



MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

21 May 2026

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Councillor L Balcombe
SHIRE PRESIDENT

Date of Confirmation: _____

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



The Shire of Gingin would like to acknowledge the Yued people who are the traditional custodians of this land. The Shire would like to pay respect to the Elders past, present and emerging of the Yued Nation and extend this respect to all Aboriginal people. The Shire also recognises the living culture of the Yued people and the unique contribution they have made to the Gingin region.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 ATTENDANCE

Councillors – L Balcombe (President/Presiding Member), F Peczka (Deputy President) (electronic attendance), C Hyne, R Kestel, L Stewart (electronic attendance), A Vis, J Weeks (electronic attendance), D Wilkie and N Woods.

Staff – J Bayliss (Acting Chief Executive Officer) and L Burt (Coordinator Governance/Minute Officer).

Gallery – There were no members of the public present in the Gallery.

2.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

2.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

3.1 Cr Stewart

Item: 18.1
Interest: Impartiality
Reason: I have lodged complaints about CEO Scott Wildgoose with external Government departments that may create the perception that I will be incapable of remaining impartial.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Nil

5 PUBLIC STATEMENT TIME

Nil

6 PETITIONS

Nil

7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER

Nil

9 UNRESOLVED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

10 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

11 REPORTS - OFFICE OF THE CEO

Nil

12 REPORTS - CORPORATE SERVICES

Nil

13 REPORTS - REGULATORY AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Nil

14 REPORTS - OPERATIONS AND ASSETS

Nil

15 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

16 COUNCILLORS' OFFICIAL REPORTS

Nil

17 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Nil

18 MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING IS TO BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

In accordance with reg. 14CA(5) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, Cr Weeks declared that he was able to maintain confidentiality while the meeting was closed to the public.

In accordance with reg. 14CA(5) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, Cr Stewart declared that he was able to maintain confidentiality while the meeting was closed to the public.

In accordance with reg. 14CA(5) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, Cr Peczka declared that he was able to maintain confidentiality while the meeting was closed to the public.

In accordance with reg. 14CA(5) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, Mr Taylor declared that he was able to maintain confidentiality while the meeting was closed to the public.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: Councillor Woods SECONDED: Councillor Vis

That Council move into a Confidential Session to discuss Item 18.1 and that Mr Brendan Taylor be permitted to remain in the meeting whilst it is closed to the public.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
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FOR: *Councillor Balcombe, Councillor Hyne, Councillor Kestel, Councillor Peczka, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Vis, Councillor Weeks, Councillor Wilkie and Councillor Woods*

AGAINST: *Nil*

The meeting closed to the public at 4:06 pm. There were no members of the public present in the Gallery. Councillors, Shire employees and Mr Brendan Taylor remained in the meeting.

18.1 EMPLOYEE MATTER

Cr Stewart disclosed an impartiality interest in relation to Item 18.1 as he has lodged complaints about CEO Scott Wildgoose with external Government departments that may create the perception that he will be incapable of remaining impartial.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: Councillor Vis SECONDED: Councillor Kestel

That Council resolve as specified in the Confidential Actions table contained in the confidential item.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED: Councillor Stewart SECONDED: Councillor Wilkie

That the matter be deferred until the June Ordinary Council Meeting, that Council continue with completion of the investigation, that Mr James Bayliss remain in the Acting position, and that Council be provided with the full report at the completion of the investigation.

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FOR: *Councillor Stewart, Councillor Weeks and Councillor Wilkie*

AGAINST: *Councillor Balcombe, Councillor Hyne, Councillor Kestel, Councillor Peczka, Councillor Vis and Councillor Woods*

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: Councillor Vis SECONDED: Councillor Kestel

That Council resolve as specified in the Confidential Actions table contained in the confidential item.

CARRIED
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FOR: *Councillor Balcombe, Councillor Hyne, Councillor Kestel, Councillor Peczka, Councillor Vis and Councillor Woods*

AGAINST: *Councillor Stewart, Councillor Weeks and Councillor Wilkie*

COUNCIL RESOLUTION/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: Councillor Kestel **SECONDED:** Councillor Woods

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
9 / 0**

FOR: *Councillor Balcombe, Councillor Hyne, Councillor Kestel, Councillor Peczka,
Councillor Stewart, Councillor Vis, Councillor Weeks, Councillor Wilkie and
Councillor Woods*

AGAINST *Nil*
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The meeting re-opened to the public at 5:14 pm. No members of the public returned to the Gallery. The Presiding Member read out Council's decision for the audio record.

19 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 5:15 pm.

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers at the Shire of Gingin Administration Centre, 7 Brockman Street, Gingin on 16 June 2026, commencing at 4:00 pm.