



WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

LOT 62, 142 WAGAIT TOWER ROAD

7:30PM MONDAY 29 JUNE 2026

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

Date: **Monday 29 JUNE 2026**

Time: **7:30pm**

Location: Council Chambers, 142 Wagait Tower Road, Wagait Beach

Any member of Council who may have a conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest regarding any item 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*.

Russell Anderson

Chief Executive Officer

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

1.1 ADDRESS BY CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

The President:

1. Declares the meeting open atpm and welcomes all in attendance
2. Makes an acknowledgement of country
3. Advises that the meeting will be audio taped for minute taking purposes as authorised by the Chief Executive Officer.

1.2 ADDRESS BY CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

ELECTED MEMBERS

Councillor	President Neil White (Chair)
Councillor	Deputy President Sarah Manning
Councillor	Peter Clee
Councillor	Sarah Smith
Councillor	Tom Dyer

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Russell Anderson
Finance Officer	

PUBLIC PRESENT

VISITORS PRESENT

1.3 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

PURPOSE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council acknowledges and approves Cr to attend the meeting electronically.

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

This report is to record and consider any Councillors' attendance at this meeting via electronic means.

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 95 Local Government Act 2019

1.4 APOLOGIES

PURPOSE

This report is to consider apologies from Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the apologies of Cr T Dyer

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 95 Local Government Act 2019

1.5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

This report is to consider any notification of leave requests from Elected Members.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

a) receives and notes the notice of leave from Cr.....; and

b) approves the leave for Cr.....

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

PURPOSE

This report is to consider any notification of leave requests from Elected Members.

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019*

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

PURPOSE

This report is to ask Councilors if they:

1. Have read the agenda papers; and
2. Wish to declare any conflicts of interest regarding any item in the agenda for this Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and declarations of interest as listed below

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 114 and 119 *Local Government Act 2019*

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Action: For Decision

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

Minutes of the previous meeting of Council is to be submitted to Council for confirmation to approve them to be true and accurate record of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirms the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday 15 June 2026 are true and accurate record of that meeting

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 101 *Local Government Act 2019*

Attachments

A copy of the following minutes are attached with the agenda:

1. Draft minutes of Council meeting held 15/06/2026



WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

LOT 62, 142 WAGAIT TOWER ROAD
6:30 PM MONDAY 15 June 2026

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

Date: **Monday 16 June 2026**

Time: **6:30pm**

Location: Council Chambers, 142 Wagait Tower Road, Wagait Beach

Conditions: Public cannot attend this meeting.

Any member of Council who may have a conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest regarding any item 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*.

Russell Anderson
Chief Executive Officer

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

1.1. ADDRESS BY CHAIR AND PRESIDENT

The President:

1. Declares the meeting open at 6.35pm and welcomes all in attendance
2. Makes an acknowledgment of country
3. Advises that this special meeting has been called by the CEO to discuss confidential business and as such is closed to the public.

1.2. ATTENDANCE

ELECTED MEMBERS

Councillor	President Neil White (Chair)
Councillor	Deputy President Sarah Manning
Councillor	Sarah Smith
Councillor	Tom Dyer
Councillor	Peter Clee

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer	Russell Anderson
Secretary	Toni Stanley (apology)

1.3. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

PURPOSE

This report is to consider any Councillors attendance at this meeting via electronic means.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council acknowledges and approves CrN/A..... to attend the meeting electronically.

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 95 *Local Government Act 2019*

1.4. APOLOGIES

PURPOSE

This report is to record and consider any apologies from Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the apologies of (NIL)

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

PURPOSE

This report is to ask the Councillors if they:

1. Have read the agenda papers; and
2. Wish to declare any conflicts of interest regarding any item in the agenda for this Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the declarations of interest as listed below:

Perceived conflict by the President. Noted

Moved: Sarah Smith

Seconded: Peter Clee

Vote:

STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 114 and 119 *Local Government Act 2019*

3. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

3.1.1 Chief Executive Officer Remuneration

Action: For Decision

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

This report is for Council to approve the Chief Executive Officer remuneration package.

Previously Council resolved if the remuneration package exceeded the \$176,000 per annum the decision needed to be referred to the Council.

