



Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Held on Tuesday 16 December 2025

Council Chambers, Mortlake Council Offices
1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake

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Confirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
of Moyne Shire Council held on Tuesday 16 December 2025, at Council
Chambers,
Mortlake Council Offices, 1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake
commencing at 2:00 pm.

Present

Councillors

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

Officers

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

1 Procedural

1.1 Live streaming of Council Meetings

The Mayor read the Live Streaming Statement.

1.2 Opening Statement

Cr Karen Foster read the Councillor Opening Statement.

1.3 Acknowledgement of Country

Cr Myra Murrhly shared an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.4 Apologies

None at this meeting.

1.5 Declarations of Conflict Interest

Cr Myra Murrhly declared an interest in the following items:

Agenda Item 2.2:

- Public Participant Presentation (Louise Abicare)
- Receipt of Petition - Save Our Pool Call on Council to Work With Our Community to Secure the \$2 Million Needed

Agenda Item 2.3:

- Port Fairy Swimming Pool (Belfast Aquatics) Update

1.6 Confirmation of Minutes from previous meetings

Resolution ID: OCM 2025162

Cr Susan Taylor moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that the Ordinary and Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 November 2025 be accepted and confirmed as correct.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

1.7 Public Participation

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

Public participant John Parker was heard referring to Item 2.1 - Declaration of Public Highway - Carriageway extension off Crothers Lane, Grassmere.

2 Officers Reports

2.1 Declaration of a Public Highway - Carriageway extension off Crothers Lane, Grassmere

Overview: This report presents the Council's intention to formally declare the carriageway extension off Crothers Lane, Grassmere as a public highway. Following the issuance of a public notice and the receipt of public submissions, the report outlines the legal framework, community consultation, and strategic alignment supporting the declaration under section 204(1) of the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic).

Resolution ID: OCM 2025163

Cr Myra Murrphy moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Council, having previously resolved to initiate the declaration process for the carriageway extension off Crothers Lane, Grassmere, and having issued a Public Notice of Intention in accordance with section 204(1) of the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic) (the Act), and having considered submissions under section 223 of the Act, resolves to:

- 1. Declare the land formally described in Certificate of Title Volume 0623 Folio 443 being Lot 2 on Title Plan 942255X and known as the north-south carriageway extension off Crothers Lane, Grassmere ("the Carriageway") to be a public highway pursuant to section 204(1) of the Act.**
- 2. Direct Council Officers to publish a notice in the Victoria Government Gazette declaring the subject carriageway to be a public highway pursuant to section 204(1) of the Act.**
- 3. Instruct Council Officers to apply to the Registrar of Titles for title registration under section 59 of the Transfer of Land Act 1958.**
- 4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to notify submitters in writing of Council's decision and the reasons for the decision (*being the reasons set out in the accompanying report*).**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

Cr Myra Murrhy left the meeting following item 2.1 at 2:20pm.

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Standing Orders be suspended in order to hear public participants.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0

Public participant Louise Abicare was heard referring to Agenda Item 2.2 - Receipt of Petition - Save Our Pool Call on Council to Work With Our Community to Secure the \$2 Million Needed.

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Susan Taylor seconded to resume Standing Orders.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0

2.2 Receipt of Petition - Save Our Pool Call on Council to Work With Our Community to Secure the \$2 Million Needed

Overview: To provide details to Councillors on the receipt of a petition titled *Save Our Pool Call on Council to Work With Our Community to Secure the \$2 Million Needed*.

Resolution ID: OCM 2025164

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded that Council resolve to receive the submission of a petition titled *Save Our Pool Call on Council to Work With Our Community to Secure the \$2 Million Needed*, received 4 December 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0

2.3 Port Fairy Swimming Pool (Belfast Aquatics) Update

Overview: This report provides a public update following Council's confidential deliberations at the November 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM) regarding the Port Fairy Swimming Pool (Belfast Aquatics).

Resolution ID: OCM 2025165

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Council notes this report which provides a public update on the Port Fairy Swimming Pool following Council's confidential deliberations at the November 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Susan Taylor seconded to suspend Standing Orders for a short break.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6/0

Cr Myra Murrphy returned to the meeting at 2:57pm.

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that Standing Orders be resumed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

2.4 Operations Review at 330 Officers Lane, Koroit

Overview: The report proposes the establishment of three licences on land identified as 330 Officers Lane, Koroit. The report addresses the existing uses and proposed addition of a third user of the site as well as the land management arrangements of adjoining unused crown land.

