



# Ordinary Council Meeting

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## Minutes

Held on Tuesday 23 September 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 23 September 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  
Liz Regent, Acting Director Corporate & Governance Services  
Jodie McNamara, Director Environment, Economy & Place

## 1 Procedural

### 1.1 Live streaming of Council Meetings

The Mayor read the Live Streaming of Council Meetings Statement.

### 1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

Cr Ryan gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

The Mayor then provided the opportunity to acknowledge the passing of persons of note prior to the commencement of the agenda.

Cr Lockett acknowledged the passing of indigenous elder Alby Clarke OAM and Moyne Shire - resident Jim Kent.

Cr Doukas echoed Cr Lockett's sentiments and acknowledged the passing of Charlie Kirk.

### 1.3 Apologies

None at this meeting.

### 1.4 Declarations of Conflict Interest

No declarations made at this meeting

### 1.5 Confirmation of Minutes from previous meetings

**Resolution ID: OCM 2025106**

**Cr Susan Taylor moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded that the Ordinary and Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 August 2025 be accepted and confirmed as correct.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

### 1.6 Public Participation

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

Public Participants heard at this meeting:  
- Jacqui Gale - Community Member

**Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded to resume standing orders.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

## 2 Officers Reports

### 2.1 Council Opening Statement

Overview: The report provides a recommendation to Council to adopt a secular opening statement as resolved at the July 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.

**Resolution ID: OCM 2025107**

**Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Council include the following opening statement in Council meeting agendas:**

**“As Councillors, we recognise the responsibilities we carry and are guided by the values of service, respect, and integrity.**

**Good decision-making requires transparency, accountability and behaviours that uphold the trust placed in us as elected representatives of the community we serve.”**

**CARRIED 6 / 1**

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

### 2.2 Council Submission to Planning Permit Application PA2503552 - Swanson's Lane Wind Farm, Garvoc

Overview: This report provides Councillors with details relating to the proposed Swansons Lane Wind Farm Planning Permit application and the Council's detailed submission.

**Resolution ID: OCM 2025108**

**Cr Jim Doukas moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Council:-**

- 1. Object to the Minister for Planning in relation to Swansons Lane Wind Farm Planning Permit Application PA2503552 in accordance with matters raised in this report and within the attached letter of objection;**
- 2. Include a signed letter by the Moyne Shire Mayor in conjunction with the Corangamite Shire Mayor to the Minister for Planning in relation to matters raised within the objection and renewable energy projects within the Moyne and Corangamite Shires that are outside the Renewable Energy Zone.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

## 2.3 2025-26 Council Community Carbon Offset Program (C3OP)

Overview: This report provides Council with details regarding the 2025-26 Council Community Carbon Offset Program (C3OP) and recommends the allocation of the 2025-26 Council-Community Carbon Offset Program funds.

**Resolution ID: OCM 2025109**

**Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Council:**

- 1. Approve the allocation of program funds to two (2) applicants, valued at \$2,670 for the *Public Lands Component***

Hopkins Falls Landcare Group	Wangoom	\$ 1,170
Lake Cartcarrong CoM	Winslow	\$ 1,500

- 2. Approve the allocation of program funds to eleven (11) applicants, valued at \$29,928 for the *Private Lands Component***

D. Martini	Yambuk	\$ 4,500
C. Brian	Port Fairy	\$ 1,800
A. Wines	Grassmere	\$ 4,950
D. Wright	Illowa	\$ 4,995
J. Vallance	Nirranda	\$ 2,700
L. Shiels	Panmure	\$ 1,500
S. Eldridge	Grassmere	\$ 1,800
K. Dwyer	Koroit	\$ 1,530
S. Maddock	Mortlake	\$ 3,000
S. Lewis	Koroit	\$ 2,028
G. Nield	Macarthur	\$ 1,125

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

## 2.4 Footpath Decal Policy

Overview: This report provides Councillors with the background on a new policy which outlines guidelines for the design, placement and maintenance of footpath decals within the Moyne Shire.

**Resolution ID: OCM 2025110**

**Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded that Council adopts EDP 02 - Footpath Decal Policy.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

## 2.5 Support at Home Fees 2025/26

Overview: This report recommends setting Moynes Shire Councils unit prices for services delivered under the Support at Home program for 2025/26.

**Resolution ID: OCM 2025111**

**Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Council endorse unit prices for services delivered under the Support at Home program for 2025/26, as attached to this report.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

## 2.6 Koroit Theatre Opportunities and Recommendations Report

Overview: The Koroit Theatre Opportunities and Recommendations Report outlines a staged and flexible approach to renewal. It proposes progressing improvements in line with Council's capacity, available funding, and community priorities. Drawing on technical analysis, feasibility planning, and a governance review, the report provides a clear and practical roadmap for future investment, programming, and activation of the theatre.

