



**SHIRE OF IRWIN**  
DONGARA-PORT DENISON  
A BRILLIANT BLEND

# **AGENDA FORUM NOTES**

Tuesday 18 August 2026



## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5.00pm.

## 2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### Members

Councillor I Scott  
Councillor A J Gillam  
Councillor P Summers  
Councillor J Melsom  
Councillor S Hansen  
Councillor L Berecz

Shire President  
Deputy Shire President

### Staff

Mr S D Ivers  
Mr M Connell  
Mr M Jones  
Mr M Antony  
Ms S Mearns

Chief Executive Officer  
Manager Development  
Manager Operations  
Community Emergency Services Manager  
Executive Assistant

### Guests

Nil

### Apologies

Councillor L Musulin  
Miss P Machaka  
Ms F Boksmati

Manager Finance  
Manager Community Services

### Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

### Gallery

Nil

## 3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting being held on Tuesday 25 August 2026.

## 4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

Items 5 – 9 will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting being held on Tuesday 25 August 2026.

## 10. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

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| <b>10.1</b>           | <b>FINANCE REPORTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>FIN 01-08/26</b>   | <b>Accounts for Payment – July 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Report Purpose</b> | For Council to receive the list of accounts paid under delegated authority during July 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Questions</b>      | Nil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>FIN 02-08/26</b>   | <b>Monthly Financial Statements – June 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Report Purpose</b> | For Council to consider and receive the Monthly Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Questions</b>      | Cr Gillam asked whether if the Shire had received its expected funding, the ratio would not have dipped to as low as 0.93. The CEO confirmed that if expected funding had been received, the ratio would have been above 1.0. In addition, it is to be noted that as the funding will be received in the 2026/27 financial year, the ratio could potentially go as high as 1.4 however will level out over the remainder of the financial year and may fall back to between 1.1 and 1.2. |
| <b>10.2</b>           | <b>DEVELOPMENT REPORTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>DEV 01-08/26</b>   | <b>July 2026 Development Delegated and Authorised Authority Report</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Report Purpose</b> | For Council to receive the July 2026 Development Delegated and Authorised Authority Report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Questions</b>      | Nil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>DEV 02-08/26</b>   | <b>Road Dedication, Reserve 45038 – Hidden Valley Close, Dongara</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Report Purpose</b> | For Council to request the Minister for Lands to approve the dedication of a portion of Reserve 45038 as road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Questions</b>      | There were no questions posed in relation to (this) road dedication however discussion was held in relation to planning and works that may be considered in the future.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>10.3</b>           | <b>OPERATIONS REPORTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                       | Nil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>10.4</b>           | <b>COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                       | Nil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>10.5</b>           | <b>OFFICE OF THE CEO REPORTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                       | Nil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>10.6</b>           | <b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                       | Nil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

Items 11 – 14 will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting being held on Tuesday 25 August 2026.

## **15. CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Agenda Forum was closed at 5.20pm.