



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS COMMITTEE

held on Wednesday 24 June 2026 commencing at 1:00 PM
in the Barossa Bushgardens, 653 Research Road Nuriootpa.

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE RECORD

1.1 Members Present

Sarah Barrett (Chairperson), Louise Mason, Trevor Waldhuter, Andrew Philpott, Kate Jenkins, Greg Donovan and Kathryn Schilling

Apologies

Andrew Fairney

Not Present

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of previous meetings – for confirmation:

MOVED A Philpott

That the Minutes of the Barossa Bushgardens Committee held on Wednesday 22 April 2026 at 1:00 PM, as circulated, be confirmed as true and correct records of the proceedings of those meetings.

2.2 Matters arising from previous minutes

Nil

3. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 3.1 Correspondence
- 3.2 Partner Project Updates
- 3.3 Marketing Initiatives and Sales Opportunities
- 3.4 Risk Management/Work Health and Safety
- 3.5 Visitation to the Barossa Bushgardens
- 3.6 Friends of Barossa Bushgardens Update
- 3.7 Strategic Plan Progress Report

4. DEBATE REPORT

4.1 FINANCE REPORT - AS AT 31 MAY 2026 26/42261

MOVED K Jenkins

That Barossa Bushgardens Committee receive and note the report.

SECONDED L Mason

CARRIED BB 2022-26/8

PURPOSE

To provide progress on budget and expenditure as at 31 May 2026.

REPORT

Discussion

As at the end of May, the expenditure of most cost centres is progressing well.

Staff will review the budget and submit any required minor adjustments in Quarter 4.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1 Barossa Bushgardens Financial statements as at 31 May 2026

Supporting references

Nil.

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan



Supporting a sustainable Barossa.

Our Environment

Strategic Outcome

- We support actions that manage our environment for future generations.
- We sustainably manage our resources and encourage sustainable practices.

Legislative Requirements

Local Government Act 1999

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

These statements are qualitative in nature and designed to provide an indication of Council's general position when deciding to take or retain risk in pursuit of its objectives.

1. SERVICE DELIVERY

Refers to the delivery of services to the community, which includes the systems and physical assets that enable provision of these services, including structures (such as roads, buildings and facilities) as well as IT infrastructure, plant, vehicles & other equipment.

Regular monitoring of financial performance ensures budget and expenditure are aligned to meet approved levels of service.

2. SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT

Relates to measures to preserve, protect and minimise impact on the natural environment, including sacred and indigenous lands, flora, fauna, heritage, water, waste, hazardous materials and pollution.

Nil.

3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

To enable effective and strategic decisions, a finance report is provided for noting.

4. PEOPLE

Relates to recruitment, retention, wellbeing and safety of employees and volunteers and engagement and management of contractors as well as the wellbeing and safety of the community.

Nil.

5. REPUTATION

Relates to policy, decisions, actions and circumstances that may cause Council to lose credibility with the community, ratepayers, key

stakeholders, other levels of government and its own employees and contractors.

Nil.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not required under legislation or Council's Consultation Policy.

4.2 DISSOLUTION OF BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS S41 COMMITTEE 26/45212

MOVED A Philpott

That Barossa Bushgardens Committee:

- (1) Support the dissolution of the Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee
- (2) Recognise the Friends of the Barossa Bushgardens as the primary source of advice and community connection for the Barossa Bushgardens who will work together on the responsibilities and working relationship between both parties; and
- (3) Support the provision of a Quarterly Report to Council detailing Barossa Bushgardens activities and pending projects

SECONDED L Mason

CARRIED BB 2022-26/9

PURPOSE

To endorse a recommendation to Council for the revocation of the Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee, noting the support of the Friend of Barossa Bushgardens to the Barossa Bushgardens Operations Team.

REPORT

Background

The Barossa Council at a meeting held on 6 March 2001 placed the care, control and management of the Part Section of Coulthard Reserve, Nuriootpa (Crown Reserve over which the title is issued to Council) in the hands of a Committee to be known as the Barossa Bushgardens Committee.

The Committee was recommended to liaise with the Friends of the Barossa Bushgardens for the specific purpose of supporting the environmental objects/purposes of the Barossa Bushgardens.

The Barossa Bushgardens Committee transitioned to the Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee in 2010.

Discussion

Following a recent review of S41 Committees by Council, it has been identified that ceasing the operation of the S41 Committee would allow for more flexibility and less regulatory requirements, therefore easing several legislative and administrative obligations.

Summary and Conclusion

It is envisaged that the Friends of the Barossa Bushgardens would continue to operate under their current Constitution in providing advice to the Barossa Bushgardens Operational Team.

Council staff would then have a streamlined reporting process to Council for desired Bushgardens projects and updates for inclusion within the Council Agenda.

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Nil

Supporting references

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3. FINANCIAL

Refers to planning and control of Council's budget to align with the sustainable achievement of the desired outcomes articulated in its Community Plan.

There would be no changes to financial processes, budgets and delegation obligations.

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Nil.

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Nil.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not required.

5. CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

Nil

6. URGENT OTHER BUSINESS**Final meeting of the Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee**

Pending Council's endorsement, it is likely that there will be no further meetings under the umbrella of the S41 Committee.

As such, Sarah Barrett wished to note sincere thanks to Council staff and Cr Kathy Schilling for their tireless commitment, dedication and support of the Barossa Bushgardens over many years.

MOVED G Donovan

That Barossa Bushgardens Committee extend their sincere thanks to Council staff and Cr Kathy Schilling for their tireless commitment, dedication and support given to the Barossa Bushgardens over many years.

SECONDED S Barrett

CARRIED BB 2022-26/10

7. NEXT MEETING

Nil.

8. CLOSURE

Sarah Barrett (Chairperson) declared the meeting closed at 2:50pm.

Being the last meeting of the Barossa Bushgardens S41 Committee, confirmation of the minutes will occur at the Ordinary meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 21 July 2026

Date:.....

Chairperson:.....