Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coorong District Council held at the Coorong Civic Centre, Tailem Bend on Tuesday 17 November 2026 commencing at 10:00am.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Cr. JJ Pietzsch, Councillors JJ Arthur, SU Bland, RE Maidment, MS O'Hara, BD Qualmann & LF Rowntree

IN ATTENDANCE: S Reardon (Chief Executive Officer), M Somers (Director Community & Corporate) T Hay (Acting Director Roads & Infrastructure), A Crossman (Executive Officer), B Stathoulis (Finance Manger), S Everingham (Manager Assets & Capital Projects), J O'Brien (Property Officer), K Jaensch (Senior Community & Tourism Development Officer), E Brown (Community & Tourism Development Officer) & K Duncan (minute taker).

APOLOGIES: Mayor PE Simmons

WELCOME

The Deputy Mayor welcomed all present, read the civic affirmation and recited the acknowledgement of country.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

NIL

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In line with Sections 74-75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* a member who has an interest in a matter before the Council must disclose the interest to the Council.

A member making a general or material conflict of interest disclosure must provide full and accurate details of the relevant interest. A conflict of interest disclosure must be recorded in the minutes of the Council (including details of the relevant interest).

Members to advise of any Conflict of Interest Declarations

Item No. and Title	5.1: Grant of sub-lease – Tintinara railway land
Council Member Name	Cr. JJ Arthur
Nature of Interest	Material conflict of interest due to holding an office position (President) on the Tintinara Community Men's Shed Inc.
Manner in which conflict will be dealt with	Leave the Chamber

Item No. and Title	10.5: Appointment of principal spokesperson
Council Member Name	Deputy Mayor Cr. JJ Pietzsch
Nature of Interest	Material conflict of interest due to incurring a potential pecuniary benefit
Manner in which conflict will be dealt with	Leave the Chamber

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Item No. and Title	10.6: 2026-27 Community Grants, Sponsorship and Funding Program
Council Member Name	Cr. JJ Arthur
Nature of Interest	Material conflict of interest due to holding an office position (President) on the Tintinara Community Men's Shed Inc.
Manner in which conflict will be dealt with	Leave the Chamber

Item No. and Title	10.6: 2026-27 Community Grants, Sponsorship and Funding Program
Council Member Name	Cr. BD Qualmann
Nature of Interest	Material conflict of interest due to holding an office position (Vice President) on the Tailem Bend Progress Association
Manner in which conflict will be dealt with	Leave the Chamber

Item No. and Title	10.13: Tintinara War Memorial Hall Committee – minutes of meeting held 26 October 2026
Council Member Name	Cr. LF Rowntree
Nature of Interest	General conflict of interest due to a familial relationship with one of the Women's Circle Program facilitators

329/26 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COORONG DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2026

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. O'Hara that the minutes (including the confidential minutes) of the Ordinary Meeting of the Coorong District Council held on 20 October 2026 be adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNED BUSINESS

330/26 GRANT OF SUB-LEASE – TINTINARA RAILWAY LAND

Cr. Arthur declared a material conflict of interest due to holding an office position (President) on the Tintinara Community Men's Shed Inc. and left the meeting at 10:04am.

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. O'Hara that Council:

1. Having considered the outcomes of the public consultation process undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy, resolves to enter into a sub-lease with the Tintinara Community Men's Shed Inc. over a portion of land located at 55 Kings Road, Tintinara (Certificate of Title 6039/582) leased by Council from the Department for Infrastructure & Transport for a period concluding on 29 April 2030.
2. Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute all documents necessary to give effect to the sublease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Arthur returned to the meeting at 10:05am.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Cr. Bland sought further details regarding Cr. Pietzsch's meeting with the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network Chief Executive Officer on 28 October 2026. Deputy Mayor advised the meeting related to doctors returning to Tailem Bend and confirmed there would be GP services in place by the end of November 2026.

Cr. Arthur sought further details on a comment from Cr. Pietzsch in a recent news article relating to execution of the Meningie Area School community library funding agreement. Deputy Mayor confirmed that at the time of the interview Council had carried the decision in relation to the funding agreement but the document hadn't yet been executed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS

NIL

PETITIONS

NIL

DEPUTATIONS

Council was in receipt of two (2) deputations at its 17 November 2026 Council meeting.

