COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

AGENDA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

30th JUNE 2026

10:00 am

Contents

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

I hereby give notice that a Special Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date:	30th June 2026
Time:	10:00 am
Location:	Council Chambers
	22 Cameron Road, Batchelor NT 0845

Any member of Council and staff who may have a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest regarding any item of business to be discussed at a Council meeting should declare that conflict of interest to enable Council to manage the conflict and resolve it in accordance with its obligations under the *Local Government Act 2019*.

The Special Meeting of Council will be open to the public.

The meeting will be recorded for minuting purposes only.

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Natasha Chapman

Acting Chief Executive Officer.

AGENDA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BATCHELOR

ON 30th JUNE 2026

The President of the Council, Mr. Ross McGorman will declare the meeting open at 10:00 am, and welcome all in attendance.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land commonly referred to as Coomalie. I pay my respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

3. PERSONS PRESENT

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Ross McGorman
Deputy President	Chris Whatley
Councillor	Sharon Beswick
Councillor	Mae Mae Morrison
Councillor	Alan Roe
Councillor	Greg Strettles

STAFF PRESENT

Acting Chief Executive Officer	Natasha Chapman

VISITORS PRESENT

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Date:	30th June 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	**Nil.**

PURPOSE

This report is to table for Council's record any apologies and requests for leave of absence received for the Special Meeting held on 30th June 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the apologies of……… absence for the Special Meeting held 30th June 2026.

Moved:

Seconded:

COMMENT

The council can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by Council will be recorded as absence without notice.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019.*

1.07 Meetings of Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

5. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Date:	30th June 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	**Nil.**

PURPOSE

This report is to table, for Council's record, any requests, and permissions for Electronic Attendance.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council acknowledges and accepts………. attendance to the meeting of 30th June 2026 via electronic means.

Moved:

Seconded:

COMMENT

The *Local Government Act 2019* provides for a member who is not physically present at a meeting is taken to be present at the meeting if:

> (a) the member's attendance at the meeting by means of an audio or audio-visual conferencing system is authorised in accordance with a council resolution establishing a policy for attendance in such a manner.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Date:	30th June 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	**Nil.**

PURPOSE

Members and Staff are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by the Council at a meeting of the Council by:

1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.

2) In the case of a matter raised in general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised. Under disclosure, the member or staff member must abide by the decision of Council on whether he/ she shall remain in the meeting and/ or take part in the issue. The Council may elect to allow the member or staff member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting him/ her to leave the Chambers.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the declarations of interest as listed for the Special Meeting held 30th June 2026.

Moved:

Seconded:

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Sections 175 *Local Government Act 2019.*

CEO and Staff Code of Conduct.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

7. REPORTS REQUIRING DECISIONS OF COUNCIL

7.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CERTIFICATION OF THE ASSESSMENT RECORD

Date:	30th June 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	Nil

PURPOSE

To accept the Certification of the Assessment Record before declaring the Rates and Charges for the 2026/2027 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

a) notes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, certifies that, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief, the Assessment Record is a comprehensive record of all rateable land within the Coomalie Community Government Council area; and

b) accepts the signed Certification of the Assessment Record as included in this report and tabled at the Special Meeting of 30th June 2026.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Previous Decisions

RESOLUTION SPEC2025/06/26/002
That Council;
a) notes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in accordance with Regulation 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*, certifies that, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information, and belief, the Assessment Record is a comprehensive record of all rateable land within the Coomalie Community Government Council area; and
b) accepts the signed Certification of the Assessment Record as included in this report and tabled at the Special Council Meeting of 26th June 2025.
Moved: **Official Manager**
Seconded: **Official Manager** **Carried**

COMMENT

The Certification of the Assessment Record by the Chief Executive Officer must be received and accepted by Council prior to the 2022-23 Budget being adopted.

CONSULTATION

Acting Corporate Services Manager

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 29 *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*

29 Assessment record and record of rates

(1) Before a council adopts its budget for a financial year, the CEO must:

(a) check all available records to ensure that all rateable land is recorded in the assessment record; and

(b) certify, in writing, to the council that, to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief, the assessment record is a comprehensive record of all rateable land within the area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

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Certificate in Terms of Regulation 29 (1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*

This is to certify that assessments numbered 1 to 1411 declared pursuant to Sections 237 — 239 of the *Local Government Act 2019* are recorded in the assessment record and to the best of my knowledge, information and belief the assessment record is a comprehensive record of all rateable land within the Shire.

……………………………………………

Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Dated at Batchelor this 30th Day of June 2026.

Section 29 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* states that the above certification must be made before a council adopts its budget.

