MINUTES

of

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

pursuant to the provisions of section 91 of the

Local Government Act 1999

held at

KAROONDA EAST MURRAY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

11 RAILWAY TERRACE KAROONDA

on

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2026 AT 7:30PM

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MINUTES
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2026

1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 7:31pm.

2. PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

All mighty God we call upon you to grant your blessings upon this Council. Direct and guide its deliberations to the advancement of your glory and for the true wellbeing of the people of our area. AMEN.

We acknowledge that the land we meet upon today is the traditional lands of the Ngarkat People, who are part of the First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee Region. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual and cultural connection to Country.

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3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 PRESENT

Mayor Caroline Phillips
Cr Hannah Loller
Cr Gerry Paay
Cr Greg Turner
Cr Darren Zadow

Staff in Attendance

ICEO Bridget Mather
ESO Lexie O'Loughlin

3.2 APOLOGIES

Cr Russell Norman
Cr Simon Martin

3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item No & Title	18.7 Wynarka & District Recreation Committee AGM Minutes
Elected Member Name	Mayor Caroline Phillips

Nature of Interest	Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* – General Conflict of Interest – on the basis that Mayor Phillips is a lessee with the Wynarka & District Recreation Committee.
The manner in which conflict will be dealt with	Mayor Phillips advised that she will remain in the room and participate in the discussion as no decision was being made.

Item No & Title	20.2 Waste and Recycling Collection Services Contract
Elected Member Name	Cr Greg Turner
Nature of Interest	Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* – Material Conflict of Interest – on the basis that Cr Turner is the current Waste and Recycling Contract holder with the Council.
The manner in which conflict will be dealt with	Cr Turner advised that he would leave the room and not participate in the discussion or vote.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

Moved Cr Zadow

CNC152/10/26

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 15 September 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Seconded Cr Turner ***CARRIED***

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6 BUSINESS ADJOURNED

Nil.

7 PETITIONS

Nil.

8 DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

9 PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

11 MAYOR'S DIARY

Moved Cr Loller

CNC153/10/26

That with the inclusion of the ABC Broken Hill Interview on 20 October 2026, Council receive and note the report titled 'Mayor's Diary' and dated 20 October 2026 for the period between 16 September 2026 and 20 October 2026.

Seconded Cr Paay ***CARRIED***

12 ELECTED MEMBER UPDATES

Cr Zadow

24 September 2026	CEO Interviews
20 October 2026	Information / Briefing Session
20 October 2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Cr Loller

24 September 2026	CEO Interviews
13 October 2026	Meeting with ICEO Bridget Mather
20 October 2026	Information / Briefing Session
20 October 2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Cr Turner

24 September 2026	CEO Interviews
20 October 2026	Information / Briefing Session
20 October 2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Cr Paay

24 September 2026	CEO Interviews
20 October 2026	Information / Briefing Session
20 October 2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council

Moved Cr Loller

CNC154/10/26

That Council receives and notes the Elected Members' Reports.

Seconded Cr Turner ***CARRIED***

NOT YET CONFIRMED

13 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

14 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

15 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

16 MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

17 ITEMS FOR DECISION

17.1 ELECTED MEMBER RECORD MANAGEMENT POLICY

Moved Cr Loller

CNC155/10/26

1. *That Council receive and note the report titled 'Elected Member Records Management Policy' and dated 20 October 2026.*

2. *That Council adopts the Elected Member Records Management Policy, as attached, and places on the Council website.*

Seconded Cr Paay ***CARRIED***

17.2 ROADS AND PLACE NAMING POLICY

Moved Cr Loller

CNC156/10/26

1. *That Council receive and note the report titled 'Roads and Place Naming Policy' and dated 20 October 2026.*

2. *That Council release the Roads and Place Naming Policy, appearing as Attachment A to this report, to public consultation for a period of not less than 21-days.*

3. *That the Interim Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any administrative amendments to the Roads and Place Naming Policy prior to releasing it to public consultation.*

4. *That the following conclusion of the public consultation a subsequent report including any community feedback be returned to Council for consideration prior to adoption of Roads and Place Naming Policy.*

Seconded Cr Zadow ***CARRIED***

NOT YET CONFIRMED

17.3 CARETAKER POLICY REVIEW

Moved Cr Loller

CNC157/10/26

1. *That Council receive and note the report titled 'Caretaker Policy Review' and dated 20 October 2026.*

2. *That Council note the changes to the Caretaker Policy that aligns with the LGA recommendations for the upcoming Local Government Elections.*

3. *That Council resolves to adopt the revised Caretaker Policy, including Option A, providing for Council to hold a public meeting of candidates during local government election periods.*