- Stephen Hayes, Wadmore House Precinct options
- Lynda Henderson (Meningie Progress Association), Wadmore House Precinct options

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Name: Wayne Grantham

Wayne noted in a recent public statement from Council that it stated Coorong District Council holds a neutral position in relation to the two proposed data factories within the district. Wayne asked whether Council believes that the economic benefits for the community of Tailem Bend, outlined by the proponents, outweigh the very real environmental concerns including but not limited to power use, onsite diesel generation and storage, water use and noise and light pollution.

Deputy Mayor and Councillors Bland, Rowntree and Qualmann confirmed that the Chamber has not made any decisions in relation to the proposed developments and remains neutral until the development applications have been lodged with Plan SA and all facts are known. Councillors Maidment and Arthur further noted that Council does not have the final say in whether the developments are approved (responsibility remains with the State Government), and the Deputy Mayor added Council can provide feedback when the application is lodged during the anticipated public consultation period.

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DECISION REPORTS

331/26 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2026

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. O'Hara that Council:

1. Receive the general-purpose financial statements and notes, forming part of the Finance Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026, including as necessary any further minor and non-material adjustments; and that they be formally adopted and certified on behalf of Council by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer (Attachment 1, Item No. 10.1, Council meeting 17 November 2026).
2. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to communicate Council's approval of the general-purpose financial statements and notes, forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026, to Council's auditor Dean Newbery.
3. Authorises the Presiding Member of the Audit & Risk Committee to sign the 'Certification of Auditor Independence'.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

332/26 2025/26 AUDIT COMPLETION REPORT

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that Council receive and endorse the 2025/26 Audit Completion Report and Management Representation Letter (Attachment 1 & 2, Item No. 10.2, Council meeting 17 November 2026).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

333/26 2025/26 ANNUAL REPORT

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council:

1. Adopts the 2025/26 Annual Report (Attachment 1, Item No. 10.3, Council meeting 17 November 2026).
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary administrative amendments to the Annual Report prior to its release.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

334/26 BUDGET REVIEW 1 – FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/27

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. O'Hara that Council adopts the Budget Review #1 for the 2026/27 financial year (Attachment 1, Item No. 10.4, Council meeting 17 November 2026).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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335/26 APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL SPOKESPERSON

Deputy Mayor declared a material conflict of interest due to the potential to incur a pecuniary benefit (refer part 5 of the motion) and left the meeting at 11:01am.
Pursuant to section 86 of the Local Government Act 1999, due to the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer invited members to choose a member to preside over the meeting. Cr. Bland nominated Cr. Qualmann for the position of Chair (accepted by Cr. Qualmann); all members agreed. Cr. Qualmann assumed the position of chair at 11:02am.

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council:

1. Receive and note the report titled *'Appointment of Principal Spokesperson'* dated 17 November 2026.
2. Resolve to appoint the Deputy Mayor, Cr. Jonathan Pietzsch, as the Principal Spokesperson of the Coorong District Council for all matters relating to district-wide healthcare initiatives, including any associated advocacy or communications, for the remainder of the current Council term, unless otherwise revoked by subsequent resolution of Council.
3. Resolve to appoint the Deputy Mayor, Cr. Jonathan Pietzsch, as the Principal Spokesperson of the Coorong District Council for all matters relating to the proposed data centre/factory developments at Tailem Bend and Cooke Plains, including any associated advocacy or communications, for the remainder of the current Council term, unless otherwise revoked by subsequent resolution of Council.
4. Resolve to appoint the Deputy Mayor, Cr. Jonathan Pietzsch, as the Principal Spokesperson of the Coorong District Council for all matters relating to the *'Equitable Rating for Electricity Generators'* motion to be considered at the Local Government Association of South Australia's Annual General Meeting to be held on 4 December 2026, including any subsequent actions or advocacy arising from the matter, and endorse Cr. Pietzsch as Council's voting delegate for this item at the 2026 Local Government Association of South Australia Annual General Meeting.
5. Acknowledge the additional responsibilities and workload being undertaken by the Deputy Mayor, Cr. Jonathan Pietzsch, in representing Council and performing duties ordinarily associated with the Office of the Mayor, and request Administration prepare a report outlining the options available under the *Local Government Act 1999* for providing an appropriate additional allowance, in particular whether a portion of the Mayoral allowance can be allocated to the Deputy Mayor in recognition of these responsibilities.

