

SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY

Special Council Meeting

Unconfirmed Minutes

Tuesday 29 September 2026



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Signed on behalf of Council



VERNON LAWRENCE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

NOTES:

1. Councillors wishing to make alternate motions to officer recommendations are requested to provide notice of such motions electronically to the minute taker prior to the Council Meeting.
2. Councillors needing clarification on reports to Council are requested to seek this from relevant Officers prior to the Council meetings.

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**SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
UNCONFIRMED MINUTES
KUNUNURRA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 5:00PM**

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The Shire President declared the Meeting open at 5:08 pm.

2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Cr D Menzel	Shire President (Via Videoconference)
Cr T Chafer	Deputy Shire President (Via Videoconference) (Presiding Member)
Cr K Bond	Councillor (Via Videoconference)
Cr C Cane	Councillor
Cr V Goulden	Councillor
Cr S Martin	Councillor
Cr B Robinson	Councillor (Via Videoconference)

S Dyson	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Nick Allen	Chief Operating Officer
N Bray	Governance Officer (Minute Taker)
J Bolt	Executive Assistant to the CEO

Leave of Absence

Cr M Dear	Councillor
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Apology

Cr S Timms	Councillor
V Lawrence	Chief Executive Officer

Absent

Nil

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Type	Item #	Councillor/Officer	Description of Interest
Impartiality	4.1	Cr C Cane	Employer is the president of the Kununurra Camp Draft and Rodeo Association who is an applicant for a grant.
Direct Financial	4.1	Cr K Bond	I am an employee of the East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and Industry and they are party to the grant applications being considered in this item. My income is tied to programs and events which may be funded via grant/s.

4. OFFICER REPORTS

Cr Bond left the meeting at 5:11pm and did not return

4.1. ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANTS 2026/27

AUTHOR:	Chief Operating Officer
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Nick Allen, Chief Operating Officer
FILE NO:	GS.05.5
DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:	Nil
COUNCIL'S ROLE IN THE MATTER:	Funder - provide funds or other resources
VOTING REQUIREMENT:	Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr B Robinson
Seconded: Cr D Menzel

That Council:

1. Endorses the allocation of \$288,053.50 from the 2026/27 Community Grant Program as follows: Facilities Grants \$35,040; Events and Programs Grants \$103,013.50; and Signature Events - Year 1 \$150,000, with individual allocations as detailed in this report.
2. Endorses the allocation of \$79,050 in Rates Assistance Grants for the 2026/27 financial year, noting that six applications have been received to date totaling \$36,918.90. Several applications remain outstanding and, once processed, are expected to total approximately \$42,131.10, bringing the overall Rates Assistance allocation to \$79,050. Any residual balance will be reallocated to the Quick Grants and Leadership Grant budget.
3. Endorses from the 2027/28 financial year, the Community Grant Program being administered across two funding rounds each year, with Round One to occur early in the financial year and Round Two prior to the end of the financial year, and with the available competitive grant budget to be divided broadly equally between the two rounds after allowing for pre-committed Signature Event funding, Quick Grants, the Leadership Grant and an appropriate allocation for Rates Assistance Grants
4. Notes that Signature Event funding is subject to annual review against the terms and conditions of the funding agreement, satisfactory acquittal and continued delivery of the funded event, with annual payments subject to Council's budget adoption process.
5. Notes that any proposed variation to an approved Signature Event funding allocation during the three-year funding period is to be referred to Council for consideration.
6. Does not support the Ord Valley Muster request for \$100,000 in 2027, \$125,000 in 2028 and \$150,000 in 2029, and instead approves funding of \$50,000 per annum for three years, consistent with the Signature Event funding level provided for in the Community Grant Program Guidelines.
7. Notes that funding approval for individual applications remains subject to applicants satisfying outstanding administrative or compliance requirements identified during assessment, including where applicable insurance, acquittals,

budget reconciliation, eligible expenditure, quotations, regulatory approvals and confirmation of external funding contributions.

