



18th July, 2026

MINUTES OF THE JEPARIT TOWNSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH JULY, 2026 at the Memorial Hall, Roy Street, Jeparit at 7.30pm.

Present: Cr. Tony Clarke (HSC), Ram Upadhyaya (HSC), Jason Hutson (Chair-Person), Cheryl Quinn (Sec), Lauren Badua (CM), Anne-Marie Werner (CM), Colin Moore (CM), Mel Wagener (CM), Wendy Werner (CM), Sharon Reilly (CM) including Community Members Gabby Williams, Steven Black, Tony Simpson and Natalia Aguirre.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

We acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the lands of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Nations and we acknowledge them as Traditional Owners of Country.

We recognise the important ongoing role that Indigenous people have in our community and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

2. APOLOGIES

Teresa Smith (Vice C) (CM), Bec Schultz (CM)

3. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OR OFFICERS OF ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

- General conflict of interest; or
- Material conflict of interest

Declaration of general or material conflict of interest must also be advised by Committee Members at the commencement of discussion of the specific item.

NIL.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the JTAC Committee Meeting held on 11th May, 2026 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Roy Street, Jeparit, circulated to Committee Members be taken as read and confirmed

(Attachment: 1)

Moved: : Anne-Marie Werner (CM)

Seconded: Sharon Reilly (CM)

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1, 5.2 & 5.3; moved to 8 (General Business as notified to the chair.)

6. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARD:

- 6.1 Mark Fletcher (HSC) Event management Bootcamp circulation - 12/6/26
- 6.2 Volunteer - Auto response Minutes - 12/6/26
- 6.3 (CM) T. Smith JTAC Draft of Minutes - 14/6/26
- 6.4 Grampian Volunteer Stick Shed - 16/6/26
- 6.5 K. Colbert (HSC) Supermarket account clarification - 24/6/26
- 6.6 M. Revell CEO (HSC) Wimmera River Waterways 29/6/26
- 6.7 Grampian Wimmera National Industry News 30/6/26
- 6.8 Marivic Vix (HSC) JTAC Financial Statement 3/7/26
- 6.9 (CM) W. Werner - Meeting Agenda - 5/7/26
- 6.10 (CM) W. Werner - Meeting Agenda - 5/7/26

OUTWARD:

- 6.11 (CM) T. Smith Council officers notes 12/6/26
- 6.12 (CM) Event management Bootcamp circulation 12/6/26
- 6.13 (CM) T. Smith JTAC Minutes 14/6/26
- 6.14 CM Grampian Volunteer Stick Shed - 18/6/26
- 6.15 K. Colbert (HSC) JTAC Minutes Draft - 21/6/26
- 6.16 CM JTAC June Minutes - 22/6/26
- 6.17 R. Upadhyaya, S. 86 & T. Clarke (HSC) JTAC Minutes Draft - 22/6/26
- 6.18 K. Colbert (HSC) Supermarket account clarification - 26/6/26
- 6.19 Grampian Wimmera National Industry News 30/6/26
- 6.20 Marivic Vix (HSC) JTAC Financial Statement 3/7/26

That the Outward Correspondence be approved and the Inward Correspondence noted.

Moved: Lauren Badua (CM)

Seconded: Mel Wagener (CM)

Carried

7. EVENTS

Event:		Location:		Date	
	Responsibility	Due date	Status		
Risk assessment					
Food permit					
Local Law permit					

8. GENERAL BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIR

8.1 Infant welfare refurbishment - Property has been leased by HSC to a local person and will be used as an art studio. The new tenant has agreed to lease the total area but offers flexibility if another person wishes to lease part of the building (subject to HSC permission).

8.2 Supermarket Poster/Visitor information of business and attractions. W. Werner **Motioned** that Mark Fletcher be contacted regarding funds available last year for a Tourism map that had issues when being installed ie missing items of Jeparit tourism.

Seconded: Lauren Badua.

Carried

Wendy Werner offered to make contact and follow through with availability of Tourism Map.

8.3 Book exchange at BBQ area near Museum is now established and running.

8.4 Disappointment shown by Committee members that the tree outside the NA Bank was removed irrespective of the committee's thoughts, concerns or motion.

The only shade within the street, phone box has been damaged during removal of the said tree, tree root system moving pavers, however alternative methods could have been sought. Tree list is provided by HSC which show plants of immature age and size.

8.5 Menzies Spire Anniversary, area to be trimmed, painted, plantings (donated), thanks to Mopoke Club, Fishing Club and Youth Council involvement.

8.6 Old exercise equipment being stored or dumped at Jeparit Transfer Station. Are they be reused or were they damaged upon removal at Riverside precinct.

8.7 Play equipment at Riverside Precinct area overgrown with weeds and needs attention.

8.8 Community Member Tony Simpson expressed his opinion regarding the HSCs own agenda with their tick box attitude, ignoring community's needs and the lack of maintenance of Jeparit facilities. It is felt that there is a continued lack of support.

