

minutes

Special Meeting of Council

MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2026

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

The City of Joondalup acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, and recognises the culture of the Noongar people and the unique contribution they make to the Joondalup region and Australia. The City of Joondalup pays its respects to their Elders past and present and extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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CITY OF JOONDALUP

**COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE,
BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2026**

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

2 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2.1 Meeting Opening and Attendance

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 6.15pm.

Mayor:

MAYOR DANIEL KINGSTON

Councillors:

CR LEWIS HUTTON	North Ward
CR DENISE MERCER	North Central Ward
CR BETTINA GOULD	North Central Ward
CR CHRISTOPHER MAY, JP	Central Ward
CR RUSS FISHWICK, JP	South Ward
CR JOHN RAFTIS	South Ward
CR MATTHEW COUNT	South-West Ward
CR PHILLIP VINCIULLO	South-West Ward
CR JOHN CHESTER	South-East Ward
CR ROHAN O'NEILL	South-East Ward

Officers:

MR NICO CLAASSEN	Temporary Chief Executive Officer
MR JAMIE PARRY	Director Governance and Strategy
MR MAT HUMFREY	Director Corporate Services
MR MAT PENNINGTON	Acting Director Infrastructure Services
MRS MARLAINE LAVERY	Director Planning and Community Development
MRS KYLIE BERGMANN	Manager Governance
MS HANNAH TAGORE	Manager Communications and Stakeholder Relations
MRS AMY NICE	Civic Functions Officer
MRS SANDIE HARTLEY	Administration & Business Support Officer
MRS VIVIENNE STAMPALIJA	Governance Coordinator
MS CAITLIN WOOD	Governance Officer

Guests:

HONORARY FREEMAN MR BILL MARWICK, OAM.
HONORARY FREEMAN MR BRIAN COOPER, OAM.
HONORARY FREEMAN MR MICHAEL NORMAN.
HONORARY FREEMAN MRS CARMEL WARD.

There were 20 members of the public and no member of the press in attendance.

2.2 REQUESTS FOR ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Nil.

3 DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST / PROXIMITY INTEREST / INTEREST THAT MAY AFFECT IMPARTIALITY

3.1 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Elected Members (in accordance with clause 22 of Schedule 1 of the *Local Government [Model Code of Conduct] Regulations 2021*) and employees (in accordance with the Code of Conduct) are required to declare any interest that may affect their impartiality in considering a matter. This declaration does not restrict any right to participate in or be present during the decision-making process. The Elected Member / employee is also encouraged to disclose the nature of their interest.

Name / Position	Cr John Raftis.
Meeting Type	Special Council Meeting.
Meeting Date	31 March 2026.
Item No. / Subject	Item 7.1 - Bestowal of the Title of Honorary Freeman of The City of Joondalup Upon Mrs Carmel Ward.
Nature of Interest	Interest that may affect Impartiality.
Extent of Interest	Carmel Ward is known to Cr Raftis.

Name / Position	Cr Russ Fickwick, JP.
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4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No written or verbal questions were submitted to the Special meeting of Council.

5 PUBLIC STATEMENT TIME

The following summarised statements were submitted verbally at the Special meeting of Council:

S Thompson, Duncraig - Vice President of the Marmion Sorrento Duncraig Progress and Ratepayers Association.

Re: Item 7.1 - Bestowal of the Title of Honorary Freeman of the City of Joondalup Upon Mrs Carmel Ward.

Ms Suzanne Thompson congratulated Mrs Carmel Ward on receiving the title of Honorary Freeman of the City of Joondalup, in recognition of her more than 20 years of dedicated community service. Ms Thompson highlighted Mrs Ward's leadership and advocacy through the Marmion Sorrento Duncraig Progress and Ratepayers Association, where she volunteered on the committee and now serves as Treasurer, as well as her contributions through the Lions Club. Ms Thompson noted Mrs Ward's successful advocacy for community improvements at Galston Park, including enhancements to the playspace, bike track and seating for nearby aged care residents, and acknowledged her nine years leading the Youth of the Year Public Speaking program. Ms Thompson described Mrs Ward's contributions as quiet, practical and deeply impactful, and stated the honour was well deserved.

6 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Cr John Raftis	28 April to 30 April 2026 inclusive.
Cr Rohan O'Neill	4 August to 6 August 2026 inclusive.

6.2 APOLOGIES

Cr Adrian Hill.
Cr Rebecca Pizzey.

6.3 REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE – CR ROHAN O'NEILL (Resolution No: CJ070-03/26)

MOVED Mayor Kingston, SECONDED Cr Raftis that Council APPROVES the following request for Leave of Absence from Council duties for:

- 1 Cr Rohan O'Neill covering the period 10 April to 16 April 2026 inclusive.**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (11/0)

In favour of the Motion: Mayor Kingston, Cr Chester, Cr Count, Cr Fishwick, Cr Gould, Cr Hutton, Cr May, Cr Mercer, Cr O'Neill, Cr Raftis and Cr Vinciullo.
Against the Motion: Nil.

7 ITEM OF BUSINESS

Disclosures of Interest affecting Impartiality

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7.1 BESTOWAL OF THE TITLE OF HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE CITY OF JOONDALUP UPON MRS CARMEL WARD

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Resolution No: CJ071-03/26)

MOVED Mayor Kingston, SECONDED Cr Raftis that:

- 1 Council BESTOWS the Title of Honorary Freeman of the City of Joondalup upon Mrs Carmel Ward;**
- 2 the Certificates of Freeman of the City be AFFIXED with the Common Seal and signed by the Mayor and Temporary Chief Executive Officer.**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (11/0)

In favour of the Motion: Mayor Kingston, Cr Chester, Cr Count, Cr Fishwick, Cr Gould, Cr Hutton, Cr May, Cr Mercer, Cr O'Neill, Cr Raftis and Cr Vinciullo.

Against the Motion: Nil.

8 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.30pm the following Elected Members being present at that time:

MAYOR DANIEL KINGSTON
CR LEWIS HUTTON
CR DENISE MERCER
CR BETTINA GOULD
CR CHRISTOPHER MAY, JP
CR RUSS FISHWICK, JP
CR JOHN RAFTIS
CR MATTHEW COUNT
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