



Shire of
Plantagenet

Mount Barker • Kendenup • Narrikup
Porongurup • Rocky Gully

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

COUNCIL

**A Special Meeting of Council was held at the
Shire of Plantagenet Council Chambers, Mount Barker
on Tuesday 7 July 2026**



Julian Murphy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Resolution numbers: 078/26 to 080/26

**Please Note: Council Meetings are audio-recorded in accordance with
Regulation 14I of the Local Government Regulations 1996.**

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

Welcome to this Special Meeting of Council, of Tuesday the 7 July 2026, commencing at 5:03pm. This meeting is being audio-recorded, in accordance with Regulation 14I of the Local Government Regulations 1996.

I also point you to the Disclaimer and Emergency Procedures on the lead in pages of this agenda document for this building.

The Shire of Plantagenet acknowledged the traditional custodians of our area and their continuing connection to the land and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Menang Noongar community and their culture; and to Elders past and present.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

Members Present:

Cr L Handasyde	President (Presiding Member)
Cr J Liebeck	Deputy President
Cr B Bell	Councillor
Cr A Fraser	Councillor
Cr M O'Dea	Councillor
Cr W Sheard	Councillor
Cr Brown	Councillor (via Teams)

In Attendance:

Mr Julian Murphy	Chief Executive Officer
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Apologies:

Cr K Tyrer

Members of the Public Present:

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Previously Approved Leave of Absence

Cr Sheard

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - SECTION 5.24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

4 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Part 5 Division 6 Local Government Act 1995

6 SPECIAL BUSINESS

6.1 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

6.1.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECRUITMENT

Synergy Ref: N68031

Attachments: [Confidential attachment](#)

Responsible Officer: Julian Murphy
Chief Executive Officer

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Chief Executive Officer

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Proposed Meeting Date: 7 July 2026

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

The chief executive officer's report is confidential because it deals with:

Section 5.23 (2) (b) a matter relating to the recruitment or employment of the CEO or a senior employee, including the following —

- (i) the termination of employment;
- (ii) a review of performance under section 5.38.

MOTION THAT THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Moved Cr M O'Dea, seconded Cr K Clements

That the meeting be closed to the public because it deals with a matter in accordance with Section 5.23 (2) (b) a matter relating to the recruitment or employment of the CEO or a senior employee, including the following —

- (i) the termination of employment;
- (ii) a review of performance under section 5.38.

CARRIED (7/0)

NO. 078/26

For: Crs Handasyde, Bell, Brown, Clements,
Fraser, O'Dea, Liebeck.

Against: Nil

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr J Liebeck, seconded Cr M O'Dea:

That Council:

1. Makes an offer of employment to Candidate A for the position of Chief Executive Officer;
2. Determines that Candidate A is suitably qualified and meets all the standards for the position; and
3. Endorses the proposed terms of the contract of employment.

CARRIED (7/0)

NO. 079/26

For: Crs Handasyde, Bell, Brown, Clements,
Fraser, O'Dea, Liebeck.

Against: Nil

Absolute Majority

MOTION THAT THE MEETING BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Moved Cr J Liebeck, seconded Cr K Clements:

That the meeting is reopened to the public.

CARRIED (7/0)

NO. 080/26

**For: Crs Handasyde, Bell, Brown, Clements,
Fraser, O'Dea, Liebeck.**

Against: Nil

Simple Majority

7 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

**8 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY
DECISION OF**

9 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Presiding member closed the meeting at 5:18pm.

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON_____DATE:____/____/____