



Minutes

Unscheduled Council Meeting

Tuesday 2 June 2026

held at 3:00 PM

Council Chambers

Swan Hill Town Hall

53 – 57 McCallum Street, Swan Hill. VIC 3585

Confirmed 16 June 2026

Chairperson.....

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Vision Statement

Built on strong foundations that embrace our rich History and natural environment, our region will be a place of progressions and possibility. We are a community that is happy, healthy and harmonious - we are empowered, we are respectful and we are proud.

Our Mission

We will lead, advocate, partner and provide efficient services and opportunities for growth and the wellbeing of our community, environment and economy.

Our Values

Council values our residents and community and will be responsive to their needs. In pursuing our objectives, we believe in, and are committed to, the following values:

Community engagement - We will ensure that our communities are consulted, listened to and informed.

Leadership - We will be at the centre of our community and by actively engaging our community we will form the collective view on strategic issues and will then express our views through strong advocacy and action.

Fairness - We will value and embrace the diversity of our community and ensure that all people are treated equally.

Accountability- We will be transparent and efficient in our activities and we will always value feedback.

Trust - We will act with integrity and earn the community's trust by being a reliable partner in delivering services, projects and providing facilities.

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1 Procedural Matters

1.1 Welcome

Mayor, Cr King assumed the chair and declared the Unscheduled Council Meeting - 2 June 2026 open at 3:00 pm

1.2 Acknowledgement Of Country

Mayor, Cr King read the Acknowledgement of Country.

"Swan Hill Rural City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, and pays its respects to their elders, past and present."

1.3 Opening Declaration

Cr Jennings read the opening declaration.

"We, the Councillors of Swan Hill Rural City Council, declare that we will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor, in the best interests of our community, and faithfully, and impartially, carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in us, to the best of our skill and judgement."

1.4 Apologies / Leaves of Absence

CM 2026/57 Motion

MOVED Cr Broad

That the apologies from Cr Les McPhee and Cr Lindsay Rogers be accepted.

SECONDED Cr Thornton

The Motion was put and CARRIED 5 / 0

1.5 Directors / Officers Present

Scott Barber, Chief Executive Officer
Leah Johnston, Director of Infrastructure
Michelle Grainger, Director Development and Planning
Bruce Myers, Director of Community and Cultural Services
Stephen Fernando, Director of Corporate Services
Peter Ross, Manager of Engineering and Special Projects
Sharon Lindsay, Executive Assistant

1.6 Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

2 In-Camera Items

RECOMMENDATION

That, in accordance with sections 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the meeting be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the following confidential items:

CM 2026/58 MOTION

MOVED Cr Englefield

That Council, resolve to close the meeting at 3:02 pm to members of the public to consider the following items.

SECONDED Cr Thornton

The Motion was put and CARRIED 5 / 0

2.1 Swan Hill Motorplex Complex - Mechanical Concrete

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM This item is to be considered at an In Camera meeting in accordance with Section 3(1) (e) of the Local Government Act 2020, on the grounds that the item concerns legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies.

CM 2026/59 Motion

MOVED Cr Jennings

That Council does approve the use of mechanical concrete as a form of road construction at the drag strip for the purposes of a trial section only as per the documentation provided by Skid City with the following conditions:

- **EPA approval (threshold requirement):** Formal written approval from the EPA must be obtained prior to commencement, clarifying the regulatory basis on which the Trial may proceed, including how the Trial interacts with the Applicants existing permissions and the obligations of the Applicant and Council under the EP Act and EP Regulations. This must include a statement on how the burial of tyres in this context is permitted under the Trial.
- **Council confirmation (limited and conditional):** Any confirmation provided by Council must be expressly limited to a defined Trial, be conditional on strict compliance with all regulatory requirements, and must not be taken as

approval of broader use of Mechanical Concrete or waste tyres in road construction.

- **Independent certification:** Independent engineering and environmental certification must be obtained confirming the design and methodology are fit for purpose and risks are appropriately managed.
- **Approved plans and methodology:** Detailed plans, specifications and construction methodology must be submitted by a qualified and experienced engineer to, and approved by, Council prior to any works commencing.
- **Limited scope and staging:** The Trial must be strictly limited in area, duration and scale for 12 months, and must proceed on a staged basis with defined review points and no expansion without further approval.
- **Insurance, indemnity and financial security:** Enhanced indemnities in favour of Council, appropriate public liability and environmental insurance, and provision of financial security (e.g. bond or bank guarantee) to cover removal and site remediation.
- **Monitoring, reporting and audit rights:** Ongoing monitoring and reporting of performance (including environmental impacts), with full inspection and audit rights for Council.
- **Stop/suspend rights:** Council must retain an express right to immediately suspend or terminate the Trial and require removal of works if risks materialise or conditions are not met.
- **No reliance / limited approval:** Approval must be limited to the Trial only, with no approval of broader works, and the Applicant proceeds entirely at its own risk.

SECONDED Cr Englefield

The Motion was put and CARRIED 5 / 0

CM 2026/60 MOTION

MOVED Cr Jennings

That the meeting move out of closed session at 4:07 pm.

SECONDED Cr Englefield

The Motion was put and CARRIED 5 / 0

3 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Mayor, Cr King closed the meeting at 4:07 pm.