Voting for the motion were Councillors Arthur, Bland, O'Hara and Rowntree
Voting against the motion was Councillor Maidment
The Chair declared the motion CARRIED

The Deputy Mayor returned to the meeting at 11:10am and resumed the position of Chair.

336/26 2026-27 COMMUNITY GRANTS, SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING PROGRAM

Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that Council in accordance with the Community Grants, Sponsorship & Funding Policy, approve funding to the value of $3,800 to Careship Coorong through the 2026/27 Community Grants Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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337/26 2026-27 COMMUNITY GRANTS, SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING PROGRAM

Moved Cr. Maidment, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that Council in accordance with the Community Grants, Sponsorship & Funding Policy, approve funding to the value of $4,500 to the Meningie Bowling Club through the 2026/27 Community Grants Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

338/26 2026-27 COMMUNITY GRANTS, SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING PROGRAM

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that Council in accordance with the Community Grants, Sponsorship & Funding Policy, approve funding to the value of $5,000 to the Peake Baptist Circuit through the 2026/27 Community Grants Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

339/26 2026-27 COMMUNITY GRANTS, SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING PROGRAM

Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council in accordance with the Community Grants, Sponsorship & Funding Policy, approve funding to the value of $5,000 to the Tintinara Lions Club through the 2026/27 Community Grants Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

340/26 2026-27 COMMUNITY GRANTS, SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING PROGRAM

Moved Cr. O'Hara, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that Council in accordance with the Community Grants, Sponsorship & Funding Policy, approve funding to the value $3,311 to Meningie Progress Association through the 2026/27 Community Grants Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

341/26 2026-27 COMMUNITY GRANTS, SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING PROGRAM

Cr. Arthur declared a material conflict of interest due to holding an office position (President) on the Tintinara Community Men's Shed Inc. and left the meeting at 11:12am.

Moved Cr. Qualmann, Sec. Cr. Maidment that Council in accordance with the Community Grants, Sponsorship & Funding Policy, approve funding to the value $1,899 to Tintinara Community Men's Shed through the 2026/27 Community Grants Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Arthur returned to the meeting at 11:13am.

342/26 2026-27 COMMUNITY GRANTS, SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING PROGRAM

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Maidment that Council in accordance with the Community Grants, Sponsorship & Funding Policy, approve funding to the value $2,000 to Jabuk Community Hall through the 2026/27 Community Grants Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

343/26 2026-27 COMMUNITY GRANTS, SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING PROGRAM

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. O'Hara that Council in accordance with the Community Grants, Sponsorship & Funding Policy, approve funding to the value $2,000 to Meningie Christmas Pageant through the 2026/27 Community Grants Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

344/26 2026-27 COMMUNITY GRANTS, SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING PROGRAM

Moved Cr. Maidment, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council in accordance with the Community Grants, Sponsorship & Funding Policy, approve funding to the value $2,000 to Rotary Club of Adelaide Central through the 2026/27 Community Grants Program.

Voting for the motion were Councillors Arthur, Bland, Maidment, Qualmann and Rowntree
Voting against the motion was Councillor O'Hara
The Deputy Mayor declared the motion CARRIED

345/26 2026-27 COMMUNITY GRANTS, SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING PROGRAM

Cr. Qualmann declared a material conflict of interest due to holding an office position (Vice President) on the Tailem Bend Progress Association and left the meeting at 11:15am.

Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. O'Hara that Council in accordance with the Community Grants, Sponsorship & Funding Policy, approve funding to the value $2,000 to Tailem Bend Progress Association through the 2026/27 Community Grants Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Qualmann returned to the meeting at 11:15am.