7.2 DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES 2026/2027

Date:	30th June 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	2026-2027 Rates Declaration

PURPOSE

To seek Council's declaration of Rates and Charges for the 2026/2027 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

a) receives and notes the report entitled Declaration of Rates and Charges 2026/2027; and

b) declares to raise $1,779,889.00 in General Rates and Charges for the 2026/2027 financial year to be paid in four (4) instalments due:

1. 25th September 2026
2. 27th November 2026
3. 29th January 2027
4. 26th March 2027, and

c) declares to publish the notice as per section 241(1) of the *Local Government Act 2019.*

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

RESOLUTION SCM2026/06/06/010
That Council;
a) receives and notes the report entitled Draft Declaration of Rates and Charges 2026/2027; and
b) endorses the Draft Declaration of Rates and Charges 2026/2027 (as amended to include special meeting date of 30 June 2026) for inclusion in the Draft 2026/2027 Shire Plan for public consultation.
Moved: *Clr. Strettles*
Seconded: *DP Whatley* ***Carried***

RESOLUTION SPEC2025/06/26/003
That Council;
a) receives and notes the report entitled Declaration of Rates and Charges 2025-26 ;
b) declares to raise $1,762,018.05 in General Rates and Charges for the 2025-26 financial year to be paid in four (4) instalments as amended due on:
1. 26th September 2025
2. 28th November 2025
3. 30th January 2026
*4. ~~27th March 2026 7th~~ **7th April 2026** and;*
c) declares to publish the notice as per section 241(1) of the Local Government Act 2019.
Moved: *Official Manager*
Seconded: *Official Manager* ***Carried***

COMMENT

Pursuant to Sections 237 – 241 of the *Local Government Act 2019*, Council must declare the Rates and Charges intended to be raised for the year and be included in the 2026/2027 Budget and Annual Shire Plan. Council must also publish notice of its declaration on its website and in a newspaper circulating in the area within 21 days of the declaration being made.

During the Budget and Rates Workshops, Council reviewed the current rates models and payment arrangements. It is recommended to continue with four (4) payment instalments to assist in removing barriers for ratepayers to meet their rates obligations.

In the 2026/2027 Budget, the General Rates and Charges includes an increase of 4% for both rating categories. This increase is in line with the March 2026 CPI for Darwin. For most residential properties, this sees an increase in 4% on the minimum rate charged. The expected revenue raised from general rates is $1,310,717. This has now been updated to reflect the final 2025 Valuations from the Valuer-General and all property changes up until 24 June 2026. Any changes in properties between 24th June 2026 and the date rates are levied in the system may result in a change to the total revenue raised in 2026/2027. The expected revenue from mining tenements and pastoral leases has been amended to reflect the Gazetted differential rates and minimums for 2026/2027.

The Waste Charges have also been increased by 4% in the 2026/2027 budget. This results in expected revenue of $469,172 for waste management purposes. The change in waste charge revenue from the initial draft declaration is due to confirmation from local government sector on the application of charges to Crown Land properties.

The Draft 2026/2027 Rates Declaration was included in the Draft 2026/2027 Annual Shire Plan released for public consultation from 6th June to 28th June 2026. Council received 5 submissions. Public comments from 2 rate payers outlined disapproval of the 4% increase in rates.

CONSULTATION

Acting Corporate Services Manager

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 2019

1.11 Rating Policy

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has prepared a balanced budget for 2026/2027 based on the rates revenue assumptions listed above. Expected total revenue raised from Rates and Charges is $1,779,889.

DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES 2026-27

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2019

Notice is given pursuant to Section 241 of the *Local Government Act 2019* (**the *Act***) that the following rates and charges were declared by Coomalie Community Government Council (**"Council"**) at a Special Council meeting held on 30th June 2026 pursuant to Chapter 11 of the *Act* in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2027. (A copy of the assessment record is available for inspection, free of charge, at any of the Council's public offices. A person may apply to the Council for the correction of an entry in the assessment record.)

<u>Rates</u>

Pursuant to section 237 of the Act, Council declared that in respect to the financial year ending 30 June 2026 it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of **$1,310,717.00.**

Pursuant to section 226 of the Act, the basis of rates is differential valuation-based charges (**differential rates**) with differential minimum amounts (**minimum amounts**) being payable in application of each of those differential rates.

Pursuant to section 227 of the Act, Council adopted the unimproved capital value (as it appears on the valuation roll prepared by the Valuer-General under the *Valuation of Land Act 1963*) as the basis of the assessed value of allotments in the Council area.

For the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2 below:

(a) "Plan" means Survey Plan CP 5479, a copy of which is accessible on the Council's website and available for inspection at the Council's public office; and

(b) "Ward" means a ward as described on the Plan and not a "ward" as defined in the Act.

1. Batchelor Township Ward and Adelaide River Township Ward

In respect of allotments of rateable land within those parts of the council area described on the Plan as Batchelor Township Ward and Adelaide River Township Ward and classed as "Residential" or "Commercial" in the council assessment record, a differential rate of **0.00846375** multiplied by the assessed value of each allotment with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being **$1,341.18** multiplied by the greater of:

i. the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use on each allotment pursuant to section 226(5) of the Act; or
ii. the number 1 (one).