9. COUNCILLOR REPORT

9.1 Cr Tony Clarke shared a discussion about the Jeparit Weir Replacement brochure that supports the HSC who is actively looking for funding opportunities as the HSC is required to assist with 50% of the project cost.

Proposed positioning is not far from existing weir.

9.2 Roads being repaired, resealed, pot holes along with edging are the main absorption of funds and although this year may be on a break even scale the following year funding may prove to be a struggle.

10. OFFICER's REPORT

10.1 Annual Budget

The 2026/27 Annual Budget has been adopted

Town Committee has been allocated \$7,500

10.2 Cat Desexing Clinic.

Media release about the cat desexing clinic has been published to seek public opinion on next clinic location. Feedback sought and expression of your interest on desexing your cats.

10.3 Jeparit Weir Advocacy Document

Council Advocates for Rural Roads Funding and Jeparit Weir Funding Hindmarsh Shire Council

Council has prepared advocacy document for the Jeparit Weir project. During the recent National General Assembly in Canberra, Hindmarsh Shire Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay, met with Minister McBain (Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories), Minister Bowen (Minister for Climate Change and Energy), and Senator Stewart to discuss rural funding, the implications of renewables and mining on our communities, and challenges faced by rural councils. (Hard copies to handed around). (See 10.11)

10.4 Council's new look grants program is now open with three programs:

Business, Community and Regional Events opened 6 July, Closes 11:59pm Monday 31 August [Apply for Grants HSC.](#)

10.5 HSC POSITIONS AVAIL

Plant Operator Jeparit (Full Time)

Team Leader Pools and Recreation Facilities (Full Time) Position absorbed by HSC a few years ago but necessity required reopening of position.

Accounts and Payroll Officer (Full Time)

10.6 New Program: Seniors Relax, Create and Relate

Tracey Morphett will be starting a new program alongside Cuppa Connections called Relax, Create and Relate. She will have a tub of craft activities to bring along to the first Wednesday of the month for everyone to enjoy – you're also welcome to bring your own craft project! More information about this will be promoted next week.

10.7 Jeparit Tree

Dangerous tree impacting council asset and third-party asset was removed by the HSC for safety reasons.

Street Trees.

Works team has planted several trees in streets of Jeparit. If JTAC can identify any gap within the strategic pedestrian routes, please provide us the feedback and we will install some additional trees.

10.8 Document (receipt) payment for uniforms to Sharron Reilly (CM)

10.9 Town Entrance Estimate:

- \$3,000 Design (Draftsman)
- \$2,000 Engineering
- \$12,500 3 x Concrete pad with piers

\$12,000 3 x Steel Frame Signs 4500mmL x 1600mmH including cement sheet or similar backing to be overlaid with Signwriter panel, corrugated iron as per sketch provided (Provisional Sum)

\$29,500 Total Estimate (ex GST)

10.10 Have Your Say: Draft Public Transparency Policy - Closes Friday 17 July

10.11 (See 10.3) Funding application was submitted to seek \$820K from the Disaster Ready Fund for the detailed design and planning of Jeparit Weir.

\$50K was contributed from Wimmera CMA. HSC will provide in-kind project management and administration to the project. Council's CEO, Director of Infrastructure Services and Mayor met with Senior Advisor of Minister Murray Watt to advocate for Jeparit Weir.

11. URGENT BUSINESS

N/A

12. FINANCE REPORT

12.1 Summary of Balances in Finance Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Finance Report as provided be approved.

Moved: Lauren Badua (CM)

Seconded: Mel Wagener (CM)

12.2 Purchase Orders to be raised - \$2,000 or less

Moved: : Seconded:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	DECISION

12.3 Purchase Orders to be raised – Greater than \$2,000

Moved:

Seconded:

Carried

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13. DECISIONS TO BE MADE

The following decisions are recommendations to Council for endorsement:

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5	Business Arising from Minutes	N/A.
6	Correspondence	Approving the Outward Correspondence and Noting the Inward.
7	Events	Nil
8	General Business as Notified to the Chair	8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7 & 8.8.
9	Councillor's Report	9.1 & 9.2..
10	Officer's Report	10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4. 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.8, 10.9, 10.10 & 10.11
11	Urgent Business	N/A
12.1	Finance Report	That the Finance Report was approved at meeting.

12.2	Purchase Orders to be Raised (\$2,000 or less)	Nil
12.3	Purchase Orders to be Raised (above \$2,000)	N/A

14. MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 8.56pm

Next JTAC Meeting scheduled for Monday 10th August, 2026

15. COUNCIL OFFICER AUTHORISATION

*to be completed by Council Officer

I, Ram Upadhyaya accept the following recommendations made by the JTA Committee at this meeting held on 13th July, 2026

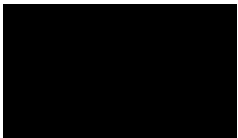
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I Ram Upadhyaya, advise that the following items:

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- Need to be referred to a Council Meeting / CEO for a decision
- Require more Information
- Do No align with the Hindmarsh Shire Council Plan

SIGNED:



Council Officer: Ram Upadhyaya

Dated: 21 July 2026