



# **WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

### **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**LOT 62, 142 WAGAIT TOWER ROAD**

**7:00PM MONDAY 18 May 2026**

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

1.	OPENING OF MEETING .....	3
2.	DECLARATION OF INTERESTES .....	4
3.	DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES.....	4
4.	PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE .....	4
5.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES .....	4
6.	COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS .....	5
7.	OFFICER'S REPORTS .....	6
8.	FINANCE REPORT .....	7
9.	REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS OF COUNCIL .....	7
10.	REPORTS FOR RECEIVING AND NOTING .....	8
11.	CURRENT / UPCOMING EVENTS .....	11
12.	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE .....	12
13.	IN-CAMERA ITEMS .....	12
14.	CLOSE OF MEETING .....	13

## 1. OPENING OF MEETING

### 1.1 ADDRESS BY CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

The President:

1. Declared the meeting open at 7.09pm and welcomes all in attendance
2. Made an acknowledgement of country
3. Advised that the meeting will be audio taped for minute taking purposes as authorized by the Chief Executive Officer.

### 1.2 ADDRESS BY CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

#### ELECTED MEMBERS

Councillor	President Neil White (Chair)
Councillor	Deputy President Sarah Manning
Councillor	Peter Clee
Councillor	Sarah Smith
Councillor	Tom Dyer

#### STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer      Virginya Boon

Finance Officer              Matt Pettit

#### PUBLIC PRESENT

Keith Tanner  
Lorna Manning  
Phil Manning  
Allan Amezdroz

#### VISITORS PRESENT

Karen Hocking

### 1.3 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

NIL

### 1.4 APOLOGIES

NIL

### 1.5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NIL

## 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTES

NIL

## 1. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM EXTERNAL AGENCIES

NIL

## 2. PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

### 2.1 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

NIL

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** Virginya Boon – CEO

**PURPOSE**

Minutes of the previous meeting of Council is to be submitted to Council for confirmation to approve them as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/74**

**That Council confirmed the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 20 April 2026 are a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

**Moved:** President N White

**Seconded:** Deputy President S Manning

**Vote:** AIF

**STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS**

Section 101 *Local Government Act 2019*

**Attachments**

A copy of the following minutes are attached with the agenda:

1. Draft minutes of Council meeting held 20/04/2026

## 3.2 CONFIRMATION OF OUT OF SESSION DECISION – CULVERT ON ROAD NEAR BELYUEN

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** Virginya Boon – CEO

### PURPOSE

To resolve the decision made by Council “out of session” to support Belyuen Community Government Council’s (BCGC) in a joint submission to the Northern Territory Government (NTG) to install a culvert over the floodway on the Cox Peninsula Road between Belyuen Community and Wagait Beach

#### RESOLUTION No: 2026/75

**That Council confirmed the out of session decision to support a joint submission with Belyuen Community Government Council to the NTG to install a culvert over the floodway on the Cox Peninsula Road between Belyuen Community and Wagait Beach.**

**Moved:** Cr S Smith

**Seconded:** Deputy President S Manning

**Vote:** AIF

## 3.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

### 3.3.1 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

12.1. Waste Oil disposal – Deputy President S Manning asked if Waste Oil disposal at the Hard waste Facility could be part of the 2026-27 Budget Workshop.

12.2. Core Lithium – Deputy Sarah Manning queried whether council had heard anything from Core Lithium as they advised (at the Community Consultation meeting) they would be distributing a paper in April. Sarah Smith is aware that this is with EPA and was going to follow-up/provide link.

*There has been no correspondence to date.*

12.3. Smoke from Green Waste Facility – Cr Sarah Smith queried whether council could review funding programs to consider for reducing the amount of green waste for burning. Cr Smith advised that she would also consult with the NTG’s Circular Economy program for ideas.

