternoon sitting of Parliament.

On 18 February the CEO and I attended hosted a site visit at the Food Innovation Precinct for the Peel Development Commission as part of their regular board meeting. Later in the afternoon the CEO and I attended the Signing Ceremony between the Australia Agritech and Winjan Aboriginal Corporation.

On 19 February the Deputy Shire President and I attended the quarterly Peel Regional Alliance Meeting and the Peel Country Zone Meeting, both were held at the City of Mandurah.

On 21 February I attended the North Yunderup Community Association Annual General Meeting which was held in North Yunderup.

On 24 February the Shire President and I welcomed 11 new Citizens to the Shire of Murray at the Citizenship Ceremony which was held in the Pinjarra Lesser Hall.

On 26 February I presided over the February Ordinary Council Meeting in the Council Chambers.

## **8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY ELECTED MEMBERS**

### **Cr Ange Rogers, Deputy Shire President**

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**9 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (BY PRESIDING MEMBER)**

Nil.

**10 RECEPTION OF MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES HELD SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Nil.

**REPORTS OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND OFFICERS**

**11 PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Nil.

## 12 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### 12.1 Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds - December 2025 and January 2026

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| File Ref:                | D26/4452  |
| Previous Items:          | Nil.  |
| Applicant:               | Nil.  |
| Author and Title:        | Nathan Gilfellon, Manager Finance   |
| Declaration of Interest: | Nil.  |
| Voting Requirements:     | Simple Majority   |
| Appendices:              | Item 12.1 Appendix 1 - List of Accounts Paid in December 2025 to be Received<br>Item 12.1 Appendix 2 - List of Accounts Paid in January 2026 to be Received |

#### Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/004

**Moved: Cr G Black**

**Seconded: Cr A Rogers**

**That Council receives the Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds Report December 2025 and January 2026 as presented.**

**In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Rob Cashman**

**Against: Nil.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0**

#### **In Brief**

This report of payments made from the Shire's Municipal and Trust bank accounts are presented to Council, in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

#### **Background**

Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* requires that:

- 1) If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared:
  - a) the payee's name; and
  - b) the amount of the payment; and
  - c) the date of the payment; and
  - d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.
- 2) A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing:
  - a) for each account which requires council authorisation in that month:
    - (i) the payee's name; and
    - (ii) the amount of the payment; and
    - (iii) sufficient information to identify the transaction; and
  - b) the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.
- 3) A list prepared under sub regulation (1) or (2) is to be:

- a) presented to the Council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
- b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

**Report Detail**

Council has delegated to the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of its power to make payments from the Shire’s Municipal and Trust Funds and, as required, a list of accounts paid by the Chief Executive Officer is provided to Council.

The report contains the list of payments made from the Shire of Murray’s Municipal and Trust bank accounts for the months of December 2025 and January 2026.

This list includes details for each payment made, incorporating:

- The payees name
- The description of the payment
- A certificate signed by the Chief Executive Officer, stating that all invoices and vouchers presented to Council have been certified as to the receipt of goods and the rendition of services and as to prices, computations and costing and that the amounts shown were due for payment.

Invoices supporting all payments are available for the inspection of Council.

**Council Plan**

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>Focus Area</b> | Performance  |
| <b>Outcome 14</b> | Capable and accountable leadership and governance. |

**Other Strategic Links**

Nil.

**Statutory Environment**

Section 6.4(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires the Shire of Murray to prepare financial reports as prescribed.

Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* governs the requirement to provide to Council a detailed listing of all payments made from the Municipal and Trust bank accounts and outlines the form, content and timing of this report.

**Sustainability & Risk Considerations**

*Economic - (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)*

Nil.

*Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)*

Nil.

*Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)*

Nil.

*Policy Implications*

Nil.

## Risk Management Implications

| <i>Risk Level</i> | <i>Comment</i>   |
|-------------------|--|
| Low               | Failure to present a detailed listing of payments made from the Shire bank accounts in the prescribed form would result in non-compliance with the <i>Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i> . |

**Consultation**

Nil.

**Resource Implications***Financial*

Nil.

*Workforce*

Nil.

**Options**

1. Receiving the Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds report for December 2025 and January 2026.
2. Not receiving the Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds report for December 2025 and January 2026.

**Conclusion**

The Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds reports have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and are presented to Council for information. All accounts are for goods and services that have been duly incurred and authorised for payment in accordance with the budget allocation and statutory obligations.

