



# Ordinary Council Meeting

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## Minutes

Held on Tuesday 25 February 2025

Council Chambers, Mortlake Council Offices  
1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting  
of Moyne Shire Council held on Tuesday 25 February 2025, at Council  
Chambers,  
Mortlake Council Offices, 1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake  
commencing at 2:00 pm.

Present

**Councillors**

Cr Karen Foster (Mayor)  
Cr Jordan Lockett (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr Jim Doukas  
Cr Myra Murrihy  
Cr Susan Taylor  
Cr Lloyd Ross  
Cr Lisa Ryan

**Officers**

Mark Eversteyn, Chief Executive Officer  
Symonne Robinson, Acting Director Assets & Community  
Ed Small, Director Corporate & Governance Services  
Jodie McNamara, Director Environment, Economy & Place

## 1 Procedural

### 1.1 Live streaming of Council Meetings

Please note that today's meeting is being live streamed and can be viewed by the general public via Council's Facebook page, and later uploaded to Council's website. By participating in and addressing those present at the meeting, you consent to any information you disclose (including any personal information or sensitive information) being recorded and uploaded to the website.

### 1.2 Prayer

Cr Taylor read the Prayer:

Almighty God, we humbly beseech your blessing on the Council, direct and prosper its deliberations for the welfare of the people of the Moyne Shire. Amen.

### 1.3 Acknowledgement of Country

Cr. Ryan read the following statement:

We begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

### 1.4 Apologies

None at this meeting.

### 1.5 Declarations of Conflict Interest

No declarations made at this meeting

### 1.6 Confirmation of Minutes from previous meetings

**Resolution ID: OCM 202516**

**Cr Susan Taylor moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 January 2025 be accepted and confirmed as correct.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

### 1.7 Public Participation

**Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded that standing Orders be suspended in order to hear public participants.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

## 2 Officers Reports

### 2.1 Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment Bamstone Buffer Area Overlay

Overview: This report provides background to a request for Council consideration for a proposed Planning Scheme Amendment for 204-234 Hamilton Port-Fairy Road, Port Fairy.

**Resolution ID: OCM 202517**

**Cr Jim Doukas moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded that Council having considered all matters as required by Section 12(2) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 resolves:**

- 1. To seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning under Sections 8A and 8B of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to prepare and exhibit the amendment to the Moyne Planning Scheme subject to further information being received in accordance with Planning Practice Note 92 (PPN92)- 'Managing buffers for land use compatibility' (March 2021) which is satisfactory to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and to Council, including (but not limited to):**
  - information or reports demonstrating that the land use is compliant with existing regulations and standards relating to off-site impacts or land use compatibility and that all reasonably practicable measures to minimise off-site impacts have been considered and exhausted.
  - an assessment demonstrating the potential of the land use for off-site safety, human health or significant amenity impacts, the spatial extent of potential impacts and appropriate restrictions on land use and development in the buffer area.
  - the written views of the Environment Protection Authority or other relevant authority in relation to the above information and the proposed application of the Buffer Area Overlay.
  - Any consequential changes to the amendment documents and reports required as per the additional information.
- 2. Upon satisfactory receipt of the information required, submit the request for authorisation to the Minister for Planning.**
- 3. Delegate, to the Manager Environment, Energy and Development Services, the ability to make any changes to amendment documentation for the Planning Scheme Amendment prior to exhibition, if requested by the Department of Transport and Planning, or if required by a condition of Ministerial Authorisation.**
- 4. Following receipt of Ministerial authorisation, to exhibit the planning scheme amendment in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

## 2.2 Environment and Sustainability Strategy Temporary Advisory Committee (ESS) Membership Appointments

Overview: This report presents nominations received for community representative positions on the Environment and Sustainability Strategy (Temporary) Advisory Committee (ESS).

**Resolution ID: OCM 202518**

**Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Council consider and endorse the following community representative candidates for appointment to Environment and Sustainability Strategy (Temporary) Advisory Committee:**

ESS Temporary Advisory Committee	Candidates
	Mark Gervis - Koroit Emily Davies - Koroit Lisette Mill - Laang/Panmure Geoff Deppeler – Peterborough Andrew Patterson - Port Fairy Jack Carter - Port Fairy Geoff Rollinson - Purnim Susan Bosch - Woorndoo

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

## 2.3 Moyne and Warrnambool Youth Strategy

Overview: This report presents the Moyne and Warrnambool Youth Strategy 2025-30 for adoption.

**Resolution ID: OCM 202519**

**Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Council adopts the final Draft Moyne and Warrnambool Youth Strategy 2025-30.**

**CARRIED 6 / 1**

For	Against
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Cr Jim Doukas
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrihy	
Cr Susan Taylor	

## 2.4 STAR (State of Assets Report) – 2024

Overview: As a requirement of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act), Council adopted the Council's Asset Plan 2022 (AP22) and supporting Asset Management Plans (AMPs) in June 2022. The State of Assets Report provides an update on progress to date in asset management in line with the new requirements under the Act.

The report highlights achievements against the implementation of AP22, AMPs, Asset Management Framework, progress of Asset Improvement Plans, and identifies the risks, challenges and recommendations for improved asset management processes across all asset classes of the organisation.

The report also emphasises the importance of embedding the principles of asset management, including whole of life costs, to inform resource decision making in consideration of Council's Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP).

