



Peppermint Grove *The Garden Shire*

Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Held on 23 September 2025



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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

1.0 DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL OPENING

At 5.30 pm, the Presiding Member declared the meeting open and requested that the Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility be read aloud by a Councillor and requested the recording of attendance and apologies.

Council recognises that it is permissible to record the Shire's Council and Forum Meetings in the written, sound, vision medium (or any combination of the mediums) when open to the public, however, people who intend to record meetings are requested to inform the Presiding Member of their intention to do so.

The Presiding Member will cause the Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility to be read aloud by Councillor Jackson.

Members of the Public present at the Council meeting need to be aware that the meeting is recorded and any of their presentations will be recorded and published on the Shire's website.

Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility

I make this Affirmation in good faith on behalf of Councillors and Officers of the Shire of Peppermint Grove. We collectively declare that we will duly, faithfully, honestly, and with integrity fulfil the duties of our respective office and positions for all the people in the district according to the best of our judgment and ability. We will observe the Shire's Code of Conduct and meeting procedures to ensure efficient, effective and orderly decision making within this forum.

2.0 RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2.1 ATTENDANCE

Shire President
Elected Member
Elected Member
Elected Member
Elected Member
Elected Member
Deputy Shire President

Cr Karen Farley SC
Cr J Mahony
Cr P Macintosh
Cr E Bond
Cr C Hohnen
Cr D Jackson
Cr P Dawkins

A/Chief Executive Officer
Manager Corporate and Community Services

Mr J Gajic
Mr J Clapham

Gallery.....0 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press

2.2 APOLOGIES

Chief Executive Officer

Mr D Burnett

2.3 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

NIL

2.4 NEW REQUEST FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.0 DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

4.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Presiding Member will open the public question time by asking the gallery if there were any questions or deputation for Council.

1. The Agenda;
2. Question to Council; and
3. Deputation Forms.

Have been placed at the end of the Council Meeting table in front of the public gallery, for the public, as well as on the Shire Webpage. In the event there are no public members present, the Presiding Member will dispense with Public Question Time.

Rules for Council Meeting Public Question Time

- a) *Public Question Time provides the public with an opportunity to put questions to the Council. Questions should only relate to the business of the Council and should not be a statement or personal opinion.*
- b) *During the Council meeting, after Public Question Time no member of the public may interrupt the meeting's proceedings or enter into conversation.*
- c) *Whenever possible, questions should be submitted in writing at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.*
- d) *All questions should be directed to the President and only questions relating to matters affecting Council may be answered at an Ordinary meeting, and at a Special meeting only questions that relate to the purpose of the meeting may be answered. Questions may be taken on notice and responded to after the meeting, at the discretion of the President.*
- e) *The person presiding will control Public Question Time and ensure that each person wishing to ask a question should state his or her name and address before asking the question. If the question relates to an item on the agenda, the item number should also be stated. In general, persons seeking to ask a question will be given 2 minutes within which to address their*

question to the Council. The person presiding may shorten or lengthen this time in their discretion.

4.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

4.2 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

5.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5.1 FINANCIAL INTEREST

5.2 PROXIMITY INTEREST

5.3 IMPARTIALITY INTEREST

5.4 INTEREST THAT MAY CAUSE A CONFLICT

5.5 STATEMENT OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

6.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

7.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM NO 7.1

Moved: Cr Macintosh

Seconded: Cr Hohnen

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting, of the Shire of Peppermint Grove held in the Council Chambers on 26th August 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried 7/0

For: Councillors' Karen Farley SC, Patrick Dawkins, Charles Hohnen, Doug Jackson, Emerald Bond, Peter Macintosh, Jessamy Mahony.

Against: Nil

8.0 OFFICERS REPORTS

8.1 MANAGER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Nil

8.2 MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Nil

8.3 MANAGER CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.3.1 List of Accounts Paid – 31st August 2025

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

Attachment No	Description
Attachments	Accounts Paid – August 2025 Payment Details - August 2025.pdf
	Credit Card Expenses – August 2025 Credit Cards August 2025.pdf

Voting Requirement	: Simple Majority
Subject Index	: Financial Management
Disclosure of Interest	: Nil
Responsible Officer	: Jeremy Clapham, Manager Corporate and Community Services
Authorising Officer	: Joel Gajic, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise the details of all credit card expenses, electronic funds payments, direct debits and BPAY since the last report.

Summary and Key Issues

The following payments in excess of \$20,000 were paid in August 2025:

- Superchoice – superannuation \$20,974.14
- WALGA – annual subscriptions \$22,546.45
- ATO – BAS \$26,630.44
- Superchoice - \$20,823.56
- DFES – ESL quarter 1 \$137,008.10

Background

The Attachment lists detail all payments made in August 2025 and credit card transactions for August 2025 (paid in July 2025). The following summarises credit card payments, electronic fund transfers, direct debits and BPAY included in the list presented for information.