**12.2 Monthly Financial Report - December 2025 and January 2026**

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| File Ref:                | D26/4458  |
| Previous Items:          | Nil.  |
| Applicant:               | Nil.  |
| Author and Title:        | Nathan Gilfellon, Manager Finance   |
| Declaration of Interest: | Nil.  |
| Voting Requirements:     | Simple Majority   |
| Appendices:              | Item 12.2 Appendix 1 - Monthly Financial Report December 2025<br>Item 12.2 Appendix 2 - Monthly Financial Report January 2026 |

**Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/005****Moved: Cr S Lee****Seconded: Cr N Willis**

**That Council receives the December 2025 and January 2026 Monthly Financial Report as presented at Appendix 1 & 2.**

**In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Rob Cashman**

**Against: Nil.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0**

**In Brief**

The monthly financial report is presented to Council to outline the Shire of Murray's financial position as at the reporting date, in line with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

**Background**

The *Local Government Act 1995* in conjunction with regulation 34(1) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* requires a monthly Statement of Financial Activity to be presented to Council. This statement is to include:

- Annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c) of the *Local Government Act 1995*;
- Budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates;
- Actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which these statements relate;
- The material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and
- The net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.

Regulation 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* is now in place which requires a Statement of Financial Position.

**Report Detail**

The monthly financial reports for December 2025 and January 2026 identify the financial position of Council as at the reporting date and consist of:

- Statement of Financial Activity
- Statement of Financial Position
- Notes to Statement of Financial Activity

- Basis of Preparation
- Statement of Financial Activity Information
- Significant Accounting Policies
- Net Current Funding Position
- Explanation of Variances
- Key Information
- Cash and Financial Assets
- Reserves
- Capital Acquisitions
- Receivables
- Disposal of Assets
- Borrowings
- Lease Liabilities
- Grants and Contributions
- Capital Grants and Contributions
- Trust Fund
- Budget Amendments

**Council Plan**

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>Focus Area</b>      | Performance  |
| <b>Outcome 14</b>      | Capable and accountable leadership and governance.   |
| <b>Objectives 14.1</b> | Establish a strong corporate governance framework to ensure high standards of integrity, ethics, and accountability. |

**Other Strategic Links**

Shire of Murray 2025/2026 Annual Budget.

**Statutory Environment**

Section 6.4(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires the Shire of Murray to prepare financial reports as prescribed.

Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* outlines the form, content and timing of the monthly financial reports prepared for presentation to Council.

Regulation 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* adds a requirement to include a Statement of Financial Position.

**Sustainability & Risk Considerations**

*Economic - (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)*

Timely submission of detailed monthly financial reports allows Council to monitor the financial performance of the Shire and review any adverse financial trends that may impact on the Shire’s financial sustainability.

*Social - (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)*

Nil.

*Environment – (Impact on environment's sustainability)*

Nil.

*Policy Implications*

Nil.

*Risk Management Implications*

| <i>Risk Level</i> | <i>Comment</i>   |
|-------------------|--|
| Moderate          | Failure to monitor the Shire's ongoing financial performance would increase the risk of a negative impact on the Shire's financial position. |
| Low               | Non-compliance may result in a breach of legislative requirements.   |

**Consultation**

Nil.

**Resource Implications***Financial*

Nil.

*Workforce*

Nil.

**Options**

1. Receiving the monthly financial report for December 2025 and January 2026.
2. Not receiving the monthly financial report for December 2025 and January 2026.

**Conclusion**

The monthly financial statement has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

### 12.3 Change of Date - June Ordinary Council Meeting

File Ref: D26/7521  
Previous Items: OCM24/134 Item 12.1  
OCM25/059 Item 12.3  
Applicant: Nil.  
Author and Title: Belinda Brown, Executive Services Coordinator  
Declaration of Interest: Nil.  
Voting Requirements: Simple Majority  
Appendices: Nil.

#### Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/006

**Moved: Cr G Black**

**Seconded: Cr S Carter**

**That Council changes the date of the June Ordinary Council Meeting from Thursday 25 June 2026 to Thursday 18 June 2026, with the meeting to be held at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers.**

**In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Rob Cashman**

**Against: Nil.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0**

#### In Brief

Council is requested to consider changing the date of the June Ordinary Council Meeting.