If an allotment is divided into separate parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use, a minimum amount may consist of a set amount to be multiplied by the number of separate parts or units.

2. Batchelor Rural Ward, Adelaide River Rural Ward, Coomalie Tortilla Ward and Lake Bennett Ward
In respect of allotments of rateable land within those parts of the council area described on the Plan as Batchelor Rural Ward, Adelaide River Rural Ward, Coomalie Tortilla Ward and Lake Bennett Ward and classed as "Residential" or "Commercial" in the council assessment record, a differential rate of **0.00311373** multiplied by the assessed value of each allotment with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being **$1,131.52** multiplied by the greater of:

i. the number of separate residential parts or units that are adapted for separate occupation or use on each allotment pursuant to section 226(5) of the Act; or
ii. the number 1 (one).

3. Pastoral leases under the *Pastoral Land Act*

In respect of allotments of land which are held under a pastoral lease, as defined in section 3 of the *Pastoral Land Act 1992,* a rate of **0.000813** multiplied by the assessed value of such land with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being **$1,000.70.**

4. **Mining tenements**
In respect of allotments of land which are occupied under a "mining tenement" as defined in the Act, a rate of **0.009238** multiplied by the assessed value of such land with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being **$2,368.42.**

Note:

i. Contiguous leases or reasonably adjacent tenements held by the same person are to be rated as if they were a single tenement.

ii. If the owner of the mining tenement is also the owner of another interest in the land (**other interest**) then:

(A) if the rate calculated in accordance with this paragraph 4 is less than or equal to the rate payable for the other interest - no rate is payable for the mining tenement; or

(B) if the rate calculated in accordance with this paragraph 4 for the mining tenement (**amount A**) is greater than the rate payable for the other interest (**amount B**) - the rate payable for the mining tenement is the difference between amount A and amount B.

<u>Charges</u>

Pursuant to section 239 of the Act*,* Council declared the following charges for the purpose of kerbside garbage collection provided, or which council is willing and able to provide.

Council intends to raise **$469,172** by these charges.

5. Residential Allotments - Waste
In respect of allotments classed as "Residential – not vacant" in the council assessment record, where Council is willing and able to provide the service, a charge of **$586.00** per annum per allotment.

The service provided is a kerbside collection of the contents of one 240 litre bin per week.

6. Commercial Allotments - Waste

In respect of allotments classed as "Commercial" in the council assessment record, where Council is willing and able to provide the service, a charge of **$1,206.00** per annum per allotment. This includes businesses operating food, commercial or accommodation businesses.

The service provided is a kerbside collection of the contents of one 240 litre bin twice per week.

7. General Waste Management

In respect of all allotments which are not liable for charges under paragraph 5 or 6 above, a charge of **$276.00** per annum per allotment for access to the Council's waste management facility for the purpose of depositing waste from the allotment, regardless of whether or not the facility is used.

8. Payment

The Council determines that the rates and charges declared under this declaration are all due and payable in four (4) approximately equal instalments on the following dates:

1. **25th September 2026**
2. **27th November 2026**
3. **29th January 2027**
4. **26th March 2027**

Interest Rate for late payment

The relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with section 245 of the Act at the rate of **18% per annum** which is to be calculated on a daily basis. Instalments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day, without incurring any penalty.

Natasha Chapman
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Coomalie Community Government Council

7.3 FEES AND CHARGES 2026/2027

Date:	30th June 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	2026/2027 Fees and Charges

PURPOSE

To adopt the Fees and Charges for the 2026/2027 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

a) adopts the Fees and Charges 2026/2027; and

b) publishes the Fees and Charges 2026/2027 on its website.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

RESOLUTION SCM2026/06/06/011
That Council;
a) receives and notes the report titled Draft Fees and Charges 2026/2027; and
b) endorses the Draft Fees and Charges 2026/2027 (as amended to include the below tables) for inclusion in the Draft Shire Plan 2026/2027 for public consultation.
Moved: *Clr Roe*
Seconded: *Clr Strettles* ***Carried***

RESOLUTION SPEC2025/06/26/004
That Council;
a) adopts the 2025-26 Fees and Charges; and
b) publishes the 2025-26 Fees and Charges on its website.
Moved: *Official Manager*
Seconded: *Official Manager* ***Carried***

COMMENT

Council is required to adopt the Fees and Charges to be included in the Budget for the financial year and advertise for public comment for 21 days. Public consultation was open between 6th June 2026 to 28th June 2026. 5 public submissions were received relating to the Shire Plan. No comments were received relating to the Fees and Charges proposed for 2026/2027.