*The CEO is investigating options.*

*Sarah Smith is also investigating (3 meetings have been re-scheduled)*

## 4. COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS

### 4.1 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Neil White, Shire President

**PURPOSE**

To provide a report as part of my responsibility to keep Council and the community informed of matters, activities, and information of importance.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/76**

**That Council received and notes President White’s report for the period 20 April to the 12 May 2026.**

**Moved:** Cr S Smith

**Seconded:** President N White

**Vote:** AIF

**4.2 DEPUTY PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Sarah Manning, Shire Deputy President

**PURPOSE**

To provide an update on the elected member activities and engagements since the last Council meeting.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/77**

**That Council received and notes Deputy President Manning’s report for the period 14 April to the 11 May 2026.**

**Moved:** President N White

**Seconded:** Cr P Clee

**Vote:** AIF

**5. OFFICER’S REPORTS**

**5.1 CEO REPORT**

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Virginia Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To update the Council on the activities of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and other significant information since the last Council meeting.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/78**

**That Council received and notes the CEO’s report for the period 14 April to the 11 May 2026.**

**Moved:** President N White

**Seconded:** Cr P Clee

**Vote:** AIF

## 5.2 WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Mark Speechley, A/g Work's Manager

**PURPOSE**

To update the Council on the activities carried out by the Works and Services Team and other significant relevant information since the last Council meeting.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/79**

**That Council received and notes the A/g Works Manager's report for the period 16 April to the 13 May 2026.**

**Moved:** Cr P Clee

**Seconded:** Cr T Dyer

**Vote:** AIF

## 6. FINANCE REPORT

### 6.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO / Matt Pettit, Finance Coordinator

**PURPOSE**

To inform and update Council of the status of the financials to the end of April 2026.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/80**

**That Council:**

- a) **Notes the Chief Executive Officer certifies to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief that the internal controls implemented by Council are appropriate, and that Council's financial report best reflects the financial affairs of Council; and**
- b) **receives and notes the monthly financial report to 30 April 2026**

**Moved:** President N White

**Seconded:** Cr T Dyer

**Vote:** AIF

## 7. REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

## 9.1 SOLAR POWER FEED-IN TARIFF

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

### PURPOSE

To seek a decision from Council to accept the quotation received for the supply and installation of a Solar Export Limiter device required to enable Power and Water Corporation to purchase excess electricity generated by Council's solar system at the Council workshop and feed it back into the power grid.

#### RESOLUTION No: 2026/81

That Council:

- a) received and notes the report entitled Solar Power Feed-In Tarriff;
- b) approves the quote for \$2,206.25 (ex gst) to supply and install a Solar Export Limiter Device; and
- c) approves the submission of the application to enable export and receive buy-backs

Moved: Cr P Clee

Seconded: President N White

Vote: 4/5 Deputy President S Manning against

## 9.2 MEDIA TRAINING

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

### PURPOSE

#### RESOLUTION No: 2026/82

That Council:

- a) received and notes the report entitled Media Training; and
- b) Does not wish to pursue media training options.

Moved: President N White

Seconded: Cr T Dyer

Vote: 4/5 Cr P Clee against

## 10. REPORTS FOR RECEIVING AND NOTING

## 10.1 ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS 2026

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

### PURPOSE

To inform Council of the correspondence received from Belyuen Community Government Council regarding Wagait Beach's ANZAC Day service.

#### RESOLUTION No: 2026/83

a) That Council received and notes the report entitled ANZAC DAY Commemorations 2026; and requests the CEO write to BCGC inviting their community to lay wreaths at the 2027 ANZAC day service in Wagait Beach.

**Moved:** Cr P Clee

**Seconded:** Cr S Smith

**Vote:** AIF

## 10.2 NDIS ACCESS CLINIC

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

### PURPOSE

To inform Council on the NDIS Access Clinis in Belyuen during May 2026.

#### RESOLUTION No: 2026/84

That Council received and notes the report entitled NDIS Access Clinic.

**Moved:** Cr S Smith

**Seconded:** Cr P Clee

**Vote:** AIF

## 10.3 WAGAIT BEACH HEALTH CLINIC PROGRAM

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

### PURPOSE

To inform Council of Remote Territory Health Care’s plan to cease visits after June 30 2026.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/85**

**That Council received and notes the report entitled Wagait Beach Health Clinic Program.**

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Cr S Smith**

**Vote: AIF**

- Add to action list
- Follow up with RTHC – monthly visits with a fee for service.