#### Background

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 27 November 2025, Council resolved the dates of the Ordinary Council Meetings for 2026 including the June meeting scheduled for 25 June 2026 at 5.30pm.

#### Report Detail

In June 2026, the National General Assembly for Local Government (**NGA**) will be held from 23 June to 25 June 2026, and the Shire President, Deputy Shire President and Chief Executive Officer will attend to represent the Shire of Murray.

The NGA is the premier national gathering of Local Governments, and provides councils with the opportunity to come together, share ideas, debate motions, and importantly unite and build on the relationship between local government and the Australian Government. Since 1994, council leaders have converged in Canberra for the NGA to advocate for better funding, policy reform and effective partnerships.

The national event regularly attracts more than 1000 delegates from around Australia and overseas, and provides an exciting opportunity for Mayors, Shire Presidents and Councillors to come together, network and consider big issues for communities.

As well as attendance at the conference, it is a chance to engage 1 on 1 via arranged meetings with Federal Ministers and Shadow Ministers.

Council is requested to consider bringing forward the scheduled June Ordinary Council Meeting from 25 June 2026 to Thursday 18 June 2026 to enable the Shire President, Deputy Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to attend the June Ordinary Council Meeting. If supported, the change of date will be published on the Shire's website in accordance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* after the change is made.

**Council Plan**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| <b>Focus Area</b> | Performance   |
| <b>Outcome</b>    | Capable and accountable leadership and governance.  |
| <b>Objectives</b> | Establish a strong corporate governance framework to ensure high standards of integrity, ethics and accountability. |

**Other Strategic Links**

Nil.

**Statutory Environment**

The *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* provides for the process to be followed in publishing meeting details.

**12. Publication of meeting details (Act s. 5.25(1)(g))**

(1) *In this regulation –*

*meeting details, for a meeting, means the date and time when, and the place where, the meeting is to be held.*

(2) *The CEO must publish on the local government’s official website the meeting details for the following meetings before the beginning of the year in which the meeting are to be held –*

*(a) ordinary council meetings;*

*(b) committee meeting that are required under the Act to be open to members of the public or that are proposed to be open to members of the public.*

(3) *Any change to the meeting details for a meeting referred to in subregulation (2) must be published on the local government’s official website as soon as practicable after the change is made.*

**Sustainability & Risk Considerations**

*Economic - (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)*

Nil.

*Social – (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)*

Nil.

*Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)*

Nil.

*Policy Implications*

Nil.

*Risk Management Implications*

| <i>Risk Level</i> | <i>Comment</i>  |
|-------------------|---|
| Low               | With adequate time provided to publish the change of date, any risk is minimised. |

**Consultation**

Nil.

**Resource Implications***Financial*

Nil.

*Workforce*

Nil.

**Options**

1. Change the date of the June Ordinary Council meeting as recommended to 18 June 2026.
2. Not change the date of the June Ordinary Council Meeting, leaving the meeting to be held on 25 June 2026.

**Conclusion**

It is recommended to change the date of the June Ordinary Council Meeting to enable the Shire President, Deputy Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to attend the meeting and fulfil their respective roles of providing leadership and advice to the Council.

**13 RECREATION, ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Nil.

## 14 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### 14.1 Proposed Closure of a Portion of an Unmade Road Reserve, Days Road, Inglehope

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| File Ref:                | D25/41261  |
| Previous Items:          | OCM 23 Apr 25 Item 14.2 OCM25/045                        |
| Applicant:               | Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions |
| Author and Title:        | Sarah Garbin, Executive Support Infrastructure Services  |
| Declaration of Interest: | Nil.   |
| Voting Requirements:     | Simple Majority  |
| Appendices:              | Nil.   |

#### Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/007

**Moved: Cr S Kirkham**

**Seconded: Cr A Rogers**

**That Council:**

1. **Acknowledges the submissions received during the public consultation period.**
2. **Requests the Minister for Lands to have the unmade road reserve at Days Road, Inglehope closed and amalgamated into adjoining properties; and**
3. **Indemnifies the Minister for Lands against any costs associated with the road closure.**

**In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Rob Cashman**

**Against: Nil.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0**

#### **In Brief**

The Shire of Murray received correspondence from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (**DBCA**) who are engaging with two landowners within the Shire of Murray who seek to address the historical encroachment of their properties into the adjacent Dwellingup State Forest.

Formal public consultation has been undertaken with no objections received.