CONSULTATION

Acting Corporate Services Manager

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Section 201(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 2019*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

7.3 ATTACHMENT: FEES AND CHARGES 2026/2027

FEES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE 2026/2027

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	UNIT	FEE		GST
EQUIPMENT CHARGES				
Chairs (70 Blue)	Per Chair Per Day	$2		Y
Chairs (White) – price/chair (On application, subject to CEO approval)	Per Day	$5		Y
Chairs (White) – price/10 chairs (On application, subject to CEO approval)	Per Day	$47		Y
Table (20)	Per Day	$5		Y
Large Trailer (NOT car trailer)	Per Day	$62		Y
Hire of equipment over long weekends		*2x Per Day Charge*		
VENUE HIRE				
Community Centre/Ovals/Facilities	Refundable Bond	$124		N
	Half Day	$52		Y
	Full Day	$78		Y
Chambers /Conference Room	Half day	$52		Y
	Full day	$98		Y
Adelaide River Access Shed Key Deposit	Refundable	$72		N
Storage fee (insurance borne by hirer)	Per Pallet	$31		Y
PLANT HIRE CHARGES INCL OPERATOR		Rate Payer	Non-Rate Payer	
Tilt Tray	Per Hour	$233	$269	Y
Transport costs	Per Km	$7	$8	Y
Portable Toilet Trailer - daily rate per day	Daily rate – per day	$725	$756	Y
Portable Toilet Trailer - weekly rate per day	Weekly rate – per day	$600	$637	Y
Portable Toilet Trailer - Refundable Bond	Per Hire	$636	$673	N

COOMALIE COMMUNITY BUS				
Bus - bus must be refuelled prior to return	Per Day	$500	$600	Y
Bus - refuel if returned not full	Per Litre	$5	$5	Y

ADMINISTRATION FEES			
Rate Search		$153	Y
Advertising Community Directory		$78	
Advertising in Newsletter	2 column x 10 lines	$73	Y
	¼ page	$191	Y
	½ page	$280	Y
	Full page	$376	Y
Printing/Photocopying - A4 Per Sheet	Black and White	$0.25	Y
	Colour	$0.35	Y
Printing/Photocopying - A3 Per Sheet	Black and White	$0.35	Y
	Colour	$0.50	Y
Laminating	A4 Per Sheet	$1.60	Y
Scanning and emailing	Per Page	$1	Y
	A3 Per Sheet	$1	Y
Document Binding	Up to 30 pages	$15	Y
	31-50 pages	$24	Y
	Over 50 pages	$29	Y
Administrative Coordination Fee	Per Hour (or part thereof)	$56	Y
Printing of Shire Plan	Black and White	FREE	N
MARKET FEES (Pay Coordinator on site)			
Market Insurance	Per Day	$7	Y
Powered Market Site Fee	Per Day	$7	Y
COOMALIE ART SHOW			
Entry Fee (maximum of 3 pieces/artist)	Per Item	$26	Y
BATCHELOR POOL			
Mon, Thu, Fri 3-6pm. Sat 1-6pm. Sun 12-6pm.			
General Admission:			
Adult		FREE	
Children (under 4 free)		FREE	
Pensioners		FREE	
POOL BOOKINGS			
Group Entry – School and Community Groups	Per Child	$2	Y
	Per Adult	$5	Y
Hirer to leave pool in neat and tidy condition.			

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	UNIT	FEE	GST
CEMETERY FEES			
Burial Plot (outright allocation) – non-refundable			
Adult	Per Burial	$3,198	Y
Child	Per Burial	$1,599	Y
Double Burial Plot (outright allocation)			
First Burial	Per Burial	$3,198	Y
Second Burial	Per Burial	$1,599	Y
Interment of Ashes – Plot or Niche wall			
Adult		$383	Y
Child		$191	Y
Reservations (Plot or Niche wall) – *refundable on cancellation less cancellation fee*	Per Site	$393	Y
10% Cancellation Fee	Per Site	$39	Y
Exclusive Rights Fee	Per Site	$1,035	Y
ROAD SERVICE FEES			
Reinstatement of damaged road pavement		At Cost	Y
Permit to work on road reserve		$318	Y
DOG REGISTRATION CHARGES - Town and Rural (Registration period Sep - Aug)			
Dog registered between September - August FULL fee	Per Dog	$45	N
Dog registered between March - August PART fee	Per Dog	$33	N
Concession card holders	50% discount *		
Desexed dogs	50% discount *		
* Only one discount can be claimed per dog			
IMPOUNDED DOG FEES			
Initial impoundment fee	Registered Dog	$119	N
	Unregistered Dog	$223	N
Sustenance Fee for each day kept in pound		$83	N
VET CLINIC			
Desex Male (Cat/Dog)	Concession Card FREE	$104	Y
Desex Female (Cat/Dog)	Concession Card FREE	$207	Y
Consult Checkup	Concession Card FREE	$67	Y
Vaccination C3		$67	Y
Vaccination C5		$104	Y
Flea and Tick prevention		$21	Y
Wormer	Per Tablet (Total price is dependant on individual dog needs)	$6	Y
Vaccination F3 (feline)		$67	Y