4. *That the Interim Chief Executive Officer be delegated with the authority to make any necessary administrative amendments to the Caretaker Policy with the inclusion of Option A and of a minor formatting and technical nature.*

Seconded Cr Turner ***CARRIED***

17.4 REQUEST TO FLY THE PRIDE FLAG DURING PRIDEVEMBER 2026

Moved Cr Zadow

CNC158/10/26

1. *That Council receive and note the report titled 'Request to Fly the Pride Flag During Pridevember 2026' dated 20 October 2026.*

2. *That Council showcase the rainbow lights on the trees in the main street of Karoonda in recognition of Pridevember.*

3. *That Council advises administration to further investigate additional flagpoles.*

4. *Direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer be authorised to undertake all actions necessary to implement this resolution.*

Seconded Cr Turner ***CARRIED***

17.5 RURAL BUSINESS SUPPORT CHARITY BALL 2026 SPONSORSHIP APPLICANT

The Presiding Member, with consent of two-thirds of members present, suspended the meeting procedures pursuant to *Regulations 20(1) of the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013* to allow informal discussion on Item 17.5 'Rural Business Support Charity Ball 2026 Sponsorship Applicant'

Formal meeting procedures were suspended at 8:01pm for a period of 6 minutes.

Formal meeting procedures resumed at 8:06pm.

Moved Cr Loller

NOT YET CONFIRMED

CNC159/10/26

1. *That Council receive and note the report titled 'Rural Business Support Charity Ball 2026 Sponsorship Applicant' dated 20 October 2026.*

2. *That Council approve sponsorship of the Rural Business Support Charity Ball 2026 in the amount of $2000.00*

3. *That Council authorise the Interim Chief Executive Officer to execute any documentation required to facilitate the sponsorship.*

4. *That Council determine not to nominate Council representatives to attend the event.*

Seconded Cr Zadow ***CARRIED***

17.6 KAROONDA DISTRICT UPGRADES – BIKE PUMP TRACK CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Moved Cr Turner

CNC160/10/26

1. *That Council receive and note the report titled 'Karoonda District Upgrades – Bike Pump Track Concept Development and Community Consultation' dated 20 October 2026.*

2. *That Council endorses Council Administration commencing concept design and/or preliminary drawings and site investigations for a proposed bike pump track in Karoonda for the purpose of community consultation.*

3. *That Council notes that the costs associated with concept development and community consultation will be funded from the adopted 2026-27 Karoonda District Upgrades budget allocation of $100,000.*

4. *That Council requests Council Administration provide a further report to Council outlining consultation outcomes, concept plans, project costs and recommendations for consideration prior to construction commencing.*

5. *That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make minor administrative amendments to the community consultation survey and associated consultation materials as required to facilitate the consultation process.*

Seconded Cr Zadow ***CARRIED***

17.7 COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION RESULTS AND FUNDING REQUEST

Moved Cr Loller

CNC161/10/26

1. *That Council receive and note the report titled 'Community Garden Project – Community Consultation Results and Funding Request' dated 20 October 2026.*

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2. *That Council notes the outcomes of the Community Garden Consultation as detailed in Attachment A.*

3. *That Council endorses the establishment of a Community Garden within the preferred location being Pioneer Park, as identified through the consultation process.*

4. *That Council approves the allocation of funding from the Peter Deksnis Bequest for the development of Stage 1 of the Community Garden Project in the amount of $3,500.00.*

5. *That Council authorises Administration to liaise with Karoonda Area School students regarding the design and implementation of Stage 1 works within the approved budget.*

Seconded Cr Paay ***CARRIED***

17.8 ACTING CEO REQUEST – 2 NOVEMBER 2026 TO 6 NOVEMBER 2026 (INCLUSIVE)

Moved Cr Zadow

CNC162/10/26

1. *That Council receive and note the report titled 'Acting CEO Request – 2 November 2026 to 6 November 2026 (Inclusive)' dated 20 October 2026.*

2. *That Council endorse the Interim Chief Executive Officer's recommendation that Mr James McInnes, Director Assets & Infrastructure be appointed to the position of Acting Chief Executive Officer for the duration of the Interim Chief Executive Officer's absence between Monday 2 November 2026 and Friday 6 November 2026 (inclusive).*

Seconded Cr Paay ***CARRIED***

17.9 LATE ITEM – COUNCIL MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS POLICY

Moved Cr Loller

CNC163/10/26

1. *That Council adopts the Council Members' Allowances and Benefits Policy dated 20 October 2026, replacing the previous 2014 policy.*

Seconded Cr Turner ***CARRIED***

18 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

18.1 ASSETS, INFRASTRUCTURE & REGULATORY SERVICES UPDATE

Moved Cr Paay

CNC164/10/26

That Council receive and note the monthly update report titled 'Assets, Infrastructure & Regulatory Services Update' and dated 20 October 2026.