- 8. Notes that the Kyle Andrews Foundation - Gibb Challenge application does not currently satisfy the requirement for applicants to be based within the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley and therefore has not been recommended for funding and authorises Administration to explore whether the event may be supported through an eligible local auspice organisation in accordance with the Community Grant Program Guidelines.**
- 9. Does not allocate funding to the Wirrum - Yarning Space application due to insufficient project detail, incomplete cost information and inadequate supporting quotations.**
- 10. Supports in principle the East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and Industry Events Program request of \$49,150, with Administration to identify an appropriate municipal budget allocation outside the Community Grant Program and, where required, present any necessary budget amendment to Council.**
- 11. Notes that, following the above allocations, including the recommended \$79,050 allocation for Rates Assistance Grants, together with the \$17,150 already committed to Quick Grants and the Leadership Grant, forecast expenditure from the \$430,000 Community Grant Program budget will be \$384,253.50, leaving an unallocated balance of \$45,746.50.**

AMENDED MOTION / COUNCIL DECISION

Minute Number: 29/09/2026 - 119543

Moved: Cr T Chafer

Seconded: Cr D Menzel

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Carried: 7/0

For: Cr D Menzel, Cr T Chafer, Cr K Bond, Cr C Cane, Cr V Goulden, Cr S Martin, Cr B Robinson.

Against: Nil

SUBSTANTIVE RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

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Carried: 7/0

For: Cr D Menzel, Cr T Chafer, Cr K Bond, Cr C Cane, Cr V Goulden, Cr S Martin, Cr B Robinson.

Against: Nil

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider applications lodged under the 2026/27 Community Grant Program, endorse Rates Assistance Grants and determine the recommended funding allocations.

BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS CONSIDERATIONS BY COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE

The Shire's Community Grant Program supports not-for-profit community organisations and groups delivering sporting, cultural, environmental and community services within the Shire. The 2026/27 program includes three competitive streams - Facilities, Events and Programs, and Signature Events - together with Quick Grants, the Leadership Grant and Rates Assistance Grants.

COMMENTS

A total of 17 applications were received through the competitive funding round, with applicants seeking \$428,955 across the Facilities, Events and Programs and Signature Event streams.

The adopted 2026/27 Community Grant Program budget is \$430,000. Prior to consideration of this report, \$17,150 has been committed to Quick Grants (\$12,150) and the Leadership Grant (\$5,000). Applications were assessed by a panel comprising two Shire officers and the Chief Operating Officer against the Community Grant Program Guidelines. The Panel considered assessment scores, eligibility, funding limits, required co-contributions, demonstrated financial need, value for money, project readiness and outstanding compliance requirements.

Officers recommend \$288,053.50 across the competitive grant streams and \$79,050 in Rates Assistance Grants. Together with existing commitments, total forecast expenditure is \$384,253.50, leaving \$45,746.50 unallocated within the adopted budget. A reduced recommendation does not necessarily reflect a lack of community merit; in several cases recommendations were adjusted to comply with funding limits, eligibility requirements, co-contribution requirements or the demonstrated funding gap.

2026/27 FUNDING SUMMARY

Funding component	Amount
Quick Grants - already committed	\$12,150
Leadership Grant - already committed	\$5,000
Rates Assistance Grants - recommended	\$79,050
Facilities Grants - recommended	\$35,040
Events and Programs Grants - recommended	\$103,013.50
Signature Events - Year 1 recommended	\$150,000
Forecast expenditure	\$384,253.50
Unallocated balance	\$45,746.50

FACILITIES GRANT APPLICATIONS

Facilities applications were assessed against community benefit, strategic alignment, demonstrated need, project readiness, organisational capacity, value for money and compliance with the Guidelines.

Rank	Applicant	Score	Project cost	Requested	Recommended	SWEK %	Key reason
1	Kununurra Neighbourhood House	8.6	\$18,353.35	\$9,150	\$9,150	49.85%	Full request supported
2	Kununurra Campdraft & Rodeo Association	7.8	\$91,759.80	\$20,000	\$20,000	21.8%	Full request supported
3	Wyndham Picture Gardens	7.6	\$11,772	\$11,772	\$5,890	~50%	Capped by co-contribution requirement
4	Wirrum - Yarning Youth Space	Pending	Not confirmed	\$20,000	\$0	-	Insufficient information / quotations

KUNUNURRA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE - COMMUNITY HUB FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Upgrade of the community facility through acoustic soundproofing, audio-visual technology, wayfinding and signage, and improved outdoor lighting and fans. The works will improve accessibility, comfort and the facility's capacity to support community programs and events.

Assessment: The application demonstrated community benefit and project readiness and the request is within the required co-contribution limit.

Project cost: \$18,353.35 | Requested: \$9,150 | Recommended: \$9,150

KUNUNURRA CAMPDRAFT & RODEO ASSOCIATION - COMPETITOR SHADE / MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

Construction of a permanent open-sided shade structure at the KCRA grounds to provide shelter during events and undercover storage outside event periods.