RESOLUTION No: 2026/70

That Council;

1. For the purposes of compliance with Guideline No. 2 – Appointing a Chief Executive Officer, approves a total Chief Executive Officer remuneration package of up to \$250,000 per annum;
2. Authorises a negotiation mandate for the Chief Executive Officer position of up to \$176,000 per annum; and
3. That where any proposed remuneration package exceeds the authorised component of \$176,000 per annum, the proposed terms must be referred back to Council for further consideration and approval prior to any offer being made.

Moved: Cr P Clee

Seconded: Cr T Dyer

Vote: AIF

The following is the Chief Executive remuneration package **recommended by Mr Matthew Hobby** from Perks People Solutions.

CEO Recruitment Package Components 2026	
Salary (cash component)	\$180,000
Private use of motor vehicle	\$10,000
Superannuation at 12%	\$21,6000
Accommodation - \$450/wk (tenant rent \$100/wk)	\$18,200
Tablet , Laptop or personal computer	\$2,500
	\$232,300

The following 2026/2027 draft Budget Employee Expenses of \$698,067 has an increase of \$15,366 to include the following agreed Chief Executive remuneration package.

CEO Recruitment Package Components 2026		
Salary (cash component)	\$130,000	
Private use of motor vehicle	\$10,000	
Superannuation at 12%	\$15,600	
Accommodation - \$450/wk	\$18,200	
Tablet , Laptop or personal computer	\$2,500	
	\$176,300	

3.1.2

RECOMENDATION

That the Council resolved:

- (a) The CEO investigate with the Department of Local Government if the CEO recruitment Guidelines requires the momentary package to be included on the position advertisement.
(B)The monetary value ceiling is up to \$232,300.
Moved: Tom Dyer. Seconded: Sarah Smith
Vote: 3 / 2.
- The Acting CEO offer to the successful applicant the package of \$176,300 and negotiate within the guidelines provided by Council.
Moved: Tom Dyer. Seconded: Sarah Smith
Vote: 5 / 0

4. CLOSE OF MEETING

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 22 June 2026.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.09pm.

4. DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2026-27

4.1 RATES AND CHARGES

Action: For Decision

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

This report has been provided to seek Council's approval to declare the Rates and charges for the 2026-27 financial year and approval of the Certification for the Assessment Record (Regulation 29) by the Chief Executive Officer. (sections 237 and 238 of the LG Act 2019)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Declaration of Rates and Charges for 2026-27 and the Chief Executive Officer's certification of the assessment records in line with Regulation 29 NT *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*;
- b) declares to raise \$575,271 in General Rates and Charges for the 2026-27 financial year; and
- c) declares to publish the notice as per section 241 (1 & 2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* on Council's website and in a newspaper circulating in the Council area.

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote

BACKGROUND

In line with Section 29 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the CEO must certify to Council to the best of the CEO's knowledge, information and belief, the assessment record is a comprehensive record of all rateable land within the Council area before the Council adopts its Rates Declaration and Budget for the financial year.

The Declaration of Rates and Charges for 2026-27 reflects:

§ a 37% increase in rates of \$274.36 to total \$1,015.87 fixed charge per property.

§ just over a 15% increase for Waste Charges to total \$440.45 per property.

§ interest on unpaid rates will remain at 18%

The Draft 2026-27 Rates Declaration was included in the 2026-27 Draft Shire Plan released for public consultation from 1st June 2026 to 22 June 2026. Council received eleven submissions and two petitions feedback on the 2026-27 Draft Rates Declaration.

Financial Implications

There are future financial implications identified with this report.

Attachments

A copy of the draft Rates Declaration is attached with this report

A copy of the Rates Assessment Record Certification.



Local Government Act

Declaration of Rates and Charges 2026-2027

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Sections 220, 226, 237, 239, 241 and 245 of the **Local Government Act 2019** (*the Act*), that the following rates and charges were declared by the Wagait Shire Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 29 June 2026, in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

1. Rates

Wagait Shire Council (the "Council") makes the following declaration of rates pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Act.

- 1.1. Council, pursuant to Section 226 of the Act, adopted the fixed charge method as the basis for determining the assessment of all allotments within the Council area.
- 1.2. Council, pursuant to Section 237 of the Act declared that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of \$393,141 which will be raised by the application of a fixed charge amount of \$1,015.87 per allotment being payable for the financial year ending 30 June 2027. This is an increase of 37% from the rates amount agreed in 2025-26.

