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COOROW**  
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## **AGENDA**

**FOR THE**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**TO BE HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 2026**

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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE

### **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

WILL BE HELD ON

**WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 2026**

**COOROW COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Mia Maxfield**

**Chief Executive Officer**

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## **Councillors Schedule for the Day**

Coorow Council Chambers

5.00pm

Ordinary Council Meeting

## **Our Guiding Values**

### **Community**

Serving our community is the guiding principle for Council.

### **Leadership**

We will provide leadership for the betterment of our community.

### **Loyalty**

Our conduct will demonstrate our commitment to our community.

### **Accountability**

We will be open, honest and responsible in the way we undertake all of our functions.

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### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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**Meeting Dates**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>
July	Coorow	5.00pm	Wednesday 16 July 2025	Ordinary
August	Leeman	5.00pm	Wednesday 20 August 2025	Ordinary
September	Warradarge	5.00pm	Tuesday 16 September 2025	Ordinary
October	Coorow	5.00pm	Wednesday 22 October 2025	Ordinary
November	Leeman	5.00pm	Wednesday 19 November 2025	Ordinary
December	Coorow	5.00pm	Wednesday 17 December 2025	Ordinary
February	Coorow	5.00pm	Wednesday 11 February 2026	Ordinary
March	Green Head	5.00pm	Wednesday 18 March 2026	Ordinary
April	Coorow	5.00pm	Wednesday 15 April 2026	Ordinary
May	Leeman	5.00pm	Wednesday 20 May 2026	Ordinary
June	Coorow	5.00pm	Wednesday 17 June 2026	Ordinary

## Notes for Elected Members

### NATURE OF COUNCIL'S ROLE IN DECISION MAKING

- Advocacy** When Council advocates on its own behalf or on behalf of its community to another level of government/body/agency.
- Executive** The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council eg adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, setting and amending budgets.
- Legislative** Includes adopting local laws, local planning schemes and policies.
- Review** When Council reviews decisions made by officers.
- Quasi-judicial** When Council determines an application/matter that directly affects a person's rights and interests. The judicial character arises from the obligation to abide by the principles of natural justice eg local planning applications, building licences, other permits/licences (eg under Health Act, Dog Act or local laws and other decisions that may be appealable to the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT)

### ALTERNATIVE MOTIONS

Councillors wishing to make alternative motions to officer recommendations are requested to provide notice of such motions in written form to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the Council meeting.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Elected Members should fill in Disclosure of Interest forms for items in which they have a financial, proximity or impartiality interest and forward these to the Presiding Member before the meeting commences. Section 5.60A of the *Local Government Act 1995* states;

“a person has a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonable to expect that the matter will, if dealt with by the local government, or an employee or committee of the local government or member of the council of the local government, in a particular way, result in a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment for the person.”

Section 5.60B states;

“a person has a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns –

- (a) a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land;
- or
- (b) a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or

(c) a proposed development (as defined in section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person's land."

Regulation 11 (Impartiality) states:

(1) *In this regulation —*

*interest means an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest and includes an interest arising from kinship, friendship or membership of an association.*

(2) *A person who is a council member and who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a council or committee meeting attended by the member must disclose the nature of the interest —*

(a) *in a written notice given to the CEO before the meeting; or*

(b) *at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed.*

(3) *Subregulation (2) does not apply to an interest referred to in section 5.60 of the Act.*

(4) *Subregulation (2) does not apply if —*

(a) *a person who is a council member fails to disclose an interest because the person did not know he or she had an interest in the matter; or*

(b) *a person who is a council member fails to disclose an interest because the person did not know the matter in which he or she had an interest would be discussed at the meeting and the person disclosed the interest as soon as possible after the discussion began.*

(5) *If, under subregulation (2)(a), a person who is a council member discloses an interest in a written notice given to the CEO before a meeting then —*

(a) *before the meeting the CEO is to cause the notice to be given to the person who is to preside at the meeting; and*

(b) *at the meeting the person presiding is to bring the notice and its contents to the attention of the persons present immediately before a matter to which the disclosure relates is discussed.*