PAYMENT TYPE	NUMBER SERIES	AMOUNT
EFT	EFT000084 - EFT000088	\$441,681.02
Direct Debits	DD000090 - DD000097	\$11,853.16
Payroll		\$122,927.67
Bank fees		\$2,060.06
Credit Cards – August 2025	CC000014	\$8,086.10
TOTAL		\$586,608.01

Consultation

There was no consultation undertaken.

Strategic Implications

There were no strategic implications evident at this time.

Policy Implications

There were no policy implications evident at this time.

Statutory Implications

Accounts are paid during the month in accordance with Delegation 2 "Payments from the Municipal Fund." Power to delegate to the CEO is contained in Section 5.42 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Financial Implications

The payments processed by the Shire relate to expenditure approved in the 2025/26 Adopted Budget.

Officer Comments

The list of Accounts paid are provided to Council for information purposes and in accordance with the delegation to the CEO.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/ COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM NO 8.3.1

Moved: Cr Hohnen

Seconded: Cr Dawkins

That Council receive the list of payment of accounts by electronic funds transfers, direct debit, BPAY and credit cards for the month of August 2025, totalling \$586,608.01

Carried 7/0

For: Councillors' Karen Farley SC, Patrick Dawkins, Charles Hohnen, Doug Jackson, Emerald Bond, Peter Macintosh, Jessamy Mahony.

Against: Nil

8.3.2 Financial Statements for the period ending 31st August 2025**ATTACHMENT DETAILS**

Attachment No	Description
Attachments	Monthly financial Report for the period ended 31 August 2025 Monthly Financial Report August 2025.pdf

Voting Requirement	: Simple Majority
Subject Index	: Financial Statements for the Period ended 31 August 2025
Disclosure of Interest	: Nil
Responsible Officer	: Jeremy Clapham, Manager Corporate and Community Services
Authorising Officer	: Joel Gajic, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Purpose of Report

To receive the monthly financial statements for the period ended 31 August 2025.

Summary and Key Issues

The opening surplus is \$528,946, which is \$89,563 less than estimated at the time that the budget was compiled. This can be further adjusted during the final process. The actual surplus at 31 August 2025 is \$3,993,217, which is \$121,739 more than budgeted for.

Background

The Monthly Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. Monthly financial statements are required to be presented to Council. Circulated are the monthly financial statements for the period ending 31 August 2025.

Consultation

There was no consultation undertaken.

Strategic Implications

Objectives within the Governance section of the Strategic Community Plan.

Policy Implications

Shire of Peppermint Grove Financial Management Policies and Investment Policy.

Statutory Implications

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Financial Implications

The surplus for the year ended 30 June 2025 is \$528,946, subject to further adjustments by the auditors. The surplus at 31 August 2025 is \$3,993,217.

Officer Comments

The opening surplus is \$528,946, which is \$89,563 less than estimated at the time that the budget was compiled. This can be further adjusted during the final process. The actual surplus at 31 August 2025 is \$3,993,217, which is \$121,739 more than budgeted for.

Investment of Municipal and Reserve Funds - as at 31 August 2025:

Fund	Purpose	Balance at end of month	Start Date	Maturity Date	Term (Days)	Interest Rate %	Expected Interest for the year
Corporate Cheque Account	Municipal Funds	\$2,347,514	Ongoing	Ongoing	N/A	4.15%	\$100,000
Term Deposit	Reserve Funds	\$2,148,466	27/6/25	27/10/25	276	4.25%	\$80,000

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM NO 8.3.2

Moved: Cr Bond

Seconded: Cr Jackson

That Council receives the monthly financial statements for the period ended 31 August 2025.

Carried 7/0

For: Councillors' Karen Farley SC, Patrick Dawkins, Charles Hohnen, Doug Jackson, Emerald Bond, Peter Macintosh, Jessamy Mahony.

Against: Nil

8.4 CEO MANAGEMENT/GOVERNANCE/POLICY**MANAGEMENT/GOVERNANCE/POLICY****8.4.1 Matters for Information and Noting****ATTACHMENT DETAILS**

Attachment	Description
Attachment 1	Nil
Voting Requirement	: Simple Majority
Subject Index	: Matters for Information September 2025
Disclosure of Interest	: Nil
Author	: Jennifer Court, Projects and Policy Officer
Responsible Officer	: Mr Don Burnett, Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Shire of Peppermint Grove regularly receives and produces information for receipt by the Elected Members. The purpose of this item is to keep Elected Members informed on items for information received by the Shire.

