

# SHIRE OF WANDERING

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## MINUTES

### Wandering Community Centre Committee Meeting 19 November 2025

#### OUR VISION

***Wandering is a community of responsible, resilient and adaptable residents thriving in our scenic, economically diverse environment.***

***These Minutes of the Wandering Community Centre Committee Meeting held on 19 November 2025 are confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings without amendment.***

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**Brendan Whitely, Chairperson**

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**Date**

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**Dr Alistair Pinto**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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Minutes of the Wandering Community Centre Committee Meeting held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 19 November 2025 – commencing at 7.00pm.

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**1. Declaration of Opening / Announcements of Visitors**

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7:00pm.

**2. Attendance / Apologies / Approved Leave of Absence**

**Councillors**

Cr Sheryl Little, Cr Gillian Hansen, Cr Lou Cowan.

**Community Members**

Brendan Whitely and Darralyn Ebsary.

**Shire of Wandering Staff**

Dr Alistair Pinto – Chief Executive Officer.

Karl Mickle – Operations Manager.

**Visitors**

Nil

**Apologies**

Lee Muller.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings Held**

**3.1 Committee Meeting Minutes – 16 July 2025**

**Statutory Environment:**

Section 5.22 of the *Local Government Act* provides that minutes of all meetings are to be kept and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the Council or the committee, as the case requires, for confirmation.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**CC011125 Moved: Cr. Hansen**

**Seconded: Cr. Cowan**

**Recommendation and Committee Decision:**

**That the Minutes of the Wandering Community Centre Upgrade Committee Meeting held on 16 July 2025 be confirmed as true and correct.**

Carried 5/0

For: B Whitely, Cr S Little, Cr G Hansen, Cr. L Cowan, D Ebsary  
Against: Nil.

## **4. General Business**

### **4.1 Management of Donation funds**

At the last meeting the Committee directed the CEO to appropriately accept and manage funds and in-kind contributions pledged for this purpose and report back to this sub-committee. Accordingly, the following donations have been received to date.

• Gillian Hansen	\$1,000
• Stay Active	\$ 300
• Lee Muller & Rob Curtis	\$ 400
• Ian Turton	\$1,000
• Darralyn Ebsary	\$ 500
• Wandering Tennis Club	\$1,000
• Wandering Fair (Pending)	\$ 720
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,920</b>

The Wandering Camp Out Committee have pledged \$10,000 towards this project. The Lions Club will match donations up to \$10,000. Hence, currently a total of approximately \$24,920 has been pledged towards this project.

The committee agreed that the funds should be used for the BBQ shade area in the first instance and the management of any leftover funds would be determined at a later date.

It was suggested that community members with trade skills be utilised to assist with the build to reduce costs. The issue of building certification was identified as a matter that would require consideration for compliance and insurance purposes. Information is to be obtained in relation to comparative costs of this approach.

**Action:** The CEO is to readvertise the public appeal for donations, both monetary and in-kind, towards this project with an end date for donations to be Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

**Action:** Operations Manager to source quotes and designs for the BBQ shade sail for consideration by the committee at the next meeting.

**Action:** D Ebsary to identify and list all essential kitchen items needed to ensure the new kitchen is fully functional e.g. platters.

### **4.2 Committee members**

B Whitely tabled for consideration by the committee the addition of another community member to the group. Currently there are 3 councillors and 3 community members on the committee. It was proposed that another community member is added to this committee to ensure there are more community members than councillors represented on the membership of this committee.

Cr Max Watts, who recently retired as a councillor, has been a long-serving member of the group, originally joining as a community representative when the group was first established.

It was proposed that Max Watts be invited back to the committee as a community member representative.

**CC021125Moved: D Ebsary**

**Seconded: Cr. Little**

**Recommendation and Committee Decision:**

**That the Committee recommends to Council that Max Watts is invited to join the Wandering Community Centre Upgrade Committee as a community member representative.**

Carried 5/0

For: B Whitely, Cr S Little, Cr G Hansen, Cr. L Cowan, D Ebsary

Against: Nil.

#### **4.3 Ablution block renovations**

As the Community Centre is the Shire's Evacuation Centre in case of emergencies, there is the possibility to source funds from DFES for some upgrades to this building. The CEO is to continue to keep a look out for any grants that become available.

**Action:** CEO to source information from Tara Whitney, Whitney Consulting, on business case and/or grant funding opportunities for this building project and work previously undertaken for the Shire.

#### **4.4 Next Meeting Date and Frequency of Meetings**

Next meeting 17 December 2025 at 06:00pm.

Committee to meet outside the Community Centre building to discuss placement of the BBQ and shade structure.

The following community members to be invited as guests to the meeting:

Lyall Steer, Shaun Brand, Andrew Carstairs and Ben Pike.

#### **5. Closure of Meeting**

The meeting was declared closed at 8:08pm.