



SHIRE OF IRWIN
DONGARA-PORT DENISON
A BRILLIANT BLEND

AGENDA FORUM NOTES

Tuesday 21 July 2026



1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5.26pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members

Councillor I Scott	Shire President
Councillor A J Gillam	Deputy Shire President
Councillor P Summers	
Councillor J Melsom	
Councillor S Hansen (Via Teams)	
Councillor L Berecz	

Staff

Mr S D Ivers	Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Connell	Manager Development
Mr M Jones	Manager Operations
Miss P Machaka	Manager Finance
Ms F Boksmati	Manager Community Services
Ms S Mearns	Executive Assistant

Guests

Nil

Apologies

Councillor L Musulin	
Mr M Antony	Community Emergency Services Manager

Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

Gallery

Mr Bruce Baskerville	Chair, Irwin Districts Historical Society
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3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting being held on Tuesday 28 July 2026.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question 1: Mr Bruce Baskerville, Chair, Irwin Districts Historical Society

With regard to agenda item DEV 02-07/26 Road Dedication, Reserve 10876 – Yandanooka West Road, Milo, it should be made clear whether the proponent will be bearing all the costs of changing the purpose of the reserve or will the Shire be accepting those costs?

Response: This question was taken on notice.

Items 5 – 9 will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting being held on Tuesday 28 July 2026.

10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

10.1 Finance Reports

10.1	FINANCE REPORTS
FIN 02-07/26	Accounts for Payment – June 2026
Report Purpose	For Council to receive the list of accounts paid under delegated authority during June 2026.
Questions	Nil
FIN 03-07/26	Monthly Financial Statements – May 2026
Report Purpose	For Council to consider and receive the Monthly Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2025 to 31 May 2026.
Questions	Cr Gillam asked what the Shire's current ratio was and was advised that it was 1.1. He then questioned how the ratio had improved to that level. The Manager Finance advised that the current ratio is influenced by movements in the Shire's opening and closing monthly balances, as well as operational activity during the month. She further noted that the ratio has been included in the Monthly Financial Statements to assist Councillors in monitoring the Shire's overall financial position.
FIN 04-07/26	Changing Method of Valuation – July 2026
<i>It is to be noted that Cr Melsom declared an Impartiality Interest in this item which does not preclude him from the discussion nor voting on this item.</i>	
Report Purpose	To consider the proposed change in the method of valuation of the properties identified in the confidential attachment from unimproved value to gross rental value, consider the submissions received from affected ratepayers, and determine whether to apply to the Minister for Local Government under section 6.28 of the Local Government Act 1995.
Questions	Cr Gillam asked whether the two facilities mentioned in the Officers Report are currently in use. The Author advised that as far as the Shire is aware, they are still in use.
10.2	DEVELOPMENT REPORTS
DEV 01-07/26	June 2026 Development Delegated and Authorised Authority Report
Report Purpose	For Council to receive the June 2026 Development Delegated and Authorised Authority Report.
Questions	Nil
DEV 02-07/26	Road Dedication, Reserve 10876 – Yandanooka West Road, Milo
Report Purpose	For Council to request the Minister for Lands to approve the dedication of a portion of Reserve 10876 as road.
Questions	Cr Gillam queried, in relation to the question raised by IDHS, which specific portions of land identified in blue on Attachment 1 – Road Dedication Plan are proposed for dedication.

The Manager Development advised that the area in Blue is the only portion of the reserve in the Shire of Irwin and it extends further to the east in the Shire of Mingenew. The intention is for the entirety of the reserve to be dedicated (approximately 100m wide). He also advised that an alternative motion can be prepared should Council wish to pursue only dedicating portion of the reserve with a width of approximately 20 – 30m.

10.3 OPERATIONS REPORTS

OPS 01-07/26 **125091-23WA-BR9 Milo Road Crossing Upgrade Project – Culvert Construction Contract Award**

It is to be noted that Cr Gillam declared a Financial Interest in this item and left Chambers at 5.36pm.

Report Purpose For Council to consider the evaluation outcome for RFQ 125091-23WA-BR9 and determine whether to award the Milo Road Crossing culvert construction contract to the preferred respondent.

Questions Nil

Cr Gillam returned to Chambers at 5.40pm.

10.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

Nil

10.5 OFFICE OF THE CEO REPORTS

Nil

10.6 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

Items 11 – 14 will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting being held on Tuesday 28 July 2026.

14. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Nil

15. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Agenda Forum was closed at 5.41pm.