#### **Background**

A request was received from DBCA who are engaging with two landowners within the Shire of Murray. The properties of Lot 1279 on Plan 144532 and Lot 1273 on Plan 143897 seek to address the historical encroachment of their properties into the adjacent Dwellingup State Forest SF 14 to the north. DBCA's initial assessment has revealed that both properties have also encroached into the unmade road reserve of their southern boundary.

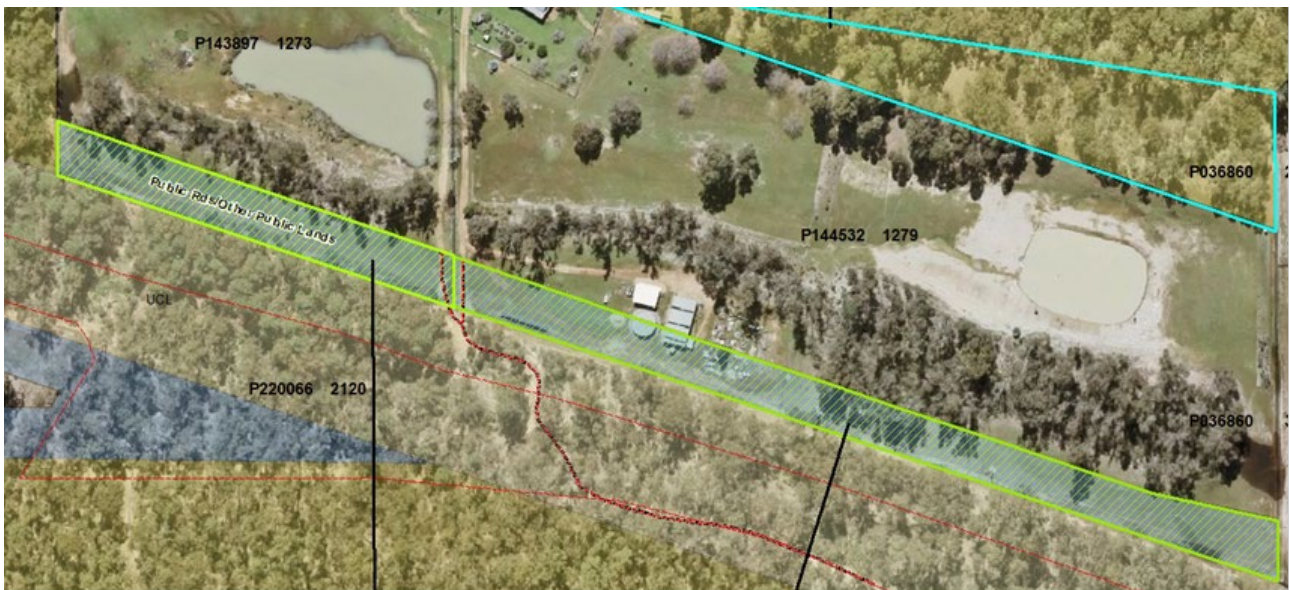
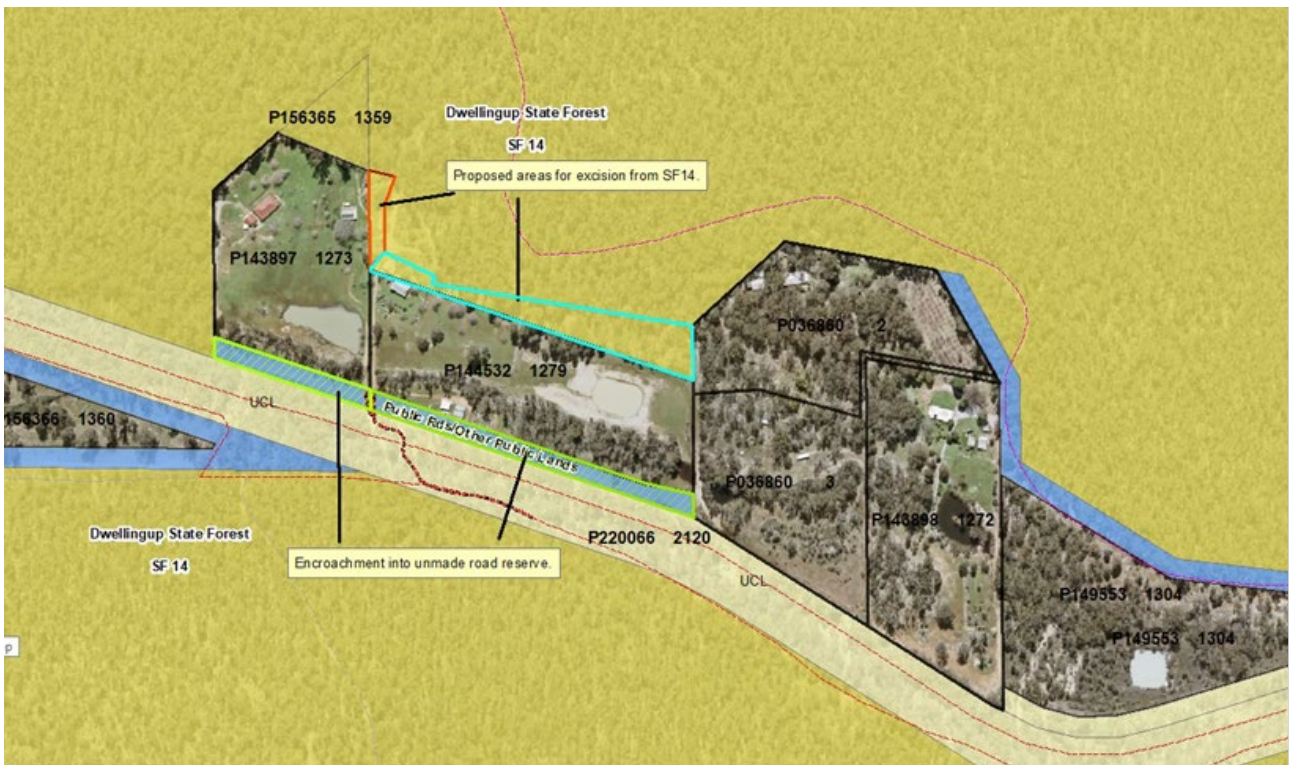
Following the request to close a portion of the unmade road reserve, a report was presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 23 April 2025 with Council approval to advertise the closure including writing to surrounding landowners and engaging with service authorities for comment.