2. Charges

Pursuant to Section 239 of the Act, Council declared the following charges for the purpose of enabling or assisting Council to meet the cost of garbage collection and disposal services for the benefit of all allotments within the Council area. Council intends to raise \$170,454 by these charges.

- a. The following charges were declared:
 - A charge of \$440.45 per annum per allotment, regardless of whether it is vacant or non-vacant and whether the services are used or not.
- b. The services are:
 - A kerbside garbage collection service of one garbage collection visit per week, being a maximum of one (1) 240 litre bin per collection.
 - Provision of access to a hard waste and recycling facility; and
 - Provision of access to a green waste facility.

3. Relevant Interest Rate

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 and is to be calculated on a daily basis.

4. Payment

Rates and charges declared under this declaration may be paid in full by 30 September 2026 OR by four (4) approximately equal instalments on the following dates, namely:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • First instalment, 30 September 2026 | • Second instalment, 30 November 2026 |
| • Third instalment, 31 January 2027 | • Fourth instalment, 31 March 2027 |

Instalments falling due on a weekend or public holiday may be paid by the following business day, without incurring any penalty.

- a. Details of due dates and specified amounts are listed on the relevant Rates Notice.
- b. Variations to those options for payment will be administered according to the conditions outlined on the front and reverse of the Rates Notice.
- c. A ratepayer who fails to abide by such conditions may be sued for recovery of the principal amount of the rates and charges, the late payment and costs reasonably incurred by Council in recovering or attempting to recover the rates and charges. If rates are payable by the owner of the land and are not paid by the due date, they become a charge on the land to which they relate.

Russell Anderson

Chief Executive Officer, Wagait Shire Council



Council Rates Assessment Record Certification 2026-27

In accordance with Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations*, I, **Russell Anderson**, Chief Executive Officer Wagait Shire Council certifies to Council that, to the best of my knowledge information and belief, the **Council Rates Assessment Record for 2026-27** is a true and correct comprehensive record of all rateable land within the Wagait Shire Council area.

Russell Anderson
Chief Executive Officer

Date 25 June 2026

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4.2 COUNCIL MEMBERS ALLOWANCES DECLARATION 2026-27

Action: For Decision

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

This report is to seek Council's approval to Declare the Elected Member Allowances for the 2026-27 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Council Members Allowances Declaration 2026-27;
- b) declares a budgeted total amount of \$63,430 for Elected Member Allowances for the 2026-27 financial year; and
- c) approves allowances for Elected Members Professional Development and Extra Meetings expenses to the total amount of \$88,500 for the 2026-27 financial year .

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

BACKGROUND

Council is required to declare the allowances for Members of the Council each financial year and the amount budgeted to cover this expense.

The table below outlines the allowances payable to Council as determined by the NT Remuneration Tribunal and handed down the amounts Council has budgeted for in the Draft 2026-27 Budget.

ELECTED MEMBER ALLOWANCES					
Allowance Type	Amount \$				
	President	Deputy President	Councillor (3 Members)	TOTAL CLAIMABLE	TOTAL BUDGETED
Annual Base Allowance	7,686	7,686	7,686	38,430	38,430
Annual Principal Member Additional Allowance	25,000			25,000	25,000
Extra Meeting Allowance		12,000	12,000	48,000	48,000
Professional Development Allowance	7,500	7,500	7,500	37,500	37,500
Vehicle Allowance (capped at \$10,000)	10,000	10,000	10,000	50,000	3,000
TOTALS	50,186	37,186	37,186	198,930	151,930

Financial Implications

Financial implications identified as a result of this report are as advised in the table showing a required budget of \$151,930.

Attachments

There are no attachments with this report.

4.3 FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2026-27

Action: For Decision

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

This report has been provided to seek Council's approval of the Fees and Charges for the 2026-27 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Fees and Charges for 2026-27;**
- b) approves the Fees and Charges for the 2026-27 financial year; and**
- c) publishes the 2026-27 Fees and Charges on Council's website.**

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

Background:

Council is required to adopt the Fees and Charges to be included in the Budget each financial year.

The draft 2026-27 Fees and Charges were included in the Draft 2026-27 Shire Plan, released for public consultation from 1st 2026 to 22 June 2026. Council received no feedback regarding the 2026-27 Fees and Charges.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications identified with this report.