NOT YET CONFIRMED

Seconded Cr Turner ***CARRIED***

18.2 COUNCIL RESOLUTION ACTION LIST

Moved Cr Loller

CNC165/10/26

That Council receive and note the monthly update report titled 'Council Resolution Action List' and dated 20 October 2026.

Seconded Cr Turner ***CARRIED***

18.3 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Moved Cr Zadow

CNC166/10/26

That Council receive and note the report titled 'Chief Executive Officer's Report' and dated 20 October 2026.

Seconded Cr Loller ***CARRIED***

18.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Moved Cr Turner

CNC167/10/26

That Council receive and note the report titled 'Community Development Activity Report' and dated 20 October 2026.

Seconded Cr Loller ***CARRIED***

18.5 IDENTIFIED LOCAL ROAD GRANTS METHODOLOGY REVIEW – COUNCIL SUBMISSION

Moved Cr Turner

CNC168/10/26

That Council receive and note the report titled 'Identified Local Road Grants Methodology Review – Council Submission' and dated 20 October 2026.

Seconded Cr Zadow ***CARRIED***

18.6 RIVERLAND MOBILE FOOD HUB – KAROONDA SERVICE

Moved Cr Loller

CNC169/10/26

NOT YET CONFIRMED

1. *That Council receive and note the report titled 'Riverland Mobile Food Hub – Karoonda Service' and dated 20 October 2026.*

2. *That Council notes the establishment of a fortnightly Riverland Mobile Food Hub service in Karoonda to be delivered by Foodbank SA & NT from the Lifestyle Pavillion Shed commencing 28 October 2026.*

3. *That Council acknowledges the collaborative work undertaken by Council Staff and Foodbank SA & NT to facilitate the introduction of this service to the Karoonda community.*

4. *That Council notes that operational arrangements will be managed through an appropriate Memorandum of Understanding and associated approvals.*

5. *Supports the waiver of venue hire fees associated with the operation of the service in recognition of the community benefit delivered by the program.*

6. *That direct Council Administration to proactively engage with the local main street traders before commencement of the service.*

Seconded Cr Turner ***CARRIED***

18.7 WYNARKA & DISTRICT RECREATION COMMITTEE AGM MINUTES

Mayor Phillips declared **General** Conflict of Interest pursuant to section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* within Agenda Item 18.7 'Wynarka & District Recreation Committee AGM Minutes' on the basis that Mayor Phillips is a lessee with the Wynarka & District Recreation Committee. Mayor Phillips advised that she would remain in the room and participate in discussion as no decision was being made.

Moved Cr Paay

CNC170/10/26

1. *That Council receive and note the report titled 'Wynarka & District Recreation Committee AGM Minutes' and dated 20 October 2026.*

2. *That Council receive and note the Wynarka & District Recreation Committee Annual General Meeting held in 21 September 2026.*

3. *That Council continue to work collaboratively with the Wynarka & District Recreation Committee and maintain regular communication with the Committee Chairperson to support the Committee's ongoing investigation of incorporation and any governance, financial, asset management or transition matters arising from that process.*

Seconded Cr Zadow ***CARRIED***

19 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

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20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

20.1 RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Moved Cr Loller

CNC171/10/26

1. *Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 (the **Act**) the Council orders that all members of the public except the Interim Chief Executive Officer Bridget Mather, Director Assets & Infrastructure James McInnes and Executive Support Officer Lexie O'Loughlin be excluded from the attendance at the meeting for the report titled 'Recruitment and Appointment of Chief Executive Officer' and dated 20 October 2026.*

2. *The Council is satisfied that pursuant to sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a)&(h) of the Act the information to be received, discussed and considered in relation to this Agenda Item is information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of a person (living or dead).*

Seconded Cr Zadow ***CARRIED***

The meeting entered into Confidence at 8:54pm.

