Shire of Goomalling

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

21 July 2026

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Council Meeting No. 07 of 2026 of the Shire of Goomalling Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Administration Office, 32 Quinlan Street, Goomalling on Tuesday, 21 July 2026 at 12.25pm.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is part of the traditional lands of the Nyoongar people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Nyoongar Ballardong people as the custodians of the greater Goomalling/Koomal area and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important to the living Nyoongar Ballardong people today.

Without prior approval any recording of this meeting is prohibited, and no action should be taken into the resolution of Council prior to written advice being received.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES & APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 Attendance

Council	Presiding Member	Cr Julie Chester
	Deputy President	Cr Roland Van Gelderen
	Elected Member	Cr Casey Butt – Via Telephone
	Elected Member	Cr Graham Chester
	Elected Member	Cr John Gibbons
	Elected Member	Cr Karen McGill
	Elected Member	Cr Brendon Wilkes
Administration	Chief Executive Officer	Mr Samuel E Bryce
	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Miss Natalie Bird
	Works Manager	Mr David Long
	Minutes	Mrs Linley Dreghorn

2.2 Apologies

Nil

2.3 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

2.4 Gallery

Nil

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

4. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

5. DISCLSOURE OF FINANCIL/IMPARTIALITY INTERESTS

Nil

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

7. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

8. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9. OFFICERS' REPORTS

9.1 ADOPTION OF 2026/2027 BUDGET

File Reference	**03.6**
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Applicant	Shire of Goomalling
Previous Item Numbers	No Direct
Date	21 July 2026
Author	Natalie Bird – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Authorising Officer	Samuel E Bryce - Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	9.1.1 Copy of Statutory Budget Documents

Summary
To present to Council the 2026/2027 Municipal Budget including supporting schedules showing rates, Fees /Charges with elected members fees and allowances with increases in differential rates which will equate to an 8.00% increase on the previous year's yield, for adoption.

Background
Local Governments must give local public notice of the intention to levy in 2026/2027 differential rates and minimum payments and consequently we have called for public submissions, which Council must consider before imposing the 2026/2027 differential rates and minimum payments.

Local Governments must publish the differential rates on the Local Government's website, as applicable within 10-days of the Council resolution to impose them.

In accordance with section 6.34 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the revenue estimated to be yielded by the general rates imposed for the 2026/2027 financial year will be 100% of the 2026/2027 Budget expenditure over and above what is covered by all other revenue sources.

Consultation
Council has advertised the proposal to levy differential rates and no submissions were received.
Budget Workshops
Council Forums

Statutory Environment
The *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* provide prescriptive guidelines for the formal adoption of Council Budgets.

6.32. Rates and service charges

(1) When adopting the annual budget, a local government
- *(a) in order to make up the budget deficiency, is to impose* a general rate on rateable land within its district, which rate may be imposed either*
  - *(i) uniformly; or*
  - *(ii) differentially;*
- *(b) may impose* on rateable land within its district*
  - *(i) a specified area rate; or*
  - *(ii) a minimum payment; and*

(c) may impose a service charge on land within its district.*

**** Absolute majority required**.*

(2) Where a local government resolves to impose a rate, it is required to

(a) set a rate which is expressed as a rate in the dollar of the gross rental value of rateable land within its district to be rated on gross rental value; and

(b) set a rate which is expressed as a rate in the dollar of the unimproved value of rateable land within its district to be rated on unimproved value.

(3) A local government

(a) may, at any time after the imposition of rates in a financial year, in an emergency, impose a supplementary general rate or specified area rate for the unexpired portion of the current financial year; and*

(b) is to, after a court or the State Administrative Tribunal has quashed a general valuation, rate or service charge, impose a new general rate, specified area rate or service charge.*

**** Absolute majority required**.*

(4) Where a court or the State Administrative Tribunal has quashed a general valuation, the quashing does not render invalid a rate imposed on the basis of the quashed valuation in respect of any financial year prior to the financial year in which the proceedings which resulted in that quashing were commenced.

6.35. Minimum payment

(1) Subject to this section, a local government may impose on any rateable land in its district a minimum payment which is greater than the general rate which would otherwise be payable on that land.

(2) A minimum payment is to be a general minimum but subject to subsection (3), a lesser minimum may be imposed in respect of any portion of the district.

(3) In applying subsection (2) the local government is to ensure the general minimum is imposed on not less than

(a) 50% of the total number of separately rated properties in the district;

or

(b) 50% of the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6), on which a minimum payment is imposed.

(4) A minimum payment is not to be imposed on more than the prescribed percentage of

(a) the number of separately rated properties in the district; or

(b) the number of properties in each category referred to in subsection (6), unless the general minimum does not exceed the prescribed amount.