346/26 2026-27 COMMUNITY GRANTS, SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING PROGRAM

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Maidment that Council in accordance with the Community Grants, Sponsorship & Funding Policy, approve funding to the value $500 to Meningie Croquet Club through the 2026/27 Community Grants Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

347/26 DRAFT TAILEM BEND GROWTH STRUCTURE PLAN

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Maidment that Council:

1. Receives and notes the report.
2. Endorses release of the draft Tailem Bend Growth Structure Plan (Attachment 1, Item No. 10.7, Council meeting 17 November 2026) for a three (3) week community engagement period, with a further report to be tabled upon completion of the engagement period.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make minor administrative changes to document prior to it's release to community engagement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

348/26 CWMS & STORMWATER ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Arthur that Council:

1. Receives and notes the Community Engagement Findings Report for the Draft Community Wastewater Management System and Stormwater Asset Management Plans (Attachment 1, Item No. 10.8, Council meeting 17 November 2026).
2. Notes that feedback received during the community engagement period has been considered and incorporated into the updated plans where appropriate.
3. Endorses the:
   a. Community Wastewater Management System Asset Management Plan 2026--27 to 2035-36 (Attachment 2, Item No. 10.8, Council meeting 17 November 2026); and
   b. Stormwater Asset Management Plan 2026-27 to 2035-36 (Attachment 3, Item No. 10.8, Council meeting 17 November 2026).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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349/26 LEASE OF SHED AT DICKSON RESERVE TO TAILEM BEND ROWING CLUB

Moved Cr. Qualmann, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council:

1. Approves the grant of a lease to the Tailem Bend Rowing Club for the shed at Dickson Reserve, Tailem Bend for a term of five years.
2. Approves the lease at a peppercorn rent, on Council's standard terms and conditions for community and sporting club leases.
3. Notes that the Community Land Management Plan for Dickson Reserve allows the area to be leased and that the proposed use is consistent with the recreational and sporting purposes of the reserve.
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the lease documentation, including any conditions required to preserve Council's ability to pursue and deliver grant opportunities for the Dickson Reserve precinct.
5. Authorises the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to execute the lease under the Common Seal of Council, subject to obtaining any required Crown land consent or approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

350/26 CLOSURE OF PORTION OF STANLEY STREET AND DISPOSAL OF LAND TO ADELAIDE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Cr. O'Hara left the meeting at 11:46am.
Cr. O'Hara returned to the meeting at 11:48am.

Moved Cr. Arthur, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that Council:

1. Endorses the proposal to initiate the road closure process for the unused portion of Stanley Street adjacent to Taberefta in Tailem Bend.
2. Notes that the Adelaide Benevolent Society has requested acquisition of the land to facilitate future housing development associated with Taberefta.
3. Notes that adjoining property owners on the opposite side of the road reserve have been contacted regarding potential acquisition of the land and have declined the opportunity to purchase any portion of the land.
4. A new Council allotment will be created and excluded from Community Land.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all necessary actions to progress the road closure process, including surveying, consultation, public notification and referral requirements under the *Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991*.
6. Notes that the quotation for the required survey and road closure work has been obtained from Steed Surveyors.
7. Subject to successful completion of the road closure process and all statutory approvals, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and finalise the sale of land to the Adelaide Benevolent Society on terms satisfactory to Council.
8. Authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and affix the Council seal to execute all associated documentation as necessary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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351/26 BURIALS ON PRIVATE LAND POLICY

Deputy Mayor suspended standing orders at 11:59am for five minutes to enable further questions from members in relation to the item.
Deputy Mayor resumed meeting procedures at 12:05pm.

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Maidment that:

1. Council receive the community consultation findings report in relation to the draft Burials on Private Land Policy (Attachment 1, Item No. 10.11, Council meeting 17 November 2026).
2. Council adopt the Burials on Private Land Policy as tabled (Attachment 2, Item No. 10.11, Council meeting 17 November 2026).
3. Council adopt a new $400 private burial application fee (per burial) as part of the 2026/27 Schedule of Fees and Charges.
4. Council adopt the Cemeteries & Burial Policy as amended (Attachment 3, Item No. 10.11, Council meeting 17 November 2026).
5. Administration investigate the non-use of funeral directors and associated implications within the Burials on Private Land Policy, with a further report to be provided.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

352/26 COONALPYN & DISTRICT SOLDIERS MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL AND CARAVAN PARK COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 19 OCTOBER 2026

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Maidment that Council receive the minutes of the Coonalpyn & District Soldiers Memorial Swimming Pool and Caravan Park Committee annual general meeting and general meeting held on 19 October 2026 (Attachment 1, Item No. 10.12, Council meeting 17 November 2026).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

353/26 TINTINARA WAR MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 26 OCTOBER 2026

Cr. Rowntree declared a general conflict of interest due to a familial relationship with one of the Women's Circle Program facilitators and chose to leave the meeting at 12:07pm.

