



Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Held on Tuesday 22 July 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 22 July 2025, at Council Chambers,
Mortlake Council Offices, 1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake
commencing at 2:00 pm.

Present

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

	Mark Eversteyn, Chief Executive Officer
Officers	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

The Mayor read the following statement:

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 Murrihy 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

Cr Myra Murrihy declared an interest in Item 2.3 Festival and Event Funding 25/26.

1.6 Confirmation of Minutes from previous meetings

Resolution ID: OCM 202579

Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded that the Ordinary and Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 June 2025 be accepted and confirmed as correct.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

1.7 Public Participation

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Myra Murrihy seconded that standing Orders be suspended in order to hear public participants.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2 Officers Reports

2.1 Mortlake Market Square Landscape Design Master Plan

Overview: Fraser Design Collaborative has been engaged by Council to undertake the Landscape Design Master Plan for Mortlake Market Square. Following consultation with the community and Council officers, a final plan has been completed for adoption at the July Ordinary Council Meeting.

Resolution ID: OCM 202580

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Myra Murrihy seconded that Council adopt the Mortlake Market Square Landscape Design Master Plan.

CARRIED 6 / 1

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

2.2 Nirranda Recreation Reserve Master Plan

Overview: Using the funding from a successful Tiny Towns Grant submission, Simon Leisure Consulting were engaged by Council to undertake the Master Plan design for Nirranda Recreation Reserve. Following community and officer consultation a plan has been completed for adoption by Council.

Resolution ID: OCM 202581

Cr Jim Doukas moved, Cr Myra Murrihy seconded that Council adopt the Nirranda Recreation Reserve Master Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.3 Festival and Event Funding 25/26

Overview: This report provides a review of applications received for the 2025/26 Festival and Event Funding and recommends the proposed funding to be awarded.

Cr Murrihy left the meeting at 3:07pm.

Resolution ID: OCM 202582

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded that Council approve funding for festivals and events to the value of \$119,940 as outlined in the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6 / 0

Cr Murrihy returned to the meeting at 3:16pm

2.4 Creative Change Grant Funding Guidelines

This report seeks Council endorsement to establish and launch a standalone Creative Change Grants Program in the 2025-26 financial year. The program is designed to support creative risk-taking and innovation across Moyne Shire, delivering on key strategic objectives in the Arts and Culture Strategy 2024-2030.

Resolution ID: OCM 202583

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

1. Endorses the establishment of the Creative Change Grants Program as a standalone grant program in the 2025-26 financial year.

2. Endorses the proposed program guidelines, eligibility and assessment criteria, and delivery approach.

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	

2.5 Economic Development Strategy 2025-2029

Overview: This report presents the Moyne Shire Council Economic Development Strategy 2025 – 2029 for adoption.

Resolution ID: OCM 202584

Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded that Council adopts the Moyne Shire Council Economic Development Strategy (2025-2029)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.6 Moyne Caravan Parks - Refund and Cancellation Policy

Overview: This report provides Council with the background to the proposed updated Moyne Caravan Parks Refund and Cancellation Policy for review and adoption.

Resolution ID: OCM 202585

Cr Susan Taylor moved, Cr Myra Murrihy seconded that Council adopts the updated Moyne Caravan Parks Refund and Cancellation Policy – EDP002, dated July 2025, Version 002.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.7 Road Management Plan and Register of Public Roads

Overview: The purpose of this report is to seek Council adoption of the 2025 Road Management Plan and Register of Public Roads (RPR), in accordance with sections 54(5) and 19 of the Road Management Act 2004 and the Road Management (General) Regulations 2016 by 31 October 2025.

Resolution ID: OCM 202586

Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded that Council adopts the Moyne Shire Council Road Management Plan and the Moyne Shire Council Register of Public Roads.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.8 Asset Plan Framework 2025

Overview: In accordance with the Local Government Act 2020, Council is required to review and adopt its Asset Plan, Asset Policy, and Asset Management Plans by 31 October following each general election. This report outlines the key updates made since the 2022 versions of these documents and seeks Council approval to release the draft documents for public and stakeholder consultation.