#### **Report Detail**

The proposed closure was advertised for public submissions from 1 October 2025 to 7 November 2025. At the closing of the public submission period, one community submission was received along with all utility service providers confirming they had no objections to the closure. Please refer to Consultation within this report.

The map below illustrates the areas of encroachment into the road reserve. It appears that the road reserve is a remnant of a larger reserve, as it terminates at the end of these two lots. The map shows

that the boundaries of the two properties to the southeast of Lot 1273 and Lot 1279 align with the southern boundary of this reserve.



**Council Plan**

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>Focus Area</b>      | Place   |
| <b>Outcome 10</b>      | It is easy to move around the Shire safely and sustainably. |
| <b>Objectives 10.1</b> | Improve the local road network.                             |

**Other Strategic Links**

Nil.

**Statutory Environment***Land Administration Act 1997 Section 58 (1)**Land Administration Regulations 1998 Reg 9***Sustainability & Risk Considerations***Economic – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)*

Nil.

*Social – (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)*

Nil.

*Environment – (Impact on environment's sustainability)*

Nil.

*Policy Implications*

Nil.

*Risk Management Implications*

| <i>Risk Level</i> | <i>Comment</i>  |
|-------------------|---|
| Low               | The proposed closure of an unmade road reserve has been advertised and comment sought from service authorities with no objections received. |

**Consultation**

The advertisement of the proposed closure was advertised in the following ways:

- Shire of Murray website.
- Public notice via Mandurah Times Newspaper.
- Public utility service providers.
- Public Notice available for viewing at the Shire of Murray Administration Office and the Murray Library.

The table below is a record of all submissions received during the public consultation period, with no objections received.

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Submitter</b>  | <b>Summary of Submission</b> | <b>Comment</b> |
|------------|---|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1          | Resident within Inglehope                                 | No objection                 | Noted          |
| 2          | Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage                | No objection                 | Noted          |
| 3          | Australian Gas Infrastructure Group                       | No objection                 | Noted          |
| 4          | Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development | No objection                 | Noted          |
| 5          | Water Corporation   | No objection                 | Noted          |
| 6          | Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions  | No objection                 | Noted          |
| 7          | Western Power   | No objection                 | Noted          |
| 8          | Telstra   | No objection                 | Noted          |

## **Resource Implications**

### *Financial*

Nil.

