



SHIRE OF WOODANILLING



SPECIAL MEETING
OF COUNCIL
Unconfirmed Public
Minutes
23 June 2026

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SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The President declared the meeting open at 1.43pm.

1.1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Division 6 Subdivision 1 of the *Local Government Act 1995 (Act)* requires Council Members and Employees to declare any direct or indirect financial interest or general interest in any matter listed in this Agenda.

The *Act* also requires the nature of the interest to be disclosed in writing before the meeting or immediately before the matter to be discussed.

NB: A Council member who makes a disclosure must not preside or participate in, or be present during, any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the declared matter unless the procedures set out in Sections 5.68 or 5.69 of the *Act* have been complied with.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Disclosures of Interest Affecting Impartiality are required to be declared and recorded in the minutes of a meeting. Councillors who declare such an interest are still permitted to remain in the meeting and to participate in the discussion and voting on the particular matter. This does not lessen the obligation of declaring financial interests etc. covered under the *Act*.

To help with complying with the requirements of declaring Interests Affecting Impartiality, the following statement is recommended to be announced by the person declaring such an interest and to be produced in the minutes.

"I (give circumstances of the interest being declared, e.g.: have a long standing personal friendship with the proponent). As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on this matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly".

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

Present:

Cr HR Thomson	Shire President
Cr S Vermeulen	Deputy Shire President
Cr I Garstone	
Cr R Marshall	
Cr K Stephens	
Cr M Trimming	

Officers:

Mike FitzGerald	A/Chief Executive Officer
Judy Stewart	Executive Manager Corporate Services

Apologies: Nil

Observers: Nil

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Nil

6. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SHIRE PRESIDENT AND/OR DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

8. CONFIDENTIAL OFFICER REPORTS

The Acting Chief Executive Officer declared a Financial Interest and left the meeting at 1.45pm.

8.1 RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

File Reference	ADM0118
Date of Report	23 June 2026
Responsible Officer	Mike FitzGerald, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Author/s of Report	Judy Stewart, Executive Manager Corporate Services
Disclosure of any Interest	The Acting Chief Executive Officer declared a Financial Interest in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .
Voting Requirement	Absolute Majority
Attachments	Attachment 8.1.1 – UNDER SEPARATE COVER - FitzGerald Strategies – Confidential CEO Selection Panel Report to Council regarding Recruitment and Selection of a new CEO for the Shire of Woodanilling Attachment 8.1.2 – UNDER SEPARATE COVER – Confidential Officer Recommendation Attachment 8.1.3 – UNDER SEPARATE COVER – Contract of Employment – Chief Executive Officer

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

Section under the Act	This matter is to be considered behind closed doors pursuant to s.5.23(2)(a) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> as the subject matter relates to:
Sub-clause and Reason:	“a matter affecting an employee or employees...”

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION

That, in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the meeting be closed to the public to consider a confidential matter relating to the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 8.1 – BEHIND CLOSED DOORS (SCM 552/06/2026)

Moved: Cr Marshall

Seconded: Cr Garstone

That, in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the meeting be closed to the public at 1.47pm to consider a confidential matter relating to the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Thomson, Cr Vermeulen, Cr Stephens, Cr Marshall, Cr Trimming, Cr Garstone

Against: Nil

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That, in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the meeting be re-opened to the public.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 8.1– OUT FROM BEHIND CLOSED DOORS (SCM 554/06/2026)

Moved: Cr Trimming

Seconded: Cr Vermeulen

That, in accordance with Section 5.23 (2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the meeting be re-opened to the public at 1.52pm.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Thomson, Cr Vermeulen, Cr Stephens, Cr Marshall, Cr Trimming, Cr Garstone

Against: Nil

The Acting Chief Executive Officer re-entered the meeting at 1.52pm.

The President announced that the Officer's Recommendation was carried, as follows:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 8.1– RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (SCM 553/06/2026)

Moved: Cr Marshall

Seconded: Cr Trimming

That Council endorses the appointment of a new permanent Chief Executive Officer to the Shire of Woodanilling, as per Attachment 8.1.2.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Cr Thomson, Cr Vermeulen, Cr Stephens, Cr Marshall, Cr Trimming, Cr Garstone

Against: Nil

9. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE BY PERMISSION OF THE COUNCIL

Nil

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Being no further business the President closed the meeting at 1.53pm.