

Minutes

Unscheduled Council Meeting

Tuesday 27 October 2026
held at 9:00 AM
Council Chambers
Swan Hill Town Hall
53 – 57 McCallum Street, Swan Hill. VIC 3585

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SWAN HILL
Rural City Council

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Vision Statement

We have a great place to live, work and grow, shared by our diverse culture and connected community.

Our Mission

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

Our Values

This Vision is underpinned by a set of guiding principles that express what the community values most, such as:

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

Accountability - We are transparent and efficient in our activities, and we consistently value and welcome feedback.

Leadership - We play a central role in our community - actively engaging to shape a shared vision on strategic issues, while providing strong advocacy and decisive action.

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

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

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1 Procedural Matters

1.1 Welcome

Mayor, Cr King assumed the chair and declared the Unscheduled Council Meeting - 27 October 2026 open at 9:00 am.

1.2 Acknowledgement Of Country

Mayor, Councillor 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 Englefield 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 2026/169 Motion

MOVED Cr Broad

That Council accept the apology from Councillor Lindsay Rogers.

SECONDED Cr Englefield

The Motion was put and CARRIED 6 / 0

1.5 Directors / Officers Present

Scott Barber, Chief Executive Officer
Bruce Myers, Director or Customer and Community
Leah Johnston, Director of Infrastructure
Stephen Fernando, Director of Corporate Services
Nathan Keighran, Acting Director Development and Planning
Alexandra Jeffries, Development Manager
Sharon Lindsay, Executive Assistant

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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 2026/170 MOTION

MOVED Cr Broad

That Council, resolve to close the meeting at 9:02 am to members of the public to consider the following items.

SECONDED Cr Jennings

The Motion was put and CARRIED 6 / 0

2.1 Robinvale Hotel Update

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM *This item is to be considered at an In Camera meeting in accordance with Section 3(1) (d) of the Local Government Act 2020,* on the grounds that the item concerns law enforcement information, being information which if released would be reasonably likely to prejudice the investigation into an alleged breach of the law or the fair trial or hearing of any person.

CM 2026/171 Motion

MOVED Cr McPhee

That Council;

1. **Approve demolition and removal works directly.**
2. **Continue to pursue the owner for recovery of costs.**
3. **Approve budget to complete the works.**
4. **Approve a selective Tender procurement process.**
5. **Notify the community once the demolition plans are known.**

SECONDED Cr Englefield

The Motion was put and CARRIED 6 / 0

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CM 2026/172 MOTION

MOVED Cr McPhee

That the meeting move out of closed session at 10:06 am.

SECONDED Cr Englefield

The Motion was put and CARRIED 6 / 0

3 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Mayor, Cr King closed the meeting at 10:06 am.

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