Attachments:

A copy of the 2026-27 Fees and Charges is attached with this report

Fees and Charges 2026-2027



FACILITY FEES		
Cloppenburg Park Pavilion and Community Centre Includes chairs and tables, cleaning, ITC, power & water. Please call council office to book. Hire agreements must be completed prior to use.	Local community groups or NFP per day/overnight	\$ 110.00
	Local community groups or NFP per half day or eve	\$ 55.00
	Non community groups per day/overnight	\$ 165.00
	Non community groups per half day or eve	\$ 82.50
	Cleaning fee	\$ 66.00
Caretaker Site	By CEO appointment only	
EQUIPMENT		
Equipment stored at Cloppenburg Park and/or Community Centre – delivery/collection fee of \$10 per way – charges for commercial event. Community events on approval by CEO.	Table (per item per function/day)	\$ 2.20
	Chairs (per 10 chairs per function/day)	\$ 5.50
	Dishes/Cutlery (per set of 10 per function/day)	\$ 3.30
	Eskies (each per function/day)	\$ 3.30
	Projector (per function/day)	\$ 22.00
ADMINISTRATION FEES		
Photocopying / Printing	A4 sheet – Black & White (3+ pages)	\$ 0.25
	A4 sheet – Colour	\$ 0.35
	A3 sheet – Black & White	\$ 0.45
	A3 sheet - Colour	\$ 0.55
Laminating	A4 / A3 sheet	\$ 2.20
Printing of Council Agenda	Print a council meeting agenda for meeting (B&W)	\$15.00
	Print a council meeting agenda for meeting (Colour)	
WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES		
General Waste Charges	All properties vacant and non-vacant	\$ 440.45
Additional Collection	Additional rubbish bin/quarter	\$ 110.00
Replacement Bin (240lt)	Allow one week for delivery after order	\$ 110.00
Green Waste	Included in General Waste Charge	NA
Hard Waste (Sat/Sun 3-6pm) **Fees for items must be paid to council office during office hours & receipts provided at drop-off.	Included in General Waste Charge	NA
	Fridges, freezers, air-conditioners, mattresses **	\$ 44.00
	Out-of-hours opening fee**	\$ 88.00

PLANNING & WORKS FEES				
Reinstatement of damaged road pavement (charged at completion of repairs/works)				At Cost + 20%
Road Openings/Road Closings (deposit of \$5500)				\$265 per application
Abandoned Vehicle Removal, storage and release				At Cost + 20%
DOG MANAGEMENT FEES				
Dog Registration (annual)	Desexed dog	\$ 22.00	concession	\$ 11.00
	Entire dog	\$ 77.00	concession	\$ 55.00
	Dogs under 6 months (no charge)			NA
	Declared/dangerous dog (no concessions)			\$ 275.00
	Licence to keep more than 2 Dogs			\$ 110.00
Other Dog Related Charges	Pound Release Fee – Registered Dog <i>(First time – no charge for registered dogs)</i>			\$ 99.00
	Pound Release Fee – Unregistered Dog <i>(Dog must be registered before it can be released)</i>			\$ 198.00
	Pound Daily Maintenance Fee			\$ 66.00
	Dispose of Dead Animal / Dog			\$ 176.00
	Surrender Fee – per dog			\$ 330.00
RATES MANAGEMENT FEES				
Rates Search	Rates information search			\$ 110.00
Late payment	Interest for late rates payments (per annum)			18%
Reprint Rates Notice	To reprint a rates notice			\$15.00
PLANT & EQUIPMENT HIRE (WET HIRE ONLY)				
Vehicle and Driver	Includes Truck / 4WD (per hour)			\$110.00
Tractor with Attachment	Includes Bucket / Slasher (per hour)			\$220.00
Vehicle with Spray Tank	Includes Weed Spray and operator (per hour)			\$132.00
Ride on Mower	Includes operator & fuel (per hour)			\$143.00
Whipper Snipper	Includes operator & fuel (per hour)			\$110.00
Chainsaw	Includes operator & fuel (per hour)			\$110.00
5000ltr Water Delivery	Potable Delivery to property – local estate only			\$150.00

*All fees and charges are GST inclusive.