Moved Cr Loller

CNC172/10/26

3. *That Council receives and notes the report titled 'Recruitment and Appointment of Chief Executive Officer' and dated 20 October 2026.*

4. *That Council resolve to offer Ms Anne Champness the position of Chief Executive Officer for the District Council of Karoonda East Murray, for an employment contract period of five (5) years.*

5. *That Council delegates to Mayor Caroline Phillips, supported by the Recruitment Consultant Mr Mark McShane, to negotiate with the preferred candidate regarding the total employment package and related matters that is determined by the South Australian Remuneration Tribunal.*

6. *That Mayor Caroline Phillips is authorised, on behalf of Council, to sign the contract of employment with Ms Anne Champness.*

Seconded Cr Zadow ***CARRIED***

Moved Cr Loller

CNC173/10/26

7. *That having considered the report titled 'Recruitment and Appointment of Chief Executive Officer' dated 20 October 2026 in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a)&(h) of the Local Government Act1999 (the **Act**), the Council, pursuant to*

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section 91(7) of that Act, orders that the report and minutes be retained in confidence but upon the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer be released.

8. *That pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Act the Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to review and revoke this Confidentiality Order.*

Seconded Cr Paay ***CARRIED***

20.2 WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES CONTRACT

Cr Turner declared a **Material** Conflict of Interest pursuant to section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* within Agenda Item 20.2 'Waste and Recycling Collection Services Contract' on the basis that Cr Turner is the current Waste and Recycling Contract holder with the District Council of Karoonda East Murray. Cr Turner advised that he would leave the room and not participate in the discussion or vote.

Cr Turner left the meeting at 8:57pm.

Moved Cr Zadow

CNC174/10/26

1. *Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 (the **Act**) the Council orders that all members of the public except the Interim Chief Executive Officer Bridget Mather, Director Assets & Infrastructure James McInnes and Executive Support Officer Lexie O'Loughlin be excluded from the attendance at the meeting for the report titled 'Waste and Recycling Collection Services Contract' and dated 20 October 2026.*

2. *The Council is satisfied that pursuant to sections 90A(4) and 90(3)(b) of the Act the information to be received, discussed and considered in relation to this Agenda Item concerns information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with who Council is conducting, or proposes to conduct, business, and prejudice Council's commercial position in relation to future procurement activities.*

Seconded Cr Loller ***CARRIED***

The meeting entered into Confidence at 8:57pm.

Moved Cr Loller

CNC175/10/26 – Recommendation 1:

3. *That Council receive and note the report titled 'Waste and Recycling Collection Services Contract' and dated 20 October 2026.*

4. *That Council notes the expiry of the Waste and Recycling Collection Services Contract with GP & NJ Turner on 31 December 2025;*

5. *That Council approves the preparation and execution of a new Waste and Recycling Collection Services Contract with GP & NJ Turner for the period 1 January 2026 to 30*

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June 2027; and

6. *Pursuant to section 7 of Council's Procurement Policy, approves an exemption from the standard procurement requirements and records that:*

    6.1 continuity of an essential community service must be maintained;

    6.2 the existing contractor has continued to provide services following expiry of the previous contract;

    6.3 the arrangement is temporary in nature pending a future market testing process;

    6.4 Council intends to undertake a competitive Request for Tender process prior to expiry of the interim contract.

Seconded Cr Paay ***CARRIED***

Moved Cr Paay

CNC176/10/26 – Recommendation 2:

7. *That Council approves a 9% increases in contract rates effective from 1 January 2026, increasing the annual contract value from $106,152 to approximately $115,705 excluding GST, noting:*

    7.1 the contractor requested a 9% increase effective from 1 January 2026; and

    7.2 cumulative CPI growth between January 2023 and December 2025 was approximately 10.8%, meaning the requested increase is below cumulative inflation over the same period.

Seconded Cr Loller ***CARRIED***

Moved Cr Zadow

CNC177/10/26 – Recommendation 3:

8. *That Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to undertake a review of waste management services across the district, including:*

    - *service levels;*
    - *service coverage;*
    - *requests for expanded service delivery;*
    - *collection frequencies;*
    - *future waste management requirements;*
    - *community expectations;*

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9. *with the outcomes of that review to inform a future a Request for Tender process for waste and recycling collection services.*

Seconded Cr Paay ***CARRIED***

Moved Cr Zadow

CNC178/10/26

10. *That having considered the report titled 'Waste and Recycling Collection Services Contract' dated 20 October 2026 in confidence under sections 90(2), 90A(4) and 90(3)(b) of the Local Government Act1999 (the **Act**), the Council, pursuant to section 91(7) of that Act, orders that the report and minutes be retained in confidence until the contract has been entered into.*

11. *That pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Act the Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to review and revoke this Confidentiality Order.*

Seconded Cr Loller ***CARRIED***

Cr Turner returned to the meeting at 9:06pm.

The public were readmitted at 9:06pm.

21 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 9:08pm.

Confirmed:_____ Date:_____

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