Resolution ID: OCM 202587

Cr Lloyd Ross moved, Cr Myra Murrehy seconded that Council endorses the release of the Draft Asset Plan 2025, Draft Asset Management Policy 2025 and the six (6) Draft Asset Management Plans for community submissions as required under the 2020 Local Government Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.9 Ryan Corner Wind Farm CEC Community Representative Nomination

Overview: This report presents one nomination received for a community representative position on the Ryan Corner Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee.

Resolution ID: OCM 202588

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Susan Taylor seconded that Council consider and endorse the following community representative candidate for appointment to the Ryan Corner Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee:

Wind Farm CEC	Candidate
Ryan Corner	Michael Thornton-Smith

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.10 Community Satisfaction Survey - 2025 Research Report

Overview: This report provides analysis of the results of the Moyne Shire Council – 2025 Research Report. The Community Satisfaction Survey is an independent survey conducted for the majority of Victorian Councils and provides a measure of satisfaction of Council residents across a range of criteria.

Resolution ID: OCM 202589

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Myra Murrehy seconded that Council note and receive the 2025 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey results and publish them on Council's website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.11 Bi-annual Report on Activities of the Audit and Risk Committee - June 2025

Overview: To provide the Council with the report from the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee on bi-annual activities of the Committee for the period December 2024 to June 2025.

Resolution ID: OCM 202590

Cr Susan Taylor moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Council accepts the report on the bi-annual activities of the Audit and Risk Committee for the December 2024 to June 2025 period.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.12 Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - Confirmed - March 2025

Overview: To provide Council with the most recently confirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Resolution ID: OCM 202591

Cr Susan Taylor moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded that Council accept the confirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting conducted March 12th 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

3 Councillors' Items

3.1 Mayor and Councillor Activities

Overview: The report provides information to Council in regard to the Councillors' attendance at briefings, forum and other meetings, between 14 June and 11 July 2025.

Council noted the report item Mayor Activities.

Councillor Activities

Council noted the report item Councillor Activities.

3.2 Councillor Notice of Motion

Overview: A Councillor may lodge a notice of motion on any matter the Councillor wants to be considered. Cr Lockett has submitted a motion in relation to the removal of prayer from Council Meetings.

Resolution ID: OCM 202592

Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Myra Murrehy seconded that Moyne Shire Council:

- 1. Remove the Prayer from the agenda at the beginning of Ordinary and Special Council Meetings.**
- 2. Request that the CEO prepare and present a draft to replace the Prayer with a secular Statement of Values designed to affirm Council's commitment to democratic governance, inclusion, integrity, and service to all members of the Moyne community—regardless of religion or belief.**

CARRIED 4 / 3

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

3.3 General Matters

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

Cr Ryan Highlighted:

- Recent Citizenship Ceremony welcoming 20 new citizens to the shire
- Councillors recent attendance at NGA Conference
- Intention to Rural Councils Victoria Forum at the end of July

Cr Taylor highlighted:

- Farmers Fun Day at Woolsthorpe

Cr Murrin highlighted:

- Lions Club dinner
- Tourism Awards to be held tomorrow evening

Cr Ross highlighted:

- Happy Birthday to Hawkesdale CWA celebrating 90 years

Cr Locket highlighted:

- Kirrae Health opening event
- East Beach opening with MP Jacinta Ermacora
- Folkie partnership event
- Skate and Play opening coming up
- Football netball club change rooms opening

Cr Doukas highlighted:

- Councillor Ross' efforts for Farmers Fun Day.

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.

No urgent business recorded for this meeting.

4 CEO Meeting Schedule

Council noted the report item CEO Meeting Schedule from 21 June to 20 July 2025.

5 CEO Activities Report

Overview: CEO Activities Report – 22 July 2025

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.

Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Lisa Ryan 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 4:16pm.