The 'Matters of Information' report will be presented at each Council meeting and will provide an update on a number of areas of the Shire's operations and provide information and correspondence of interest to elected members.

BACKGROUND

It is intended that the following information is provided on a regular basis, either monthly or quarterly, noting some of this data is still to be collected in a presentable format

- Seal register (when the Shire seal has been applied)
- Development applications determined including amendments and deemed-to-comply checks
- Building permits determined including demolition permits, occupancy permits and time extensions
- Miscellaneous approvals including new food premise registrations, stallholder and trader permits, environmental health approval to construct, extend or alter a public building, and applications approved under the heritage grant scheme
- Subdivisions and amalgamations approved by the Western Australian Planning Commission
- Local laws parking and dog infringements
- Library statistics

SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

The following reports are presented to Council in the following tables:

- Building Applications Determined
- Development Applications Determined
- Miscellaneous Approvals
- Infringements Issued
- Library Statistics
- Recycling

Building Applications Determined August 2025

Application Number	Location	Description	Decision
BA2025/00022	Tenancy 39C, 460-476 Stirling Highway	The Foot Clinic (Consultancy Rooms) Fit Out	Approved
BA2025/00023	Tenancy 16, 460-476 Stirling Highway	Prime Time Nails and Spa (Beauty Salon) Fit Out	Approved

Planning Applications Determined August 2025

Application Number	Location	Description	Discretion Sought	Decision
DA2025/00012 (Amendment)	44 View Street	Tree Damaging Activity Associated with a Retaining and Boundary Wall	Nil	Approved under Delegated Authority

Subdivisions and Amalgamations Determined by the WAPC August 2025

Application Number	Location	Description	Decision
WAPC 201751	33 View Street	Amalgamation of three (3) lots	Approved

Miscellaneous Approvals August 2025

Location	Description	Decision
12 The Esplanade	Crossover widening (400mm)	Approved

Infringements Issued August 2025

Location	Breach	Amount
1 Leake Street	4.1(2) Parking contrary to a no parking sign	\$80

Library Statistics for August 2025

Library Stats	August 2025	August 2024	August 2023
Loans	21,522	21,766	20,131
New Borrowers registered	101	133	303

Recycling Recovery**July 2025**

PRODUCT	Product - Percentage	Product - Tonnes
AL CANS	0.38	0.06
MIXED PAPER	25.90	4.16
ONP	0.00	0.00
OCC - CARDBOARD	21.02	3.38
STEEL	2.47	0.40
GLASS	20.33	3.26
MIXED PLASTICS	2.50	0.40
PET	1.20	0.19
HDPE	1.42	0.23
TOTAL RECOVERED	75.22	12.08
WASTE / CONTAMINATION	24.78	3.98
MONTHLY TOTAL	100.00	16.06

CONSULTATION

There has been no consultation undertaken in respect to this matter.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications in respect to this matter.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications in respect to this matter.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

There are no statutory implications in respect to this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are financial implications in respect to this matter.

OFFICER COMMENT

That Council notes the updates outlined in the above tables across a number of areas of the Shire's operations.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS/COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 8.4.1

Moved: Cr Mahony

Seconded: Cr Dawkins

That Council receives the information in this report.

Carried 7/0

For: Councillors' Karen Farley SC, Patrick Dawkins, Charles Hohnen, Doug Jackson, Emerald Bond, Peter Macintosh, Jessamy Mahony.

Against: Nil

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

10 NEW BUSINESS INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF COUNCIL

11 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

(Automatically sent back to administration for consideration at the next Council meeting)

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS

12.1 Citizenship Awards 2025 (Confidential)

This matter can be considered with members of the public excluded from the Chamber under Clause 5.23(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995* as the Officer report discusses:

(b) The personal affairs of any person

COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 12.1

Moved: Cr Mahony

Seconded: Cr Bond

That this report is considered behind closed doors in accordance with clause 5.23(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995.

Carried 7/0

Council moved behind closed doors at 5.40pm.

Moved: Cr Mahony

Seconded: Cr Bond

That Council endorses the awards as contained in this report to awardees A, C and D, celebrating the exceptional service they have provided to the Shire of Peppermint Grove.

Carried 7/0

Moved: Cr Mahony

Seconded: Cr Hohnen

That Council come out from behind closed doors and be reopened to the public.

Carried 7/0

Council returned from behind closed doors at 5.52pm.

For: Councillors' Karen Farley SC, Patrick Dawkins, Charles Hohnen, Doug Jackson, Emerald Bond, Peter Macintosh, Jessamy Mahony.

Against: Nil

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

At 5.53pm, there being no further business the meeting closed.

Confirmed by Kap Fala this 14th day of October 2025.

PRESIDING MEMBER