Assessment: The project demonstrated clear facility and community benefit, with the requested contribution representing 21.8% of the project cost.

Project cost: \$91,759.80 | Requested: \$20,000 | Recommended: \$20,000

Wyndham Picture Gardens - Revitalisation

Purchase of essential equipment, including a digital projector and commercial refrigerator, to support ongoing operation of the not-for-profit venue.

Assessment: Officers support the project, however the application sought 100% of the stated project cost. The recommendation is capped at approximately 50% in accordance with the Guidelines.

Project cost: \$11,772 | Requested: \$11,772 | Recommended: \$5,890

Wirrum - Yarning Youth Space

Construction of a culturally safe Yarning Space at Mulligan's Lagoon to support community gathering, cultural knowledge sharing and intergenerational connection.

Assessment: The application did not provide sufficient project detail, complete cost information or adequate supporting quotations to enable officers to recommend funding.

Requested: \$20,000 | Recommended: \$0

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS GRANT APPLICATIONS

Events and Programs applications were assessed against the weighted criteria, with particular regard to community benefit, strategic alignment, delivery capacity, funding leverage, project readiness and compliance with the Guidelines.

Rank	Applicant	Score	Project cost	Requested	Recommended	SWEK %	Key reason
1	Wunan Foundation - EKAAA	8.7	\$81,880	\$15,000	\$15,000	18.32%	Full request supported
2	Ord Valley Events - Taste of the Kimberley	8.7	\$186,300	\$20,000	\$20,000	10.7%	Full request supported
3	EKCCI - Events Program	8.6	-	\$49,150	\$0	-	Proposed municipal funding
4	Kimberley Sun Experience	7.3	\$22,583	\$3,000	\$3,000	13.28%	Full request supported
5	Lake Kununurra Barramundi Stocking Group	7.4	\$253,000	\$25,000	\$20,000	7.91%	Guideline funding limit
5=	KNH - Events Program	8.1	\$16,000	\$10,000	\$8,000	50%	Full request supported
7	KNH - Community Shed	8.0	\$37,220	\$17,000	\$12,700	34.12%	Budget reconciliation
8	Kununurra Water Ski Club - Dam2Dam	7.9	\$119,850	\$20,000	\$20,000	16.69%	Subject to compliance
8=	Kununurra Crocs Swimming Club	7.3	\$8,627	\$5,883	\$4,313.50	50%	Capped at 50%
9	Kyle Andrews Foundation - Gibb Challenge	-	-	\$5,000	\$0	-	Applicant eligibility

Wunan Foundation - East Kimberley Aboriginal Achievement Awards

The Awards recognise and celebrate the achievements and leadership of Aboriginal people across the East Kimberley.

Assessment: The application demonstrated strong regional cultural and community benefit, established delivery capacity and stakeholder support.

Project cost: \$81,880 | Requested: \$15,000 | Recommended: \$15,000

Ord Valley Events - Taste of the Kimberley 2027

A regional food and cultural festival showcasing local produce, people and the East Kimberley visitor experience.

Assessment: The event demonstrated community, cultural, tourism and economic benefits and strong funding leverage.

Conditions / notes: Subject to final budget reconciliation, current insurance and confirmation that Shire funding is applied to eligible event-delivery costs.

Project cost: \$186,300 | Requested: \$20,000 | Recommended: \$20,000

East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and Industry - Events Program

A coordinated one-year program including the Kimberley Economic Forum, Industry Connect, Chamber Connects, International Women's Day, FutureFest, business networking, workshops, multicultural activities, Solar Eclipse workshops and Rapid Recruitment sessions.

Assessment: The application ranked highly and officers support the program. Given its strong economic development and business-support focus, officers recommend that the \$49,150 contribution be considered from a separate municipal budget rather than the Community Grant Program.

Conditions / notes: Council is asked to support the request in principle, with Administration to identify an appropriate municipal budget allocation and present any required budget amendment.

Requested: \$49,150 | Community Grant recommendation: \$0

Kimberley Sun Experience

A local live-music event showcasing more than 11 local acts across two stages.

Assessment: The application demonstrated local community demand, support for local and emerging performers, delivery experience and strong funding leverage.

Conditions / notes: Subject to confirmation of auspice arrangements, updated insurance, correction of the event date and final budget reconciliation.