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	UNIT	FEE	GST
WASTE MANAGEMENT FEES			
Wheelie Bin Purchase 240L	Per Bin	$137	Y
Residential Waste			
General Waste up to 1 Tonne		FREE	N
Green Waste up to 1 Tonne		FREE	N
White Goods (incl degassed fridges)	Per Item	FREE	N
Fridge/Freezer requiring degassing	Per Item	$104	Y
Commercial Waste – Batchelor Waste Management Facility			
*** Batchelor Waste Facility is charged per tonne of waste. In the event of the weighbridge being unavailable, Council will apply the Adelaide River Waste Management Facility fees.*			
Steel (Clean)		FREE	
Soil (Clean; by arrangement)		FREE	
Mattresses (Per item all sizes)		$55	Y
Couch or lounge		$47	Y
Green Waste (Clean - Minimum Fee)		$42	Y
Green Waste (Clean per tonne**)		$95	Y
Green Waste (contaminated – minimum fee)		$83	Y
Green Waste (contaminated – per tonne**)		$197	Y
General Waste (all vehicles per tonne**)		$223	Y
Construction Waste (by Appointment only)		$223	Y
Commercial Waste – Adelaide River Waste Management Facility			
*** Adelaide River is charged per cubic metre of waste*			
Steel (Clean)		FREE	
Soil (Clean; by arrangement)		FREE	
Mattresses (Per item all sizes)		$55	Y
Couch or lounge (per item all sizes)		$47	Y
Green Waste (Minimum Fee)		$42	Y
Green Waste (per cubic metre**)		$62	Y
General Waste (all vehicles per cubic metre**)		$134	Y
Construction Waste (by Appointment only)		$223	Y
Additional Kerbside Collection Service – Adelaide River, Batchelor and Lake Bennett Estate ONLY			
Optional residential 240 litre bin (weekly collection)	Per Bin, Per Annum	$645	Y
Optional residential 240 litre bin (2x weekly collection)	Per Bin, Per Annum	$1,327	Y
Mulch Sales			
Residential – Domestic quantity		FREE	N
Commercial	Cubic metre	$34	Y
Note: Disposal of listed items (tyres, batteries and sump oils) are NOT accepted at Council's Waste Management Facilities.			

INTERNAL USE ONLY – PLANT USE FEES INCL OPERATOR				
	Per Unit	Rate Payer	Non-Rate Payer	GST
5T Tipper	Per Hour	$223	$254	Y
3T Tipper	Per Hour	$212	$243	Y
Backhoe	Per Hour	$295	$321	Y
Tilt Tray	Per Hour	$233	$269	Y
Bobcat	Per Hour	$109	$124	Y
Attachments to Bobcat	Per Hour	$10	$26	Y
Transport costs	Per Km	$5	$6	Y
Tractor	Per Hour	$119	$135	Y
Tractor	Per Day	$647	$699	Y
Slasher	Per Hour	$36	$47	Y
Utility	Per Hour	$109	$119	Y
General labour	Per Hour	$104	$119	Y

7.4 COUNCIL MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2026/2027

Date:	30th June 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	Nil

PURPOSE

To confirm the Elected Member Allowances for the 2026/2027 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirms the budgeted total of $181,516 for Elected Member Allowances for the 2026/2027 financial year in accordance with the NT Remuneration Tribunal Determination for Local Councils 2026.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

RESOLUTION: 2026/04/21/017
That Council receives and notes the NT Remuneration Tribunal Determination of Allowances for Members of Local Councils 2026/27 and the financial impact this will have on the 2026/27 Budget.
Moved: ***Clr. Strettles***
Seconded: ***DP Whatley*** ***Carried***

RESOLUTION 2024/05/21/012
That Council;
a) declares a budgeted total amount of $141,250 for Elected Member Allowances for the 2024-25 financial year; and
b) approves allowances for Professional Development and Extra Meetings will be payable pursuant to Council Policy 1.7 Councillor Conference Attendance, Professional Development, and Extra Meeting Allowance to be amended at the June 2024 OGM.
Moved: ***Clr. McClymont***
Seconded: ***Clr. Freeman*** ***Carried 5/0***

COMMENT

Council is required to state the allowances for members of the Council for the 2026/2027 financial year and the amount budgeted to cover payment of those allowances in the annual Shire Plan.

Elected members of local government councils receive allowances to assist them in conducting their functions under the *Local Government Act 2019*. The NT Remuneration Tribunal determines the allowances for each financial year.

The allowances that will be payable to Elected Members of Coomalie Community Government Council are outlined in the table below.

