



Behavioural Complaint: Cr Andrew Tucker

At its meeting held on 20 August 2026, the Shire of Menzies upheld a behavioural complaint against Cr Andrew Tucker in relation to derogatory text messages sent to another councillor by Cr Tucker under the name of a Council employee.

During the investigation, Cr Tucker acknowledged sending the messages and using the employee's name.

Pursuant to Clause 12(1) of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021, the Council concluded that a breach of the Regulations did occur.

The Council directed Cr Tucker to provide letters of apology to the affected parties and advised that any further breaches may result in mediation, counselling or training.

The Council further advised that future breaches of the Code of Conduct will result in the matter being compulsorily referred to the Office of the Inspector of Local Government as a major breach.

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Rob Stewart
Acting CEO and Complaints Officer
25 August 2026

Posted on the Council's Website on 25/08/2026



Behavioural Complaint: Cr Susanne Wessely

At its meeting held on 18 June 2026, the Shire of Menzies considered a complaint against Cr Sue Wessely, pursuant to Clause 14B of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021, alleging that Cr Wessely failed to disclose an interest at the Council Briefing Session held on 16 April 2026.

The Council concluded that the alleged breach was more likely than not to have occurred but determined that the complaint should be dismissed and no further action taken.

The Council directed that its decision be published on the Council's website.

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Rob Stewart
Acting CEO and Complaints Officer
6 July 2026

Posted on the Council's
Website on 6/07/2026



Behavioural Complaint: Cr Andrew Tucker

At its meeting held on 20 May 2026, the Shire of Menzies upheld a complaint against Cr Andrew Tucker, brought pursuant to Clause 11 (4) of the Model Code of Conduct, in that the councillor approached a council employee and threatened them with dismissal from their employment.

The Model Code of Conduct provides at Clause 9 (Relationship with others) that a council member must not disparage the character of a local government employee in connection with the performance of their duties.

The Council concluded that the alleged breach was more likely to have occurred than it did not occur.

The Council directed that a letter of apology from Cr Tucker be forwarded to the complainant and this has occurred.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Stewart".

Rob Stewart
Acting CEO and Complaints Officer
29 May 2026

Posted on the Council's
Website on 29/05/2026