**Resolution ID: OCM 2025112**

**Cr Susan Taylor moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded that Council adopt the Koroit Theatre Opportunities and Recommendations Report as the long-term strategy for renewal and optimisation of the Koroit Theatre.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

## 2.7 Proposed Cattle Grid - Vickers Road PANMURE

Overview: This report outlines an application from owners of land adjoining both sides of Vickers Road, Panmure, to install livestock grids on either side of a proposed stock crossing. Due to questions regarding the validity of traffic data for the road, a decision is required of Council as to whether the livestock grids should be approved.

**Resolution ID: OCM 2025113**

**Cr Lloyd Ross moved, Cr Myra Murrihy seconded that Council approve the installation of the livestock grids, subject to a suitable Deed of Agreement being entered into by both the applicant and Council.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

## 2.8 Proposed Memorial Plaque – Hexham Recreation Reserve HEXHAM

Overview: Community members wish to replace a missing plaque at Hexham Recreation Reserve, originally dedicated to David John Wynd. The plaque was removed by unknown parties. In 2024, former club president Geoffrey Erwin “Tex” Stafford also passed away. The community now seeks to honour both men with a new commemorative plaque.

**Resolution ID: OCM 2025114**

**Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Council approve the application to install a new plaque on the Pavilion at Hexham Recreation Reserve in accordance with Council’s adopted Plaques and Memorials Policy, waiving the size guidelines due to the pre-manufacture of the plaque.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

## 2.9 Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement 2024-2025

Overview: The purpose of this report is to present the 2024-2025 Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement to Council for in principle approval as recommended by Council’s Audit and Risk Committee and in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Act 2020.

It further seeks to nominate two Councillors to have the authority to sign the Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement for the year ending 2025 on behalf of Council.

**Resolution ID: OCM 2025115**

**Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Susan Taylor seconded:**

- 1. That Council approve in principle the Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2025.**
- 2. That Council authorise Councillors Karen Foster and Susan Taylor to certify the Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2025 in their final form.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**



## 2.10 Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2035

Overview: *This report presents the Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2035 and recommends that the plan be released for community consultation.*

**Resolution ID: OCM 2025116**

**Cr Lloyd Ross moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded that Council approves the Draft Long Term Long Term Financial Plan 2026-2035 to be released for community consultation for a period of three (3) weeks beginning September 24, 2025.**

**CARRIED 5 / 2**

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

## 2.11 Monthly Finance Report- August 2025

Overview: The report informs council of the financial performance and position of the organisation. It provides a snapshot of key financial indicators of our financial performance at the end of the reporting period. It focuses on monitoring operating performance, capital expenditure progress and the availability of/access to cash resources.

**Resolution ID: OCM 2025117**

**Cr Lloyd Ross moved, Cr Myra Murrihy seconded that Council receive and note the Financial Report as at 31 August 2025.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

## 2.12 S5 Instrument of Delegation, Council to Chief Executive Officer

Overview: Instrument of Delegation from Council to CEO. This delegates all of Council's powers, duties and functions which are capable of delegation, subject to some conditions and limitations, to the CEO. The report provides that delegations should be regularly updated to reflect any legislative changes plus review and update conditions and limitations to the CEO.

**Resolution ID: OCM 2025118**

**Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded in the exercise of the power conferred by s 11(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), Moyne Shire Council (Council) RESOLVES THAT –**

- 1. There be delegated to the person holding the position, or acting in or performing the duties, of Chief Executive Officer the powers, duties and functions set out in the attached *Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer*, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.**
- 2. The instrument comes into force immediately upon this resolution being made and is to be signed by the Council's Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor.**
- 3. On the coming into force of the instrument all previous delegations to the Chief Executive Officer are revoked.**
- 4. The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0**

### 3 Councillors' Items

#### 3.1 Mayor and Councillor Activities

Council noted the report item Mayor Activities.

#### Councillor Activities

Council noted the report item 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 Murrphy:

- Koroit Youth Space, Gipps Street Bridge and East Beach Indigenous reflection statue surveys currently open for Community Consultation, access via Engage Moyne website.

Cr Lockett:

- Are You OK Day - Mental Health month coming up in October.
- Port Fairy Literary Weekend
- Spring Music Festival 10th - 12th October 2025
- Moyne Seniors Festival coming up

Cr Doukas:

- Koroit participating in grand final this weekend.
- Nirranda FNC Grand Final win.

Councillors offered well wishes to all Moyne Shire sporting teams competing in grand finals this weekend.

#### 3.4 Urgent Business

No urgent business recorded for this meeting.

#### 4 CEO Meeting Schedule

Council noted the report item CEO Meeting Schedule From 21 August to 20 September 2025.

#### 5 CEO Activities Report

Council noted the report item CEO Activities Report.

#### 6 Confidential Items

There were no confidential items for this meeting.

#### 7 Close Meeting

The Ordinary Council Meeting was declared closed at 3:30pm.