Project cost: \$22,583 | Requested: \$3,000 | Recommended: \$3,000

Lake Kununurra Barramundi Stocking Group

Funding toward the purchase and release of barramundi fingerlings into Lake Kununurra, supporting recreation, liveability, tourism and economic benefits.

Assessment: The application demonstrated significant community benefit and strong funding leverage. The recommendation is reduced to \$20,000 to remain within the funding limits of the Guidelines.

Conditions / notes: Subject to documentary confirmation of \$20 million public liability insurance. Future applications may be developed in partnership with APEX and potentially aligned with the APEX Barra Bash.

Project cost: \$253,000 | Requested: \$25,000 | Recommended: \$20,000

Kununurra Neighbourhood House - Community Events Program

Delivery of five low-cost or free community events: Teddy Bears' Picnic, International Women's Day, Seniors Week, International Men's Day and a Family Disco.

Assessment: The program has broad community reach, an established delivery history and a clear focus on inclusion, wellbeing and social connection.

Conditions / notes: Subject to confirmation of eligible administration costs, quotations, current insurance and satisfactory prior acquittals.

Project cost: \$16,000 | Requested: \$8,000 | Recommended: \$8,000

Kununurra Neighbourhood House - Community Shed

An inclusive community workshop program supporting skills development, social connection, wellbeing and intergenerational participation.

Assessment: The submitted budget identifies \$21,000 in cash expenditure, a \$4,000 organisation contribution and a further \$4,300 in projected entry-fee income. On the figures submitted, the demonstrated funding gap is \$12,700.

Project cost: \$37,220 | Requested: \$17,000 | Recommended: \$12,700

Kununurra Water Ski Club - Dam2Dam

The long-running Dam2Dam dinghy race between Lake Argyle Dam and the Diversion Dam, attracting local and interstate competitors and spectators.

Assessment: The event has a strong delivery history and clear recreation, tourism and community benefits.

Conditions / notes: Subject to current \$20 million public liability insurance, additional quotation evidence, the required business plan and project budget reconciliation.

Project cost: \$119,850 | Requested: \$20,000 | Recommended: \$20,000

Kununurra Crocs Swimming Club - Swimming Clinic

Free swimming clinics for children and adults, together with coach and volunteer development in stroke correction, lesson planning and strength training.

Assessment: The requested contribution exceeds the 50% funding limit. The recommendation is therefore capped at \$4,313.50.

Project cost: \$8,627 | Requested: \$5,883 (68.19%) | Recommended: \$4,313.50 (50%)

Kyle Andrews Foundation - Gibb Challenge

A five-day, 660 km team relay cycling event from Derby to El Questro Station.

Assessment: The applicant is based in Djugun and does not currently satisfy the requirement for applicants to be based within the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley.

Conditions / notes: Administration may explore whether an eligible local auspice arrangement can be established, subject to the Guidelines and outstanding insurance, budget and quotation requirements.

Requested: \$5,000 | Recommended: \$0

SIGNATURE EVENTS

Signature Events are established, high-profile events that deliver significant and ongoing regional benefit. The Guidelines provide for funding of up to \$50,000 per annum for up to three years, subject to annual review and Council budget adoption.

Rank	Applicant	Score	Project cost	Requested	Yr recommended ¹	SWEK %	Key reason
1	Lake Argyle Swim	9.2	\$289,218	\$50,000 p.a. x 3	\$50,000	17.29%	Full guideline amount
2	Kununurra Agricultural Show	9.2	\$294,000	\$50,000 p.a. x 3	\$50,000	17.01%	Full guideline amount
3	Ord Valley Muster	9.4	\$1,947,971	\$100k / \$125k / \$150k	\$50,000	2.57%	Capped at guideline amount

LAKE ARGYLE SWIM

A major regional sporting and tourism event attracting local, interstate and visiting participants and supporters. The organisers have proposed a dedicated local registration stream as part of a three-year partnership with the Shire.

Assessment: The application ranked highest in the Signature Event category, demonstrating exceptional community, recreation, tourism and economic benefit, proven delivery capacity and strong value for money.

Conditions / notes: Subject to standard annual review, satisfactory acquittal, continued compliance and annual budget adoption.

Project cost: \$289,218 | Requested: \$50,000 p.a. for three years | Recommended: \$50,000 p.a. for three years

KUNUNURRA AGRICULTURAL SHOW

A long-established two-day regional event attracting more than 6,000 attendees and delivering benefits across agriculture, tourism, local business, families, youth, arts and community participation. Assessment: The Show demonstrated exceptional community reach, strong strategic alignment, more than five decades of delivery experience, significant volunteer support and a diversified funding model.