(5) If a local government imposes a differential general rate on any land on the basis that the land is vacant land it may, with the approval of the Minister, impose a minimum payment in a manner that does not comply with subsections (2), (3) and (4) for that land.

(6) For the purposes of this section a minimum payment is to be applied separately, in accordance with the principles set forth in subsections (2), (3) and (4) in respect of each of the following categories

(a) to land rated on gross rental value;

(b) to land rated on unimproved value; and

(c) to each differential rating category where a differential general rate is imposed.

Policy Implications
Nil

Financial Implications
The setting of the Shire's Annual Budget is a key decision made by Council on an annual basis and the Local Government must prepare and adopt the annual budget in the prescribed form no later than 31 August each financial year. It is imperative that all Councillors fully understand the Budget and recognise the implications of decisions that have been made regarding resource allocation for the following 12 months as a result of the adoption of the Budget. Council has considered the draft budget while being involved in a series of workshops over the past few months.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Goomalling Community Strategic Plan 2019-2028	
4.2.1	Operate in a financially sustainable manner
4.2.3	Use resources efficiently and effectively

Comment/Conclusion
That Council adopt the budget in six (6) separate motions. Council has had to take into consideration other legislative requirements including the cost of services that has increased substantially and assets renewal which has contributed to a deficit budget, but Council will during the financial year investigate ways to reduce the deficit especially within the area of cost recovery of services to the community.

Voting Requirements
Absolute Majority

RESOLUTION: 20260701SCM

Moved Cr Van Gelderen, Seconded Cr Wilkes

That the Fees and Charges and Rental Charges included within the budget document and the following Service Charges be ADOPTED in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Health Act 1911*.

***Local Government Act 1995* – Service Charges 2026/2027**
Health Act 1911

Refuse Removal Charges

Refuse Goomalling	$388.00
Refuse –additional bin	$388.00
Refuse Jennacubbine	$415.00
Refuse Wongamine	$415.00
Refuse Konnongorring	$415.00
Refuse – additional bin	$415.00
Recycling – Kerbside Collection	$127.00
240 Litre Wheelie Bin	at cost
Tipping Fee - cubic metre – Non-Residents	$30.00

Sewerage

Residential	08.7825 cents in the dollar Minimum Charge $937.00
Commercial	08.7825 cents in the dollar Minimum charge $990.00
Vacant Lot	$937.00 per property

BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY
CARRIED: 7/0

	For	Against		For	Against		For	Against
Cr Chester	√		**Cr G Chester**	√		**Cr McGill**	√	
Cr Van Gelderen	√		**Cr Gibbons**	√		**Cr Wilkes**	√	
Cr Butt	√							

RESOLUTION: 20260702SCM

Moved Cr Wilkes, Seconded Cr G Chester

That the following General Rates for 2026/2027 be adopted in accordance with the requirements of Section 6.32 of the *Local Government Act 1995*:

That the following Rates in the Dollar be adopted for the Shire of Goomalling for the year ending 30 June 2027:

Gross Rental Values	**(Towns)**
Residential	11.105 cents in the dollar
Commercial	13.759 cents in the dollar
Industrial	15.600 cents in the dollar
Urban Farmland	10.284 cents in the dollar

Unimproved Values	**(Rural)**
Rural Zone 2	00.430 cents in the dollar
Special Rural	00.895 cents in the dollar
General Zone 3	00.395 cents in the dollar

MINIMUM RATES
That the minimum rate for Gross Rental Values and UV properties is set as follows for the various rate categories:

GRV Residential	$1,277.00 per assessment
GRV Commercial	$1,276.00 per assessment
GRV Industrial	$699.00 per assessment
GRV Urban Farmland	$960.00 per assessment

UV Rural Zone 2	$1,063.00 per assessment
UV Special Rural	$1,422.00 per assessment
UV General Zone 3	$1,434.00 per assessment

Discount
No early settlement discount or rates incentive prizes to be offered in the 2026/2027 Budget.

BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY
CARRIED: 7/0

	For	Against		For	Against		For	Against
Cr Chester	√		**Cr G Chester**	√		**Cr McGill**	√	
Cr Van Gelderen	√		**Cr Gibbons**	√		**Cr Wilkes**	√	
Cr Butt	√							

RESOLUTION: 20260703SCM

Moved Cr McGill, Seconded Cr Gibbons

PAYMENT OPTIONS
That Council, in accordance with the provisions of section 6.45 and 6.50 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, offers the following payment options for the payment of rates:

(a) **Single Instalment**
Payment in full within 35 days of the date of issue of the rate notice.