Resolution ID: OCM 2025166

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Myra Murrhiy seconded that Council:

- 1. Commence the process to establish the following 10-year Licence Agreements at Allotment 2003 Parish of Yarpt (known as 330 Officers Lane, Koroit) subject to DEECA’s formal approval for;**
 - a. Warrnambool Model Aero Club for the purpose of activities flying model aircraft and associated community gatherings at their current location at 330 Officers Lane, Koroit of approx. 2.01 hectares (4.96 acres).**
 - b. Mosswood Wildlife for the purpose of establishing, growing and, care/maintenance and harvest of a gum tree plantation for Koala food for approx. 4 hectares (10 acres) of land towards the boundary of 330 Officers Lane, Koroit along the north-south boundary as agreed by Council Officers.**
 - c. Commence an expression of interest process to be run for the purpose of establishing a 10-year grazing Licence Agreement for the purpose of grazing cattle for the remainder of the land available at 330 Officers Lane, Koroit, approx. 30.59 hectares (75.47 acres).**
- 2. Commence the process to seek to transfer ownership of the small triangular parcel and unmade road reserves to Council Ownership and close these unmade roads.**

CARRIED 5/2

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

2.5 S6A Mini Update Council Delegations to Members of Council Staff Planning and Environment Act

Overview: The report provides an update to Council's delegation of authority to members of council staff under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. Delegations are regularly updated to reflect changes to various legislation that impact operations of Local Government.

Resolution ID: OCM 2025167

Cr Myra Murrirhy moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded in the exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the attached instrument of delegation, Moyne Shire Council (Council) resolves that –

- 1. There be delegated to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the attached *Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff*, the powers, duties and functions set out in that instrument, 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.**
- 3. 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

2.6 Public Holiday in Lieu of Melbourne Cup

Overview: This report proposes that Moyne Shire Council adopt the May Races, being the first Thursday in May 2026, to be the public holiday in lieu of the Melbourne Cup public holiday on the first Tuesday in November 2026.

Resolution ID: OCM 2025168

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that the first Thursday in May 2026 be gazette as a public holiday in the municipal district of Moyne Shire Council in lieu of Melbourne Cup public holiday on the first Tuesday in November 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

2.7 Monthly Finance Report - November 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 2025169

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Myra Murrhly seconded that Council receive and note the Financial Report as at 30 November 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

2.8 Councillor Events

Overview: Councillors regularly represent Moyne Shire Council at meetings with stakeholders. The proposed schedule identifies events to be attended by Councillors over the next month.

Resolution ID: OCM 2025170

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Myra Murrhly seconded that Council endorse the attendance of nominated Councillors at the following events:

Event Date	Event	Invitees
21 Dec 2025	Mount Shadwell Quarry Advisory Committee Meeting 5pm-6pm, Moyne Shire Council Chamber, Jamieson Ave Mortlake	Cr Doukas Cr Ross
17 Dec 2025	Mt Fyans Wind Farm CEC meeting 2.30pm-3.30pm, Mortlake Recreation Reserve	Cr Doukas
18 Dec 2025	Hexham Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee meeting 11am-12noon, Moyne Shire Council Chamber, Jamieson Ave Mortlake	Cr Foster
12 Jan 2026	Nirranda Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee meeting 7pm-9pm, Recreation Reserve, 39 Blakes Road, Nirranda	Cr Doukas
13 Jan 2026	Councillor Workshop from 9.15am, Council Offices, 10 Cox St, Port Fairy	All Councillors
20 Jan 2026	Councillor Workshop from 9.15am, Council Offices, 10 Cox St, Port Fairy	All Councillors
25 Jan 2026	Reflection & Healing Ceremony 4.30pm-6pm, Location TBC	All Councillors

26 Jan 2026	Community Awards and Citizenship Ceremony 10.30am-12.30pm, location TBC	All Councillors
26 Jan 2026	Mortlake Recreation Reserve Committee meeting 7.30pm-9.30pm, Recreation Reserve Social Rooms, Officer St, Mortlake	Cr Taylor

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

Overview: A Councillor may lodge a notice of motion on any matter the Councillor wants to be considered.

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

3.3 General Matters

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

Cr Myra Murrhy:

- Thanked the local community for their support in recent days.
- Acknowledged community members who demonstrate respect and care for others.
- Acknowledged Uncle Leonard Clarke a proud Gunditjmara/Kirrae Whurrong elder who has advocated for Indigenous justice, rights and cultural education for many years.

Cr Lisa Ryan:

- Celebrated Moyne Shire local Georgia Wareham - Melbourne Renegades player of the tournament.

Cr Jim Doukas:

- Highlighted several upcoming events listed in the latest edition of Moyne News including:
 - Port Fairy Rod Run Show & Shine
 - Port Fairy Marathon
 - Sheep Dog Trials
 - Community Markets
 - Koroit field day
 - Orford Vintage Rally
- Councillor professional development in February 2026.

Cr Karen Foster:

- Celebrated Moyneyana volunteers who have organised amazing events in January.
- Encouraged the community to attend and support.

Cr Susan Taylor:

- The end of year school assemblies and awards at Mortlake P12 College, Brauer Secondary College and Hawkesdale P12 College Mural.

3.4 Urgent Business

No urgent business recorded for this meeting.

4 CEO Meeting Schedule

Council noted the report item CEO Meeting Schedule and Activities Report.

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.

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Myra Murrhly suspend Standing Orders in order to consider confidential items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

7 Close Meeting

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Susan Taylor seconded that Standing Orders be resumed.

The Ordinary Council Meeting was declared closed at 3:58pm.