Conditions / notes: Subject to standard annual review, satisfactory acquittal, continued compliance and annual budget adoption.

Cash project cost: \$294,000 | Requested: \$50,000 p.a. for three years | Recommended: \$50,000 p.a. for three years

ORD VALLEY MUSTER

A ten-day regional festival combining music, art, culture, comedy, food and community events. The Muster recorded 10,812 attendances in 2026 and supports tourism, local procurement, community participation and regional promotion.

Assessment: The application was assessed as exceptionally strong. However, the requested stepped funding exceeds the Signature Event guideline level of \$50,000 per annum. Officers therefore recommend \$50,000 per annum for three years.

Conditions / notes: Any proposed variation to the approved allocation would be referred back to Council.

Project cost: \$1,947,971 | Requested: \$100,000 / \$125,000 / \$150,000 | Recommended: \$50,000 p.a. for three years (2.57% in Year 1)

MULTI-YEAR SIGNATURE EVENT FUNDING

The Guidelines permit Signature Event funding for up to three years, subject to annual review, satisfactory acquittal, continued compliance with the funding agreement and annual budget adoption. Any proposed variation to an approved annual allocation will be referred to Council for consideration.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

There are no statutory implications associated with this matter, however other approvals such as planning, building or event approvals may be required.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

POL-3002 Community Grant Program is applicable to the consideration of this matter.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This matter relates to the following sections of the Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033:

Focus Area: CONNECTION

Focus Area: LIVEABILITY

Focus Area: SUSTAINABILITY

Goal 4: Access to education - Education and training opportunities for everyone

Goal 8: Connecting our cultures - Celebrating our rich culture and heritage

Strategy 2.2: The Shire will collaborate with a wide range of stakeholders to advocate and provide accessible facilities that support a range of sporting and recreational activities

Strategy 2.3: Shire will support and build the capacity of community groups and clubs through community grants programs, advice and management of Shire reserves and facilities

Strategy 4.2: The Shire will work with key partners to advocate for a broader range of inclusive educational opportunities

Strategy 8.1: Support an increase in community participation in community groups and volunteering

Strategy 8.2: Strengthen relationships with Aboriginal people which foster mutual respect and support, and cultural awareness

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risk: Failure to facilitate community development initiatives which support positive social outcomes for community members, including; health, aged care, youth services and Indigenous services.

Control: Community Grant Program aims to support community led initiatives through financial assistance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The adopted budget for the 2026/27 Community Grant Program is \$430,000. Prior to consideration of this report, \$17,150 has been committed to Quick Grants and the Leadership Grant.

Officers recommend that Council endorse \$79,050 in Rates Assistance Grants and \$288,053.50 across the Facilities, Events and Programs and Signature Event funding streams.

Funding Stream	Recommended
Facilities Grants	\$35,040
Events and Programs Grants	\$103,013.50
Signature Events - Year 1	\$150,000
Competitive grants total	\$288,053.50
Rates Assistance Grants	\$79,050
Existing Quick Grants and Leadership Grant commitments	\$17,150
Forecast expenditure	\$384,253.50
Unallocated balance	\$45,746.50

The recommended allocations remain within Council's adopted budget and retain capacity to respond to further Quick Grant demand, emerging community priorities or other eligible expenditure during the remainder of the financial year.

The \$49,150 EKCCI Events Program proposal is not included in the Community Grant Program expenditure above. Council is being asked to support that request in principle, with Administration to identify an appropriate municipal funding source outside the Community Grant Program and present any required budget amendment.

Current and Future Asset Considerations

Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Engagement has taken place in accordance with the Community Engagement Guidelines and included:

- Sharing a Community Grants flyer on socials and on the Shire's website.
- Directly contacting 50 local not-for-profit groups by email to ensure they were aware the Shire's Annual Grants round was open.
- Making appointments available on request to discuss local groups projects in person or over the phone
- Promoting the grant round on Waringarri Radio
- Physical posters on community noticeboards around Kununurra and Wyndham

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

5. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

5.1. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

Nil

5.2. PUBLIC READING OF RESOLUTIONS THAT MAY BE MADE PUBLIC

Nil

6. CLOSURE

Cr T Chafer declared the meeting closed at 5:23 pm.