Allowance	President	Deputy President	Councillor
Annual Base	$7,686	$7,686	$30,744 ($7,686/Clr)
Principal Allowance	$25,000	NIL	NIL
Professional Development	$ 7,500	$7,500	$30,000 ($7,500/Clr)
Extra Meeting		$12,000	$48,000 ($12,000/Clr)
Travel/Accom.	$ 1,200	$1,200	$3,000
Totals	**$41,386**	**$28,386**	**$111,744**
TOTAL 2026/27 = $181,516			

Extra Meeting Allowance rates remains the same as the previous year and must be paid at the set rate in the Determination based on the duration of the activity being claimed for. This has been made uniform across all councils.

Hours of activity	Allowance payable
Up to 2 hours	$200.00
Between 2 and 4 hours	$300.00
More than 4 hours	$500.00 (maximum payable for any one day)

- Vehicle Allowance is only payable to official or statutory council meetings where the member is required to travel more than 100km return. The allowance requires attendance at functions or other activities to be approved by Council.
- Travel Allowance is payable when a member is required to stay away from home overnight on approved Council business. This is paid based on applicable rates from Table 1 of Taxation Determination TD 2023/3 or current Taxation Determination. An amount has been budgeted to enable several members to attend the LGANT conference in November as approved by Council.

CONSULTATION

Acting Corporate Services Manager

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Table of Maximum Council Member Allowances for 2026/2027 issued by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Total Elected Member Allowances budgeted is $181,516.

7.5 BUDGET 2026/2027

Date:	30^{th} June 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acing Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	2026/2027 Budget
	Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-2030

PURPOSE

For Council to adopt the 2026/2027 Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-2030.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

a) adopts the 2026/2027 Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-2030; and

b) publishes the Budget on Councils website and notify the agency in writing in accordance with section 203(4) of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

RESOLUTION SCM2026/06/06/012
That Council;
a) receives and notes the report titled Draft Budget 2026/2027; and
b) endorses the Draft Budget 2026/2027 for inclusion in the Draft Shire Plan 2026/2027 for public consultation.
Moved: *Clr. Strettles*
Seconded: *DP Whatley* ***Carried***

RESOLUTION SPEC2025/06/26/005
That Council;
a) adopts the 2025-26 Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan; and
b) publishes the Budget on Council's website and in a newspaper circulating generally in the area and notify the Agency in writing in accordance with section 203(4) of the Local Government Act 2019.
Moved: ***Official Manager***
Seconded: ***Official Manager*** ***Carried***

COMMENT

Council is required to adopt a balanced budget for the financial year and advertise for public comment for 21 days. Public consultation was open from 6^{th} June 2026 to 28^{th} June 2026. No written comments were received specifically regarding the budget. General comments were made regarding the cost of different services and review of ongoing services and expenditure requirements across all functions.

Changes made to the budget during the public consultation period include the following:

1. **Revenue amendments:**

- Increase in rates and charges revenue due to the updated 2025 valuations received from the Valuer-General. Increase in general rates of $12,588 and waste charges of $46,644.
- Increase in Office of the Australian War Graves (OAWG) contribution to maintaining the Coomalie Bush Cemetery Toilets. Total increase to budgeted revenue of $6,609.
- Removal of electricity reform subsidy due to updated changes to local government electricity tariffs. Subsidy will not be paid as tariffs will be capped at 30% increase. Reduced revenue by $10,000.
- **TOTAL increase to budgeted revenue of $55,841.**

2. **Expenditure amendments:**

- Electricity cost estimates amended to reflect notification of change to local government electricity cost reforms. No longer expecting a 90 – 110% increase, costs will be capped at 30% increase. Total reduction from budgeted estimate is $28,493.
- Contractor works associated with Council's green space maintenance amended to reflect decisions of Council at the June OGM regarding awarding of tender RFT2026-001 Mowing and Landscape Maintenance. Budgeted amounts amended to reflect awarded amount (contract not yet finalised). Reduction from budgeted figure of $44,357.
- **TOTAL decrease to budgeted expenditure of $72,850.**

As a result of the above movements, the budgeted movement from reserves has been **reduced from $296,617 to $167,926.**

The Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-2030 has been amended to reflect the changes above and ongoing estimates into the next four financial year.

CONSULTATION

Acting Corporate Services Manager

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Part 10.5 of the *Local Government Act 2019*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Budget balanced to zero.