Moved Cr. Maidment, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council:

1. Receive the minutes of the Tintinara War Memorial Hall Committee meeting held on 26 October 2026 (Attachment 1, Item No. 10.13, Council meeting 17 November 2026).
2. Permits Deerne Kennett and Tamsin Rowntree (auspiced by the Tintinara Lions Club) to use the Tintinara War Memorial Hall Supper Room and storeroom free of charge for the duration of the Rural Women's Circles program being delivered from January – October 2027.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Rowntree returned to the meeting at 12:07pm.

The Deputy Mayor suspended standing orders at 12:08pm for ten minutes.
The Deputy Mayor resumed meeting procedures at 12:19pm.

354/26 FINANCE COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 3 NOVEMBER 2026

Moved Cr. Qualmann, Sec. Cr. Bland that Council receive the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 3 November 2026 as tabled (Attachment 1, Item No. 10.14, Council meeting 17 November 2026).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

355/26 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 NOVEMBER 2026

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that Council:

1. Receive the Audit & Risk Committee meeting summary report as tabled (Attachment 1, Item No. 10.15, Council meeting 17 November 2026).
2. Receive the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 10 November 2026 (Attachment 2, Item No. 10.15, Council meeting 17 November 2026).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

356/26 GOVERNANCE & POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 10 NOVEMBER 2026

Moved Cr. Maidment, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that Council receive the minutes of the Governance & Policy Review Committee meeting held on 10 November 2026 as tabled (Attachment 1, Item No. 10.16, Council meeting 17 November 2026).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LATE ITEMS

357/26 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD 16 NOVEMBER 2026

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Qualmann that Council:

1. Receive the Special Audit & Risk Committee meeting summary report as tabled (Attachment 1, Late Item No. 10.17, Council meeting 17 November 2026).
2. Receive the minutes of the Special Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 16 November 2026 (Attachment 2, Late Item No. 10.17, Council meeting 17 November 2026).
3. Accept the Committee's recommendation in relation to the audited 2025/26 financial statements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

358/26 COORONG COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVANCEMENT & ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 16 NOVEMBER 2026

Moved Cr. Qualmann, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that:

1. Council receive the minutes of the Coorong Community Health Advancement & Advisory Committee meeting held on 16 November 2026 (Attachment 1, Late Item No. 10.18, Council meeting 17 November 2026).
2. The Coorong Community Health Advancement & Advisory Committee independent community membership be expanded, and that the Chief Executive Officer undertake a vetting process in relation to the individuals who have expressed interest in the current vacant independent community member position, with administration to provide a further recommendation to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION REPORTS

359/26 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER INFORMATION REPORT – OCTOBER 2026

Moved Cr. Qualmann, Sec. Cr. Arthur that Council receive and note the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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360/26 COMMUNITY & CORPORATE INFORMATION REPORT – OCTOBER 2026
Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that Council receive and note the report.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

361/26 ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION REPORT – OCTOBER 2026
Moved Cr. Qualmann, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that Council receive and note the report.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Cr. ARTHUR ASKS
Could the administration please provide the following details regarding the Loveday Bay Road re-sheet works:

- Total over-budget spend on the project
- Reason for the overspend
- Method of rating the use of polymers on this road
- Period of rating of works will be undertaken on this road

Associated explanatory text provided by Cr. Arthur:
Nil

RESPONSE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Due to the finalisation of the 2025/26 annual financial statements and several competing priorities, the information as requested was unable to be provided at the time of the meeting agenda being circulated.

A full response will be provided to members at the December 2026 ordinary Council meeting.

Cr. ARTHUR ASKS
Could the administration please provide the total cost for community consultation undertaken as part of the Community Vision Plan 2026-2030?

Associated explanatory text provided by Cr. Arthur:
It is not known to the community at large that consultation is something Council is required to undertake, however they are questioning why there is so much now, and what it is costing.

They thought it was the ratepayers who elected members to make decisions on their behalf for the good of all ratepayers.

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Cr. ARTHUR ASKS
Could the administration please provide the total cost for all community consultation undertaken during the 2025/26 financial year?