(b) **Two Instalments**
The first instalment of 50% of the total current rates, ESL, refuse charges, instalment charges plus the total outstanding arrears payable, within 35 days from the date of issue of the rate notice.

The second instalment of 50% of the total current rates, ESL, refuse charges and instalment charges, payable two (2) months from the due date of the first instalment.

(c) Four Instalments
The first instalment of 25% of the total current rates, ESL, refuse charges and instalment charges plus the total outstanding arrears payable, within 35 days from the date of issue of the rate notice.

The second, third and fourth instalments, each of 25% of the current rates, ESL, refuse charges and instalment charges, payable at two (2) monthly intervals after the due date of the first instalment.

INTEREST AND ADMINISTRATION CHARGES FOR INSTALMENT OPTIONS
That Council, in accordance with the provisions of section 6.45 of the *Local Government Act 1995* imposes an Administration Fee of $15 per instalment notice together with an interest charge of 5.5%, both of which applies to the second instalment of the two (2) Instalment option, and the second, third and fourth instalments of the four (4) Instalment option.

LATE PAYMENT PENALTY INTEREST
That Council, in accordance with the provisions of section 6.13 and 6.51 of the *Local Government Act*, and Regulations 19A and 70 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, adopts an interest rate of 11% per annum. Penalty interest will apply to all charges which remain unpaid after 35 days from the date of issue of the rate notice.

Excluded are eligible pensioners, deferred pensioner rates and current instalment amounts not yet due. Also excluded are residential and small business ratepayers who are managed under Councils Financial Hardship Policy.

BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY
CARRIED: 7/0

	For	Against		For	Against		For	Against
Cr Chester	√		Cr G Chester	√		Cr McGill	√	
Cr Van Gelderen	√		Cr Gibbons	√		Cr Wilkes	√	
Cr Butt	√							

RESOLUTION: 20260704SCM

Moved Cr G Chester, Seconded Cr Van Gelderen

That the Council adopts the Budget under the *Local Government Act 1995* Section 6.2 for the Shire of Goomalling for the year ending 30 June 2027, incorporating:

- Operating Statement
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Statement of Non-Operating Incomes and Expenditures
- Rate Setting Statement
- Statement of Rating Information
- Other supporting documents and schedules
- (Including the Ten-Year Plant Replacement Program, 2026/2027 Road Program, Ten-Year Building Maintenance Plans and Five-Year Budget Forecast)

BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY
CARRIED: 7/0

	For	Against		For	Against		For	Against
Cr Chester	√		Cr G Chester	√		Cr McGill	√	
Cr Van Gelderen	√		Cr Gibbons	√		Cr Wilkes	√	
Cr Butt	√							

RESOLUTION: 20250705SCM

Moved Cr McGill, Seconded Cr Wilkes

That Council adopts the following Annual Members Meeting Attendance Fees and Allowances for 2026/2027 in accordance with the requirements of Sections 5.99 and 5.99(A) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulations 34A and 34B, and the Annual President Allowance for 2026/2027 in accordance with the requirements of and Section 5.98(5) of the *Local Government Act 1995* be adopted:

Presidential Allowance	$3,300.00 Per Annum
Deputy President Allowance	$750.00 Per Annum
Councillor Sitting Fees:	
Council Meeting – Councillor	$150.00 Per Meeting
Council Meeting – President	$300.00 Per Meeting
Committee Meeting – President	$100.00 Per Meeting
Committee Meeting – Councillor	$75.00 Per Meeting
Travel Allowance	$0.9554/km

BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY
CARRIED: 7/0

	For	Against		For	Against		For	Against
Cr Chester	√		**Cr G Chester**	√		**Cr McGill**	√	
Cr Van Gelderen	√		**Cr Gibbons**	√		**Cr Wilkes**	√	
Cr Butt	√							

RESOLUTION: 20250706SCM

Moved Cr Wilkes, Seconded Cr G Chester

That Council adopts, in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* section 34(5), the material variance as reported in the Statement of Financial Activity in the financial year ending 30 June 2027 of 10% or $10,000.00.

BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY
CARRIED: 7/0

	For	Against		For	Against		For	Against
Cr Chester	√		**Cr G Chester**	√		**Cr McGill**	√	
Cr Van Gelderen	√		**Cr Gibbons**	√		**Cr Wilkes**	√	
Cr Butt	√							

10. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member, Shire President, Cr Julie Chester, closed the meeting at 12.35pm.

"I certify that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 21 July 2026 have been confirmed as a true and correct record"

President ______________________________

Chief Executive Officer ______________________________

Date ______________________________