Consideration to waive fees and charges may be given to local community groups, not-for-profit Organisations or other Government services requiring use of Council facilities, equipment, services or infrastructure on application to CEO ceo@wagait.nt.gov.au

4.4 BUDGET FOR 2026-27

Action: For Decision

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

This report has been provided to seek Council's approval to adopt the Budget for the 2026-27 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) receives and notes the report entitled Budget for 2026-27;
- b) adopts the Budget for the 2026-27 financial year; and
- c) publishes the 2026-27 Budget on Council's website and in a newspaper circulating in the area and notify the Agency in writing in accordance with section 203 (4) of the Local Government Act 2019.

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

Background:

Council is required to adopt a balanced budget each financial year.

The draft 2026-27 Budget was included in the Draft 2026-27 Shire Plan, released for public consultation from 1st June 2026 to 22 June 2026. Council received no feedback regarding the 2026-27 Budget.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications identified with this report.

Attachments:

A copy of the 2026-27 Budget is attached with this report

	2026-27	2025-26
	Proposed Annual Budget	Revised Q2 Amended Budget
OPERATING INCOME		
Rates		
	\$ 400,517	\$ 290,364
Charges		
	\$ 174,754	\$ 152,521
Rent		
	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,700
Operating Grants and Subsidies		
	\$ 385,300	\$ 399,405
Interest / Investment Income		
	\$ 90,000	\$ 85,000
Commercial and Other Income		
	\$ 318,566	\$ 295,068
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 1,375,337	\$ 1,229,058
OPERATING EXPENDITURE		
Employee Expenses		
	\$ 698,067	\$ 682,701
Materials and Contracts		
Admin Expenses		
	\$ 186,136	\$ 182,300
Bank Charges		
	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,200
Contracts & Materials		
	\$ 39,000	\$ 65,000
Memberships & Subscriptions		
	\$ 5,200	\$ 4,700
Telephones		
	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,900
Project / Activity Expenses		
	\$ 13,500	\$ 14,500
Service Utilities		
	\$ 15,900	\$ 17,400
Repairs & Maintenance Expenses		
	\$ 43,900	\$ 46,500
Vehicle & Plant		
	\$ 57,354	\$ 46,304
Waste Management Expenses		
	\$ 176,100	\$ 159,500
TOTAL MATERIALS & CONTRACTS	\$ 545,340	\$ 544,304
Elected Member Allowances		
	\$ 63,430	\$ 60,310
Elected Member Expenses		
	\$ 88,500	\$ 58,000
Other Expenses - (By Election)		
	\$ -	\$ 20,000
Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment		
	\$ 376,000	\$ 396,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$ 1,771,337	\$ 1,761,315
BUDGETED OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$ (396,000)	\$ (532,257)

4.5 2026-27 SHIRE PLAN AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Action: For Decision

Author: CEO

PURPOSE

This report is for Council to approve and adopt the 2026-27 Shire Plan and Long Term Financial Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) receives and notes the report entitled 2025-26 Shire Plan and Long Term Financial Plan;
- b) approves and adopts the 2026-27 Shire Plan and Long Term Financial Plan in accordance with section 35 of the Local Government Act 2019; and
- c) provides the Agency with a copy of the 2026-27 Shire Plan in accordance with section 35 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote:

Background:

Council is required to adopt the annual Shire Plan each financial year.

- The draft 2026-27 Shire Plan was released for public consultation from 1st June 2026 to 22 June 2026. Council received feedback of eleven submissions and two petitions in the required timeframe. Please see comments below.
- Department of Local Government Compliance, (5 issues)
- Rate Rise: 2 supported / 14 against
- Flat Rate: 3 supported / 0
- Tendering and Contracting ground Maintenance suggested. (road verges, oval etc)
- Recommendation Council looks at options to merge with another Council.
- Community programs and activities / 2 supported
- Age care and health services needed. 2 supported / 1 against
- Improve community consultation: 3 supported (public forum prior to Council meeting) rate rise and depreciation could have been explained.
- Plan is too general without specific deliverables. 3 supported / (suggested projects provided)
- Councillor services to be provided for the betterment of the community and not for financial gain.
- Strategic Planning facilitator promoted.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications identified with this report.

Attachments:

A link to the draft 2026-27 Shire Plan is below:

wagait.nt.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Wagait-Shire-Council-Annual-Shire-Plan-2026-27.pdf

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for2026.

The Chair declared the meeting closed atpm.