### *Workforce*

To be managed within existing resources.

## **Options**

1. Support the closure of the unmade road reserve.
2. Not supporting the closure of the unmade road reserve.

## **Conclusion**

The submissions received raised no objections to the closure and it is therefore recommended that Council formally request the Minister for Lands to close the unmade road reserve.

**14.2 Proposed Closure of a Portion of Unmade Road Reserve Between Lot 201 (8) and Lot 400 (10) Henry Street, Pinjarra**

File Ref: D26/800  
Previous Items: OCM 27 Nov 25 Item 14.2  
Applicant: Nil.  
Author and Title: Alan Smith, Director Infrastructure Services  
Declaration of Interest: Nil.  
Voting Requirements: Simple Majority  
Appendices: Nil.

**Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/008****Moved: Cr N Willis****Seconded: Cr G Black****That Council:**

- 1. Acknowledges the submissions received during the public consultation period.**
- 2. Requests the Minister for Lands to have the unmade road reserve at Henry Street, Pinjarra closed and amalgamated within the existing Reserve 53244.**
- 3. Indemnifies the Minister for Lands against any costs associated with the road closure.**

**In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Rob Cashman**

**Against: Nil.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0****In Brief**

The Shire of Murray are progressing with a consolidated masterplan for the Edenvale and Glebe Land areas. Part of the consolidated masterplan incorporates new toilet facilities, new path networks and lighting. A new sewer connection and internal sewer network is required to align with the proposed new toilets.

Discussion has been undertaken with Water Corporation and Consulting Engineers to progress the sewer connection. To enable a formal sewer connection to service the Glebe Land area (Reserve 53244) the closure of the unmade road reserve is proposed to be amalgamated in the existing Reserve 53244.

Should the closure of the road reserve not progress, the proposed sewer connection and the internal sewer works for the new toilet block would not be able to progress. The closure of the road reserve will align to a greater masterplan vision for the site.

Formal public consultation has been undertaken with no objections received.

**Background**

To increase activation of the Glebe Land (Reserve 53244) it was proposed to place a new toilet block, path networks and lighting., through the Shire of Murray Advocacy Strategy funding has been received through the State Government to enable these works to progress.

Investigation through the Water Corporation highlighted the complexities around servicing the new toilet block with a sewer connection. It was proposed to align to a sewer connection point only to the site as this would enable a design to align to the existing sewer network. The closure of the unmade road reserve is pivotal to this design approach as a sewer link between the proposed toilet block and sewer connection point would need to be managed within a common Managed Reserve.

A report was presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 27 November 2025 with Council approval to advertise the closure including engaging with service authorities for comment.

**Report Detail**

The proposed closure was advertised for public submissions from 10 December 2025 to 19 January 2026. At the closing of the public submission period all utility service providers responded confirming they had no objections to the closure.

As part of the continued improvements to the Heritage Precinct the consolidation of the Edenvale and Glebe land areas into one masterplan was important. This would provide a vision for the consolidated area while also informing the State funded works that involve a new toilet block, path network and lighting.

Very early in the project it was highlighted the difficulties is servicing this area with sewer, therefore a simplistic approach to a sewer connection location was proposed. Any internal services (toilet blocks etc.) within the Glebe managed land could then be linked to the sewer connection point. To enable this link to eventuate the closure of the unmade road reserve was warranted. This would essentially expand the managed land area and provide the opportunities to locate internal sewer networks, that in turn align to the formal sewer connection.



**Council Plan**

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Focus Area</b>     | Place   |
| <b>Outcome 8</b>      | Out towns offer vibrant and attractive spaces, with retained rural charm. |
| <b>Objectives 8.1</b> | Revitalise Pinjarra Town Centre.  |

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Actions 8.1.1</b>  | Undertake detailed design of Henry Street consistent with the Edenvale Heritage Precinct Landscape Masterplan. |
| <b>Outcome 9</b>      | Built heritage is respected and celebrated.  |
| <b>Objectives 9.2</b> | Enhance Edenvale Heritage Precinct.  |
| <b>Actions 9.2.3</b>  | Remove existing garden beds and install formal and informal gardens along George Street frontage of Edenvale.  |
| <b>Actions 9.2.4</b>  | Improve the landscape to Edenvale within the Murray River carpark.   |
| <b>Outcome 9</b>      | Built heritage is respected and celebrated.  |
| <b>Objectives 9.3</b> | Enhance Glebe Land Heritage.   |
| <b>Actions 9.3.1</b>  | Design and construct a new toilet facility to service St John’s Church / Glebe Land Precinct.                  |

**Other Strategic Links**

Nil.