**Resolution ID: OCM 202520**

**Cr Jim Doukas moved, Cr Myra Murrihy seconded that Council:**

- 1. Notes the *Moyne Shire Council State of Assets Report November 2024*.**
- 2. Considers requests in the forthcoming 2025/2026 budget which aim to address key asset renewal gaps highlighted in the Report.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

## 2.5 Councillor Representative for Victoria Local Governance Association (VLGA)

Overview: The Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) has requested that Moyne Shire provide representatives to the VLGA.

**Resolution ID: OCM 202521**

**Cr Susan Taylor moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Council endorse that:**

- 1. Cr. Murrihy be nominated as the Councillor representative for the Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA)**
- 2. Cr Lockett be nominated as the representative for the VLGA's Local Government Working Group on Gambling.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

## 2.6 Monthly Finance Report - January 2025

Overview: The purpose of the report is to inform the Council of the financial performance and position of the Council. This section provides a snapshot of some key financial indicators of our financial performance as at the end of the reporting period. It focuses on monitoring our operating performance, capital expenditure progress and the ready availability of/access to cash resources. It also provides a forecast of the year-end result.

**Resolution ID: OCM 202522**

**Cr Lloyd Ross moved, Cr Susan Taylor seconded that Council:**

- 1. receive and note the Monthly Financial Report as at 31 January 2025.**
- 2. approve a budget variation of \$100,000 in the 2024-2025 budget to replace the fibreglass shell lining of the Macarthur Swimming Pool.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**



### 3 Councillors' Items

#### 3.1 Mayor and Councillor Activities

Council noted the report items Mayor and Councillor Activities.

#### 3.2 Councillor Notice of Motion

No Councillor Notice of Motion has been received for this meeting Agenda.

#### 3.3 General Matters

Overview: General Matters gives Councillors the opportunity to report on positive and good news items from around the Shire.

Cr Murrihy

- Port Fairy Folk Festival from 7 - 10 March 2025, noting the buzz and excitement in the lead up already, thanked army of volunteers that help pull the festival together.
- This coming Friday 28 February 2025 Inspiring Women of Moyne at Charlies on East, register to attend via Moyne Shire Council social platforms.
- Shout out to Moyne Shire Council Caravan Parks, a bumper season has been had and thanked all teams who serviced visitors well over the summer period.

Cr Doukas

- Congratulated the organisers and Committee of the Koroit Show, noting it was a classic event with new features and looking forward to bigger and better next year.
- Attended snake bite and resuscitation first aid session at Naringal Hall, the facilitators who can conduct sessions with other Community Groups throughout the shire.

Cr Lockett

- Shout out to Committee, Volunteers and performers at Port Fairy Jazz Festival from 7 - 9 February 2025, well attended event, great festival that continues to grow.
- Should out to Port Fairy Marathon - noting the positivity and economic development the event provided with 2500 runners (4th biggest in Victoria), 150 volunteers, going from strength to strength.

Cr Ryan

- Recognised Council's efforts in conjunction with private provider for Garvoc Childcare and Kindergarten soft opening. Acknowledged former Councillor Meade's efforts in bringing awareness to the opportunities in this area. Great to see Council contributing improvements in the current childcare drought the shire is experiencing.

### 3.4 Urgent Business

Overview: A Councillor may raise an urgent matter for consideration at a Council Meeting if the Councillors considers that the matter is extremely urgent and it was not possible for the matter to have been included in the agenda notice for the meeting.

**Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded that to submit motions to MAV State Council for May 2025 meeting be considered as an urgent matter.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

**Cr Murrihy moved, Cr Ryan seconded that Council submit the following motions to the May 2025 meeting of the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council:**

- **That the MAV request the Victorian Government to reassess the emergency services and volunteer levy funding model to ensure it is equitable and does not disproportionately burden rural communities including shifting the responsibilities for levy collection to State Government and compensate Council's for administrative costs where collection duties remain delegated to councils.**
- **That the MAV State Council call on the Victorian Government to:**
  - 1. Allocate additional funding specifically for the maintenance and renewal of bridges in regional councils, recognizing the disproportionate financial burden on these councils as bridges meeting end of life, and in regards to the cost of repair and replacement as disproportional to the rural, small-sized council ratepayer population or:**
  - 2. Create a dedicated grant program, or reinstate a similar program to the historic Country Roads and Bridges Program, for bridge maintenance and renewal, or**
  - 3. Allocate a specific proportion of existing road safety funding to the purpose of bridge maintenance or renewals where councils with extensive road and bridge networks and low ratepayer bases receive priority.**
- **That the MAV call on the Victorian Government to request no further decisions that shift additional cost onto local government until such time as the government responds to the report from the Inquiry into Local Government funding and services and with that address fundamental concerns outlined within the report.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

#### 4 CEO Meeting Schedule

Council noted the report item CEO Meeting Schedule from 21 January - 20 February 2025.

#### 5 CEO Activities Report

Council noted the report item CEO Activities Report.

#### 6 Confidential Items

Overview: Under section 3 of the Act, the council may consider report items in closed business if they contain certain information which is defined to be confidential information because premature or improper release may cause harm to the Council or to a person or persons.

Confidential Information remains confidential unless it can lawfully be released and the Council has determined that it should be publicly available.

The following is a list of confidential Items:

6.1 Ocean Drive Footpath Works Options

6.2 Gipps Street Bridge Update

**Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Susan Taylor seconded that the meeting be closed in order to consider confidential items.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

#### 7 Close Meeting

The Ordinary Council Meeting was declared closed at 4:55 pm.