7.5 ATTACHMENT: BUDGET 2026/2027

Table 1.1 Annual Budget Income and Expenditure

	DRAFT 2026-27 BUDGET
OPERATING INCOME	
Rates	1,310,717
Charges	469,172
Fees and Charges	255,015
Operating Grants and Subsidies	1,676,452
Interest / Investment Income	218,000
Commercial and Other Income	91,059
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	**4,020,415**
OPERATING EXPENDITURE	
Employee Expenses	1,581,118
Materials and Contracts	2,323,983
Elected Member Allowances	176,116
Elected Member Expenses	5,400
Council Committee & LA Allowances	5,000
Council Committee & LA Expenses	0
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	1,598,564
Interest Expenses	0
Other Expenses	142,424
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	**5,832,605**
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	**(1,812,190)**

Table 1.2 Annual Budget Operating Position

	DRAFT 2026-27 BUDGET
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT	**(1,812,190)**
***Remove* NON-CASH ITEMS**	
Less Non-Cash Income	0
Add Back Non-Cash Expenses	1,598,564
TOTAL NON-CASH ITEMS	**1,598,564**
***Less* ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS**	
Capital Expenditure	644,790
Borrowing Repayments (Principal Only)	0
Transfer to Reserves	0
Other Outflows	0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL OUTFLOWS	**(644,790)**
***Add* ADDITIONAL INFLOWS**	
Capital Grants Income	585,990
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	104,500
Other Inflow of Funds	0
Transfers from Reserves	167,926
TOTAL ADDITIONAL INFLOWS	**858,416**
NET BUDGETED OPERATING POSITION	**0**

Table 2.1 Capital Expenditure and Funding
By class of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	DRAFT 2026-27 BUDGET $	2027-28 Budget $	2028-29 Budget $
Buildings	0	-	-
Community Assets and Other Structures	104,500	-	-
Motor Vehicles	58,800	-	-
Plant and Equipment	0	-	-
Roads Infrastructure	481,490	481,490	481,490
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	**644,790**	**481,490**	**481,490**
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDED BY:			
Capital Grants Income	481,490	481,490	481,490
Prior Year Carry Forward Tied Funding	104,500		
Operating Income and Subsidies	0		
Reserves	58,800		
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUNDING	**644,790**	**481,490**	**481,490**

Table 3.1 Budget by Planned Major Capital Works

Class of Assets	By Major Capital Project	Total Prior Year(s) Actuals $	2026-27 Budget $	Total Planned Budget $	Expected Project Completion Date
Community Assets	WaRM 2026/27 - Project TBC	0	104,500	104,500	30/06/2028
Motor Vehicles	Replacement of utility	0	58,800	58,800	31/08/2026
Roads	Chinner Road Floodway upgrade	0	150,000	150,000	30/06/2027
	TOTAL	**0**	**313,300**	**313,300**	

7.5 ATTACHMENT: LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2026-2030

DRAFT Long-Term Financial Plan 2026-2030

	DRAFT 2026-27	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
CORPORATE				
Income	2,350,436	2,444,453	2,542,232	2,643,921
Expenditure	723,601	756,163	790,190	825,749
Net Profit/(Loss)	1,626,835	1,688,290	1,752,041	1,818,172
CEMETERIES				
Income	15,600	16,224	16,873	17,548
Expenditure	12,596	13,163	13,755	14,374
Net Profit/(Loss)	3,004	3,061	3,118	3,174
COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS				
Income	4,000	4,160	4,326	4,499
Expenditure	53,033	55,419	57,913	60,519
Net Profit/(Loss)	-49,033	-51,259	-53,587	-56,020
COMMUNITY LIBRARIES				
Income	15,000	15,600	16,224	16,873
Expenditure	9,834	10,227	10,688	11,169
Net Profit/(Loss)	5,166	5,373	5,536	5,704
SPORT AND RECREATION PROGRAMS				
Income	72,500	75,400	78,416	81,553
Expenditure	113,119	118,209	123,529	129,088
Net Profit/(Loss)	-40,619	-42,809	-45,113	-47,535
PARKS AND GARDENS				
Income	650	676	703	731
Expenditure	242,379	253,286	264,684	276,595
Net Profit/(Loss)	-241,729	-252,610	-263,981	-275,864
PUBLIC CONVENIENCES				
Income	17,609	18,313	19,046	19,808
Expenditure	168,742	176,335	184,270	192,563
Net Profit/(Loss)	-151,133	-158,022	-164,343	-170,917
REGULATORY SERVICES				
Income	10,335	10,748	11,178	11,625
Expenditure	25,833	26,995	28,210	29,480
Net Profit/(Loss)	-15,498	-16,247	-17,032	-17,713