**Statutory Environment**

*Land Administration Act 1997 Section 58 (1)*

*Land Administration Regulations 1998 Reg 9*

**Sustainability & Risk Considerations**

*Economic – (Impact on the Economy of the Shire and Region)*

Nil.

*Social – (Quality of life to community and/or affected landowners)*

Nil.

*Environment – (Impact on environment’s sustainability)*

Nil.

*Policy Implications*

Nil.

*Risk Management Implications*

| <i>Risk Level</i> | <i>Comment</i>  |
|-------------------|---|
| Low               | The proposed closure of an unmade road reserve has been advertised and comment sought from service authorities with no objections received. |

**Consultation**

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The table below is a record of all submissions received during the public consultation period, with no objections received.

| No. | Submitter   | Summary of Submission | Comment |
|-----|---|-----------------------|---------|
| 1   | Western Power   | No objection          | Noted   |
| 2   | Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage                | No objection          | Noted   |
| 3   | Australian Gas Infrastructure Group                       | No objection          | Noted   |
| 4   | Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development | No objection          | Noted   |
| 5   | Water Corporation   | No objection          | Noted   |
| 6   | Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions  | No objection          | Noted   |
| 7   | Telstra   | No response received  |         |

### Resource Implications

#### *Financial*

Any costs associated with the closure of the road reserve can be accommodated within the budget allocated to the project for the Glebe Land.

#### *Workforce*

Nil.

### Options

1. Support the closure of the unmade road reserve.
2. Not supporting the closure of the unmade road reserve.

### Conclusion

The submissions received raised no objections to the closure and it is therefore recommended that Council formally request for the Minister for Lands to close the unmade road reserve.

**15 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**15.1 Delegated Development Application Decisions - December 2025 and January 2026**

File Ref: D26/1563

Author and Title: Michelle Meads, Executive Assistant to Director Planning and Sustainability

Appendices: Item 15.1 Appendix 1 - Delegated Decisions Report for December 2025 and January 2026

**In Brief**

The Delegated Development Application Decisions for December 2025 and January 2026 are attached for information.

**15.2 Outstanding Council Resolutions February 2026**

File Ref: D26/3050

Author and Title: Belinda Brown, Executive Services Coordinator

Appendices: Item 15.2 Appendix 1 - Outstanding Council Resolutions February 2026

**In Brief**

The Outstanding Council Resolution Register for February 2026 is attached for information.

**16 BUSINESS LEFT OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Nil.

**17 ELECTED MEMBERS' MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil.

**18 NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING**

Nil.

**19 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION OF THE MEETING**

Nil.

**20 MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC (CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS)****Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/009****Moved: Cr A Rogers****Seconded: Cr S Kirkham**

**That Council proceeds behind closed doors the time being 5.44pm as per Section 5.23(4)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995* for the purpose of considering the following confidential item/s:**

**In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Rob Cashman**

**Against: Nil.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0****20.1 Rivers Regional Subsidiary - Waste to Energy Contract Amendment No 3**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 5.23(4)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it contains legal advice, or other information, over which the Shire of Murray holds legal professional privilege.

**Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/010****Moved: Cr S Lee****Seconded: Cr N Willis****RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council advises Rivers Regional Subsidiary that the Deed of Variation No. 3 for the Kwinana Waste to Energy Waste Supply Agreement is acceptable and authorise the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to execute the Agreement in accordance with Policy G1 – Execution of Documents.**

**In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Rob Cashman**

**Against: Nil.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0****Recommendation/Council Decision OCM26/011****Moved: Cr A Rogers****Seconded: Cr S Lee**

**That Council proceeds with open doors the time being 5.49pm.**

**In Favour: President Douglas McLarty, Crs Geoff Black, Stuart Kirkham, Steve Lee, Ange Rogers, Stewart Carter, Nicole Willis and Rob Cashman**

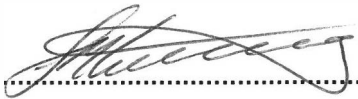
**Against: Nil.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8:0**

**21 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

**There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed the time being 5.50pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 March 2026.**



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**PRESIDING MEMBER**