Associated explanatory text provided by Cr. Arthur:
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QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr. Arthur requested further explanation regarding credit card expenditure for several charges incurred during June 2026. Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

Cr. Rowntree asked whether a breakdown of 'Governance' legal expenditure as presented in the 2025/26 Annual Report could be provided. Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

Cr. Rowntree requested an update on the Julia Farr grant application for landscaping at the Coonalpyn public amenities, and asked whether it was possible to add some play equipment to the site. Chief Executive Officer provided a response.

Cr. O'Hara requested further information regarding truck movements through Meningie to Narrung and the stockpiling of rubble on Loveday Bay Road. Director Roads & Infrastructure took the question on notice.

Cr. Bland asked how long the traffic counters would be in place on Salt Creek Road (Salt Creek) and Long Point Road (Coorong). Director Roads & Infrastructure took the question on notice.

MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

NIL

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

NIL

MINUTE ACTION LIST

NIL

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FORMAL MOTION

362/26 Moved Cr. Bland, Sec Cr. O'Hara that the meeting be adjourned, and be resumed at 1:10pm (on Tuesday, 17 November 2026).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.
The Deputy Mayor resumed the meeting at 1:12pm.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

363/26 **INTO CONFIDENCE – STRATEGIC LAND ACQUISITION – MENINGIE – 1:12PM**

Moved Cr. Qualmann, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that in accordance with section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that the public and staff (excepting the Chief Executive Officer, Acting Director Roads & Infrastructure, Director Community & Corporate, Executive Officer, Property Officer and Executive Assistant to the CEO) be excluded from attendance at the meeting to the extent that Council considers it necessary to receive, discuss or consider in confidence the item – Strategic land acquisition – Meningie.

That Council is satisfied that pursuant to section 90(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this item is;
(b)information the disclosure of which:

(i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the Council; and
(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public left the meeting at 1:12pm, and the audio-visual recording (via Zoom) and livestreaming (via YouTube) was stopped.

365/26 **THAT THE ITEM REMAINS IN CONFIDENCE – STRATEGIC LAND ACQUISITION – MENINGIE**

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. O'Hara that under section 90(2) and 3(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council pursuant to section 91(7)(b) of the Act order that the discussion, report and resolution be held in confidence and released upon settlement of the strategic land sale contract with Council and the vendor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public returned to the meeting at 1:38pm.

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366/26 INTO CONFIDENCE – LAND DIVISION AND SALE OF SURPLUS LAND – TENTH STREET, TAILEM BEND – 1:38PM

Moved Cr. Maidment, Sec. Cr. O'Hara that in accordance with section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that the public and staff (excepting the Chief Executive Officer, Acting Director Roads & Infrastructure, Director Community & Corporate, Executive Officer, Property Officer and Executive Assistant to the CEO) be excluded from attendance at the meeting to the extent that Council considers it necessary to receive, discuss or consider in confidence the item – Land division and sale of surplus land – Tenth Street, Tailem Bend.

That Council is satisfied that pursuant to section 90(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this item is;
(b)information the disclosure of which:

(i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the Council; and
(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public left the meeting at 1:38pm.

367/26 LAND DIVISION AND SALE OF SURPLUS LAND – TENTH STREET, TAILEM BEND

Moved Cr. O'Hara, Sec. Cr. Rowntree that Council authorises:

1. Progress of land division of Council owned land at 115 Princes Highway, Tailem Bend into two allotments.
2. Disposal of Allotment Two as depicted in the plan of division proposal included in this report (Attachment 1, Item No. 15.3, Council meeting 17 November 2026), in accordance with Council's Disposal of Council land and other Assets Policy and for reasons of being surplus to Council needs.
3. Demolition of associated buildings on subject land.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

368/26 THAT ITEM IS RELEASED FROM CONFIDENCE – LAND DIVISION AND SALE OF SURPLUS LAND – TENTH STREET, TAILEM BEND

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Bland that under section 90(2) and 3(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council pursuant to section 91(7)(b) of the Act order that the discussion, report and resolution be released immediately from confidence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public returned to the meeting at 1:45pm.

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369/26 INTO CONFIDENCE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY – BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS – 1:45PM

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Maidment that in accordance with section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that the public and staff (excepting the Chief Executive Officer, Acting Director Roads & Infrastructure, Director Community & Corporate, Executive Officer and Executive Assistant to the CEO) be excluded from attendance at the meeting to the extent that Council considers it necessary to receive, discuss or consider in confidence the item – Local Government Finance Authority – Board of Trustees Elections.