#### 10.4 LGANT NOVEMBER 2026 CONFERENCE

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To inform Council of the next Local Government Association NT (LGANT) conference to be held in Alice springs.

**ESOLUTION No: 2026/86**

**That Council received and notes the report entitled LGANT November 2026 Conference.**

**Moved: President N White**

**Seconded: Cr S Smith**

**Vote: AIF**

#### 10.5 ACTION LIST

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To update Council on the status of the Actions List to 13 May 2026.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/87**

**That Council received and notes the updated Actions List to 13 May 2026.**

**Moved: Cr S Smith**

**Seconded: Deputy President S Manning**

**Vote: AIF**

- Add follow up for green waste circular economy to action list.

## 10.6 CORRESPONDENCE

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To provide Council with a list of incoming and outgoing correspondence from 16 March 2026 to 13 May 2026.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/88**

**That Council received and notes the incoming and outgoing correspondence from 16 March 2026 to 13 May 2026.**

**Moved:** Cr P Clee

**Seconded:** Cr S Smith

**Vote:** AIF

## 10.6 COMPLAINTS, COMMENTS AND COMPLIMENTS REGISTER

**Action:** For Decision

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To update Council on any complaints, comments and compliments received from 16 April to 13 May 2026.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/89**

**That Council received and notes the complaints, comments and compliments register from 16 April 2026 to 13 May 2026.**

**Moved:** President N White

**Seconded:** Deputy President S Manning

**Vote:** AIF

## 11. CURRENT / UPCOMING EVENTS

**Action:** For Receiving and Noting

**Author:** Virginya Boon, CEO

**PURPOSE**

To update Council on upcoming events planned over the next month.

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/90**

**That Council received and noted the report on current and upcoming events.**

**Moved: Cr S Smith**

**Seconded: Deputy President S Manning**

**Vote: AIF**

## 12. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

12.1. Deputy President S Manning queried whether WSC receives correspondence from the Adelaide River Water Advisory Committee

Action: **Write to the Adelaide River Water Advisory Committee requesting WSC be put on their mail distribution list.**

## 13. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

**RESOLUTION No: 2026/91**

**That Council closed the meeting to the general public in accordance with section 99(2) of the Local Government Act to enable Council to discuss in a Confidential Session an item described under Local Government (General) regulation Division 2;**

51 (1) (a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of staff or possible member of the staff of the Council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual;

51 (1) (b) information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer;

51 (1) (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:

- (i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person; or
- (ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or
- (iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members, or staff; or
- (iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;

51 (1) (d) information subject to an obligation of confidentiality at law, or in equity;

51 (1) (e) subject to subregulation (3) – information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential and would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to be contrary to the public interest;

51 (1) (f) subject to subregulation (2) – information in relation to a complaint of a contravention of the code of conduct.

**Moved: Cr S Smith**

**Seconded: Deputy President S Manning**

**Vote: AIF**

At 8.00pm Council closed the meeting to the general public.

## 13.1 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO BE RAISED IN-CAMERA

### 13.1.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

### 13.1.2 CEO Recruitment Update

51 (1) (a) information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of staff or possible member of the staff of the Council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual;

### 13.1.3 Office of the Ombudsman Correspondence

51 (1) (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:  
(i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person;  
or  
(ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or  
(iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members, or staff; or  
(iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;

### 13.1.4 Local Government Compliance Correspondence

51 (1) (c) information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to:  
(i) cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person;  
or  
(ii) prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law; or  
(iii) prejudice the security of the council, its members, or staff; or  
(iv) subject to subregulation (3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person;

## 14. CLOSE OF MEETING

The date of the next meetings are scheduled for:

- Special Confidential Meeting – 26May 2026.
- Ordinary Council Meeting – 22 June 2026.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.26pm.