ROADS				
Income	701,183	729,230	758,400	788,736
Expenditure	1,964,480	2,052,882	2,145,261	2,241,798
Net Profit/(Loss)	-1,263,297	-1,323,651	-1,376,597	-1,431,661
RECREATION FACILITIES				
Income	1,500	1,560	1,622	1,687
Expenditure	151,297	158,105	165,220	172,655
Net Profit/(Loss)	-149,797	-156,545	-163,598	-170,142
STREETLIGHTING				
Income	0	0	0	0
Expenditure	20,197	21,106	22,056	23,048
Net Profit/(Loss)	-20,197	-21,106	-22,056	-23,048
SWIMMING POOL				
Income	2,167	2,254	2,344	2,438
Expenditure	126,892	132,602	138,569	144,805
Net Profit/(Loss)	-124,725	-130,348	-136,225	-142,367
WASTE MANAGEMENT				
Income	817,335	850,028	884,030	919,391
Expenditure	536,224	560,354	585,570	611,921
Net Profit/(Loss)	281,111	289,674	301,261	313,312
WEED AND FIRE MANAGEMENT				
Income	20,000	20,000	0	0
Expenditure	103,260	107,907	91,863	95,996
Net Profit/(Loss)	-83,260	-87,907	-91,863	-95,996
EMPLOYEE EXPENSES				
Income	96,600	99,498	102,483	105,557
Expenditure	1,581,118	1,636,457	1,693,733	1,753,014
Net Profit/(Loss)	-1,484,518	-1,536,959	-1,591,250	-1,647,456
TOTAL INCOME	4,124,915	4,288,146	4,437,876	4,614,367
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,832,605	6,079,212	6,315,512	6,582,773
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	**-1,707,690**	**-1,791,066**	**-1,877,635**	**-1,968,406**
ADD BACK UNFUNDED DEPRECIATION	1,598,564	1,598,564	1,598,564	1,598,564
ADD CAPITAL INCOME	585,990	481,490	481,490	0
LESS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	-644,790	-481,490	-481,490	0
NET OPERATING POSITION	**-167,926**	**-192,502**	**-279,071**	**-369,842**

7.6 SHIRE PLAN 2026/2027

Date:	30th June 2026
Author:	Natasha Chapman, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Attachment:	2026/2027 Shire Plan

PURPOSE

For Council to adopt the Shire Plan 2026/2027.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

a) adopts the Shire Plan 2026/2027 in accordance with section 35 of the *Local Government Act 2019*; and

b) provides the Agency with a copy of the Shire Plan 2026/2027 by the deadline of 30 June 2026.

Moved: **Clr.**

Seconded: **Clr.**

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DECISIONS

RESOLUTION SCM2026/06/06/013
That Council;
a) receives and notes the report titled Draft Shire Plan 2026/2027; and
b) endorses the Draft Shire Plan 2026/2027 (as amended) inclusive of the above endorsed documents to be opened for public consultation.
c) determines to hold community consultation stalls at the Batchelor Markets (14th June), Adelaide River Markets (13th June) and an open session prior to the June OGM (20th June).
Moved: *Clr. Strettles*
Seconded: *Clr. Beswick* ***Carried***

RESOLUTION SPEC2025/06/26/006
That Council;
a) adopts the Shire Plan 2025-26 in accordance with section 35 of the Local Government Act 2019; and
b) provides the Agency with a copy of the Shire 2025-26 Plan in accordance with section 35 of the Local Government Act 2019.
Moved: *Official Manager*
Seconded: *Official Manager* ***Carried***

COMMENT

Council is required to adopt a Shire Plan for the financial year and advertise for public comment for 21 days. Public consultation was open from 6th June 2026 to 28th June 2026. Three written submissions were received and one comment from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development.

The three written submissions contain multiple items that do not directly relate to the contents of the Shire Plan and for clarity for consideration by members, the relevant comments are outlined below for Council's consideration before adopting the annual Shire Plan.

Community member locality	**Shire Plan page/section**	**Comment/question**	**Consideration**
Robin Falls	9 – Organisation Structure	Community at top of structure, but community appears to be left behind.	No change to Shire Plan.
	43 – Demographic stats	Incorrect percentage change in bottom table.	Typo amended.
	44 – map	Accusation that map is incorrect.	Map is correct. Read page 43.
Robin Falls	Budget	Option of reducing unnecessary costs by removing the pool as a service.	Council to consider through their Asset Management Planning. No change to Shire Plan.
	Budget	Contractor costs should be reduced by employing local.	No change to Shire Plan. Encourage 'locals' to apply for positions as advertised so vacancies can be filled.
	Map	Accusation that map is incorrect.	Map is correct. Read page 43.
Eva Valley	Rates Declaration	Which Act is referred to?	Document details the relevant legislation in the first paragraph. No change to Shire Plan.

Two of the submissions were quite lengthy, however a significant portion of the comments within the submissions do not directly relate to the Shire Plan for Council's consideration of amending the document. Overall comments from these submissions were quite negative about the Council generally.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development provided the following general reminder:

- Once council has considered any written submission and the final plan and budget are ready to be adopted, Council should separately resolve to declare the rates, adopt the budget, adopt the shire plan.

The Department also provided a recommendation to amend page 35 to reflect the actual financial years in questions, rather than stating ‘Outer Financial Year’. This has been amended.

CONSULTATION

Acting Corporate Services Manager

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Part 3.3 of the *Local Government Act 2019*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

7.6 ATTACHMENT: DRAFT SHIRE PLAN 2026/2027

DOCUMENT ISSUED SEPARATELY DUE TO SIZE

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING.

The meeting closed at