That Council is satisfied that pursuant to section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this item is;

(a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

And, would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public left the meeting at 1:46pm.

370/26 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY – BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Moved Cr. Rowntree, Sec. Cr. Maidment that Council adopts the Borda Count Method for the purpose of determining Council's collective preference candidates (not being more than two) for the 2026 election for the positions of Representative Members of the Local Government Finance Authority Board of Trustees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Members were invited to submit their preferences for election of the Local Government Finance Authority Board of Trustees Representative Members via the Borda Count method. Results of the Borda Count were as follows: 1st preference – Michael Sedgman; 2nd preference – Grant Piggott.

371/26 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY – BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. O'Hara that Council authorise the Chair to cast Coorong District Council's vote for the two Local Government Finance Authority (LGFA) board member positions in favour of (1) Michael Sedgman and (2) Grant Piggott, and forward the ballot paper to the LGFA by 20 November 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

372/26 THAT THE ITEM IS RELEASED FROM CONFIDENCE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY – BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

Moved Cr. Maidment, Sec. Cr. O'Hara that under section 90(2) and 3(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council pursuant to section 91(7)(b) of the Act order that the discussion, report and resolution be released immediately from confidence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public returned to the meeting at 1:56pm.

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373/26 INTO CONFIDENCE – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DRAFT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2026/27 – 1:56PM

Moved Cr. O'Hara, Sec. Cr. Bland that in accordance with section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that the public and staff (excepting the Chief Executive Officer) be excluded from attendance at the meeting to the extent that Council considers it necessary to receive, discuss or consider in confidence the item – Chief Executive Officer draft key performance indicators 2026/27.

That Council is satisfied that pursuant to section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this item is;

(a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

And would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public left the meeting at 1:57pm.

374/26 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DRAFT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2026/27

The Deputy Mayor suspended standing orders at 2:06 for five minutes to discuss the item further. The Deputy Mayor resumed meeting procedures at 2:12pm.

Moved Cr. O'Hara, Sec. Cr. Bland that:

1. Council receive and note the report titled *'Chief Executive Officer Draft Key Performance Indicators 2026/27*' dated 17 November 2026.
2. Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer's Draft Key Performance Indicators for the 2026/27 review cycle (Attachment 1, Item No. 15.4, Council meeting 17 November 2026).
3. The Chief Executive Officer provide quarterly updates on the progress of the Key Performance Indicators at the December 2026, March 2027 and June 2027 Council meetings, with a final update to be provided in September 2027 to align with the Chief Executive Officer's performance review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

375/26 THAT THE ITEM IS RELEASED FROM CONFIDENCE – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DRAFT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2026/27

Moved Cr. Maidment, Sec. Cr. O'Hara that under section 90(2) and 3(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council pursuant to section 91(7)(b) of the Act order that the discussion, report and resolution be released immediately from confidence.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public returned to the meeting at 2:16pm.

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LATE ITEM

376/26 INTO CONFIDENCE – 2027 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS – 2:16PM

Moved Cr. Maidment, Sec. Cr. O'Hara that in accordance with section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that the public and staff (excepting the Chief Executive Officer, Director Community & Corporate, Acting Director Roads & Infrastructure, Executive Officer, Senior Community & Tourism Development Officer, Community & Tourism Development Officer and Executive Assistant to the CEO) be excluded from attendance at the meeting to the extent that Council considers it necessary to receive, discuss or consider in confidence the item – 2027 Citizen of the Year awards.

That Council is satisfied that pursuant to section 90(3)(o) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this item is;
(o) information relating to a proposed award recipient before the presentation of the award;

And, would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public left the meeting at 2:17pm.

381/26 THAT THE ITEM REMAINS IN CONFIDENCE – 2027 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Moved Cr. Bland, Sec. Cr. Arthur that under section 90(2) and 3(o) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council pursuant to section 91(7)(b) of the Act order that the resolution be held in confidence and released following the Mayor's contact with the successful recipients, and the discussion and report be held in confidence and released following the 2027 Australia Day events to be held within the Coorong District Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public returned to the meeting at 2:21pm (audio-visual recording (via Zoom) was resumed).

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 2:23pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT..... CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CONFIRMED / / 2026……..... MAYOR

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