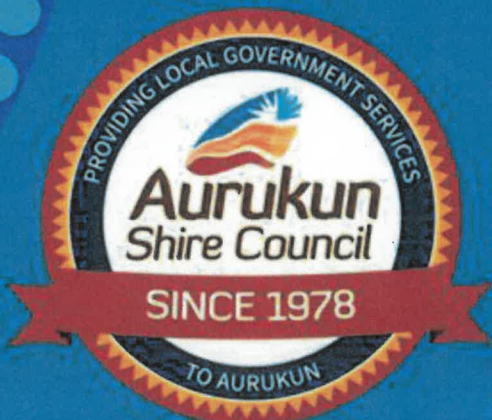




## **CONFIRMED MINUTES**

**Ordinary Meeting  
Tuesday  
27 January 2026**

Council Chambers  
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# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Aurukun Shire Council Ordinary Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday 27 January 2026

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Deputy Mayor Craig Koomeeta (Chair), Cr Jayden Marrott, Cr L Thaapich Yunkaporta (via phone), Cr Eloise Yunkaporta (via phone)

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Jack Dempsey (Chief Executive Officer), Dominic Lucas (General Manager Infrastructure Services), Lyndon Keane (General Manager Corporate Services), Tony Blackwell (General Manager Community Services) (via Teams)

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Mayor Barbara Bandicootcha provided an apology for the meeting due to travelling to Cairns to represent Council at the funeral of Waal Waal Lynch, and attending to urgent family matters.

**1 OPENING OF MEETING**

Deputy Mayor Craig Koomeeta opened the Meeting at 10:16am, welcoming everyone and acknowledging the custodians of the land we are meeting upon in Aurukun and in Cairns and paying respect to Elders and Leaders past present and emerging.

**2 DECLARABLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3 CONDOLENCES**

Council observed one minute's silence as a mark of condolence to the families of Waal Waal M Koo'oilu, Waal Waal Karyukua, and Waal Waal Lynch, and other members of the community currently in Sorry Business.

**4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR APPROVAL****4.1 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGY**

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**RESOLUTION: 26.0001**

**Moved:** Deputy Mayor Craig Koomeeta

**Seconded:** Cr Jayden Marrott

That Council receive and accept the apology from Mayor Barbara Bandicootcha for this meeting

**.CARRIED**

**5 DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

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**6 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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**RESOLUTION: 26.0002****Moved:** Deputy Mayor Craig Koomeeta**Seconded:** Cr LThaapich Yunkaporta

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 December 2025 be confirmed.

**CARRIED****7 MAYOR'S REPORT**

Nil

**8 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The 2026 Local Government Association of Queensland Conference and Indigenous Leaders Forum will be held in Cairns from 19-21 October. The General Manager Corporate Services will present a report to the February Ordinary Meeting of Council outlining estimated costs for travel and attendance, in order for Elected Members to make a decision about which of them will represent Council at the events.

Cr Elouise Yunkaporta joined the meeting at 10:25am.

**9 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT****9.1 Financial Report at 31 December 2025**

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**RESOLUTION: 26.0003****Moved:** Deputy Mayor Craig Koomeeta**Seconded:** Cr Jayden Marrott

That Council receives and notes the Financial Report to 31 December 2025 as presented.

**CARRIED****9.2 Adoption of 2024-25 Annual Report**

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**RESOLUTION: 26.0004****Moved:** Deputy Mayor Craig Koomeeta**Seconded:** Cr L Thaapich Yunkaporta

That Council adopts the Aurukun Shire Council 2024-25 Annual Report as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 10 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

### 10.1 Adoption of Littering and Illegal Dumping policy and procedure

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**RESOLUTION: 26.0005**

**Moved:** Cr Jayden Marrott

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Craig Koomeeta

That Council:

1. Adopts the Littering and Illegal Dumping Policy;
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
  - a. approve minor administrative amendments to the Policy and endorse associated procedures, guidelines, and standard operating documents required for implementation; and
  - b. appoint and maintain a current list of Authorised Persons under the WRR Act for littering and illegal dumping enforcement within Council boundaries.
  - c. align Council illegal dumping fines; fees and charges with the Queensland benchmark and include them in 2026-27 budget planning.
3. Endorses a staged Implementation Plan as presented, including:
  - a. hotspot mapping and evidence standards;
  - b. a targeted communications campaign using Queensland Government resources; and
  - c. participation in relevant State programs and activities consistent with Qld government, Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy.

**CARRIED**

### 10.2 Adoption of Aurukun Sport, Culture and Recreation Strategy

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**RESOLUTION: 26.0006**

**Moved:** Cr Jayden Marrott

**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor Craig Koomeeta

That Council:

1. Adopts the Aurukun Sport, Culture and Recreation Strategy 2025–2029 and the accompanying Internal Action Plan; and
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to implement the Aurukun Sport, Culture and Recreation Internal Action Plan 2025–2029.

**CARRIED**

## 11 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT

Nil

## 12 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS (INCLUDING TRUSTEE BUSINESS)

Nil

**13 ELECTED MEMBERS PORTFOLIO REPORTS**

Nil

**14 GENERAL BUSINESS**

The General Manager Corporate Services reminded Elected Members that any relevant changes to their Register of Interests – including new employment, gifts or travel for non-Council business – above the prescribed value must be recorded in an updated register pursuant to their obligations under the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

**15 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Meeting closed at 10:41am.

I, Craig Koomeeta, Deputy Mayor of Aurukun Shire Council endorse and accept the minutes.

Signature:  ..... Date: 17/2/2026