(6) *If —*

(a) *under subregulation (2)(b) or (4)(b) a person's interest in a matter is disclosed at a meeting; or*

(b) *under subregulation (5)(b) notice of a person's interest in a matter is brought to the attention of the persons present at a meeting,*

*the nature of the interest is to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.*

Section 5.61 of the *Local Government Act 1995* states;

*"A reference in this Subdivision to an indirect financial interest of a person in a matter includes a reference to a financial relationship between that person and another person who requires a local government decision in relation to the matter."*

Section 5.62 of the *Local Government Act 1995* states;

(1) *"For the purposes of this Subdivision a person is to be treated as being closely associated with a relevant person if —*

- (a) *the person is in partnership with the relevant person; or*
- (b) *the person is an employer of the relevant person; or*
- (c) *the person is a beneficiary under a trust, or an object of a discretionary trust, of which the relevant person is a trustee; or*
- (ca) *the person belongs to a class of persons that is prescribed; or*
- (d) *the person is a body corporate —*
  - (i) *of which the relevant person is a director, secretary or executive officer; or*
  - (ii) *in which the relevant person holds shares having a total value exceeding —*
    - I. *the prescribed amount; or*
    - II. *the prescribed percentage of the total value of the issued share capital of the company,*
- whichever is less;*
- or*
- (e) *the person is the spouse, de facto partner or child of the relevant person and is living with the relevant person; or*
- (ea) *the relevant person is a council member and the person —*
  - (i) *gave an electoral gift to the relevant person in relation to the election at which the relevant person was last elected; or*
  - (ii) *has given an electoral gift to the relevant person since the relevant person was last elected;*
- or*
- (eb) *the relevant person is a council member and the person has given a gift to which this paragraph applies to the relevant person since the relevant person was last elected; or*
- (ec) *the relevant person is a CEO and the person has given a gift to which this paragraph applies to the relevant person since the relevant person was last employed (or appointed to act) in the position of CEO; or*
- (f) *the person has a relationship specified in any of paragraphs (a) to (d) in respect of the relevant person's spouse or de facto partner if the spouse or de facto partner is living with the relevant person.*

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS****1.1 SALUTATIONS AND OPENING OF MEETING**

The President, President G Sims, welcomed those present and opened the Meeting at [Type time](#).

**1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

*The Shire of Coorow acknowledges the traditional owners of this land – the Yued people, and their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to elders both past, present and emerging.*

**1.3 VISITORS****2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE****2.1 ATTENDANCE**

Councillor G Sims

Councillor G Censi

Councillor D Gericke

Councillor C Hassell

Councillor G Hannington

Councillor D Melbin

Councillor L Van Den Heever

Mrs M Maxfield

Chief Executive Officer

**2.2 ATTENDANCE VIA TELEPHONE/INSTANTANEOUS COMMUNICATION**

In accordance with regulation 14C(2) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996. Application to participate via electronic means is to be made twenty four (24) hours prior to the meeting. The member must ensure that the location is quite and private without distraction where all doors and windows can be closed to other people. The Shire of Coorow utilises either Zoom or the Microsoft Teams platform. The attendee will be notified of the platform to be used prior to the meeting.

**2.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED**

Nil

**2.4 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Section 5.65 and 5.70 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires an Elected Member or officer who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a Committee/Council Meeting that will be attended by the Elected Member or officer must disclose the nature of the interest in a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting; or at the meeting before the matter is discussed. An Elected Member who makes a disclosure under section 5.65 or 5.70 must not preside at the part of the meeting relating to the matter; or participate in; or be present during, any discussion or decision making procedure relating to the matter, unless allowed by the Committee/Council. If Committee/Council allow an Elected Member to speak, the extent of the interest must also be stated.

**4 NEW BUSINESS OF URGENT NATURE**

**5 MATTERS WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED (CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS)****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995:

**5.1 Appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officer**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 5.23(2) - (a) and (b) of the Local Government Act, 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 deals with a matter affecting an employee or employees and the personal affairs of any person.

**6 CLOSURE**

**6.1 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 February 2026 from 5:00 PM.(Coorow Council Chambers)

**6.2 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the President, President G Sims closed the meeting at [type time](#).