

MEETING NOTES

Elected Member Workshop held on Wednesday 1 April 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa.

An Information or Briefing Session is held under Section 90A of the Local Government Act 1999.

1. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Budget - Capital Budget Update, Operating Budget and Long Term Financial Plan

Notes: Council was briefed on minor changes to draft capital budget arising from that provided at the February 2026 workshop.

Larger matters to arise that Council will be receiving reports for are capital increases in the market for two projects and the need for additional temporary accommodation at the Tanunda Depot until a future site is constructed as it is out of room with the on ground staff expansion as growth occurs.

The workshop then proceeded to outline the basis of the draft operating budget calculations and outcomes compared to the 2024-25 outcome, 2025-26 budget and the long term financial plan. Including the estimated result of a small surplus and critical accounting treatment changes that have impacted for the better this result.

In closing the draft long term financial plan was outlined with the current draft estimates presented and an update for the progress of the budget. With the May workshop to receive valuation and rating data and it is on track for consultation commencement in late May.

1.2 Plant and Equipment Review

Notes: Council has requested the CEO to undertake a plant utilisation assessment. This has been undertaken by an external group and the findings provided. The findings have been analysed and a long term program now set to adjust to long asset replacement periods especially for larger equipment and better rotation of equipment, cars and other plant to ensure a more efficient and cost effective long term management of plant and equipment by Councils administration.

2. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Barossa Australia VIC Rental

Pursuant to Sections 90A(4) and 90(3)(b)(i) and (ii) of the *Local Government Act 1999* and as Chief Executive Officer, I declare and make an order that this matter, Item 2.1 – Barossa Australia VIC Rental to be a confidential informal discussion as it relates to commercial

negotiations and arrangements for the rental of property being information that must be considered in confidence pursuant to:

Section 90(3)(b) (i) and (ii) of the Local Government Act 1999:

information the disclosure of which -

- i. could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and

would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

3. OTHER BUSINESS/LATE ITEMS

Nil

4. NEXT WORKSHOP

Wednesday 6 May 2026 at 5:30pm

5. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.