



Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Held on Tuesday 24 February 2026

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 24 February 2026, at Council
Chambers,
Mortlake Council Offices, 1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake
commencing at 1:00 pm.

Present

Cr Jordan Lockett (Mayor)
Cr Myra Murrhy (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Karen Foster

Councillors Cr Jim Doukas
Cr Susan Taylor
Cr Lloyd Ross
Cr Lisa Ryan

Officers Mark Eversteyn, Chief Executive Officer
Symonne Robinson, Director Corporate & Governance Services
Liam Arnott, Director Assets & Community
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 Opening Statement

Cr Karen Foster read the opening statement.

1.3 Acknowledgement of Country

Cr Myra Murrphy read the Acknowledgement of Country.

1.4 Apologies

None at this meeting.

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes from previous meetings

Resolution ID: OCM 202612

Cr Myra Murrphy moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that the amended Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 27th of January 2026 be accepted and confirmed as correct.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

1.6 Declarations of Conflict Interest

No declarations made at this meeting.

1.7 Public Participation

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Public Participants heard at this meeting:

1. Louise Abicare referring to item 2.1 Port Fairy Pool Discussion.
2. David Anderson referring to item 2.1 Port Fairy Pool Discussion.
3. Alan Dobeson referring to item 2.1 Port Fairy Pool Discussion.

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Myra Murrphy seconded that standing Orders be resumed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2 Officers Reports

2.1 Port Fairy Pool Discussion

Overview: This report provides Councillors with a recommendation in relation to the Port Fairy Pool Facility, following community expressions of strong support for aquatic access in the township. The report also seeks to confirm Council's commitment to exploring viable aquatic options through an evidence-based process.

Resolution ID: OCM 202613

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Council:

- 1. Recognise the importance of access to the Port Fairy pool and gym facility to the Port Fairy and surrounding community.**
- 2. Commit to actively exploring all viable options for future provision.**

CARRIED 5 / 2

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

2.2 Ritchie Street - Petition Report

Overview: Council received a petition at the January 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting titled *Petition to Moyne Shire Council: Request for Resurfacing of Ritchie Street, Port Fairy, VIC, 3284*. The petition, signed by 21 individuals, raised concerns regarding the condition of the road surface, the impact of heavy vehicle movements, and the presence of soil stockpiles within the road reserve.

Resolution ID: OCM 202614

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

- 1. Undertakes maintenance & construction treatments on Ritchie Street, including the court bowl, to address surface condition issues identified through the petition process.**
- 2. Removes and reinstates soil stockpiles within the road reserve on Ritchie Street, west of the court bowl.**
- 3. Undertake a review of Moyne Shire Council Policy PS-16.**
- 4. Engages with the petitioners and residents of Ritchie Street to explain the outcome of Council's decision.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.3 Koroit Youth Space Landscape Design Draft Concept Plan

Overview: The 2026 Koroit Youth Space Landscape Design Plan concept has been developed in response to a community-led initiative. The concept has progressed following extensive community and stakeholder consultation and proposes enhancements to the existing youth space.

Resolution ID: OCM 202615

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that Council endorse the 2026 Koroit Youth Space Landscape Design Concept Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.4 Disability Inclusion Policy

Overview: This report recommends that Council endorses the Disability Inclusion Policy, previously known as the Disability Awareness Policy.

Resolution ID: OCM 202616

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that Council endorse the Disability Inclusion Policy and acknowledge the Disability Inclusion Procedure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.5 Community Care Bi-Monthly Management Report

Overview: A bi-monthly report to provide Councillors with relevant information about Council's aged care services, as required under the Aged Care Act 2024.

Resolution ID: OCM 202617

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded that Councillors receive and note for their information the Community Care Bi-Monthly Management Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.6 National General Assembly Motions - 2026

Overview: The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) will host the National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government in Canberra June 2026. Submissions for matters for consideration at the NGA are now open and are due to be submitted by 27 February 2026.

As part of its advocacy role to government, Council has previously submitted matters for consideration, and the following draft motion has been prepared for resolution and to advocate for issues of concern associated with renewable energy transmission lines.

The theme for the 2026 National General Assembly is; **“Together: Resilient, Productive, United.”**

Resolution ID: OCM 202618

Cr Myra Murrirhy moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that Council endorse the following five motions for submission to the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly.

- 1. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish an intergovernmental approach to create a National Coastal Hazards Adaptation Strategy along with dedicated funding to support local government capacity to mitigate for and manage increased risks associated with projected sea level rise and the increasing intensity and frequent of extreme weather events.***
- 2. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish ongoing rounds of the Active Transport Fund with a dedicated rural and regional funding stream.***
- 3. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to reinstate or replace the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program with an ongoing, formula-based funding program that provides flexible capital grants to regional councils for small-to-medium local infrastructure projects, including roads, paths, bridges and community facilities.***
- 4. The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to formally adopt and implement a nationally consistent Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security assurance framework across all tiers of government, aligned to the National Framework for the Assurance of AI in Government.***
- 5. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a dedicated, ongoing funding program for the renewal, upgrade and operation of local government swimming pools, with a specific focus on infrastructure and asset renewal for the benefit of the community.***

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.7 Proposed sale of Lot 1 Campbells Lane, Mortlake Vic. 3272 (Post Notice of Intention to sell)

Overview: Council has completed the statutory process under section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 for the proposed sale of land at Lot 1 Campbells Lane, Mortlake, with one public submission received during the notification period. This report seeks Council approval to proceed with disposal of the land via an Expression of Interest (EOI) process, in accordance with the Local Government Best Practice Guideline for the Sale, Exchange & Transfer of Land (June 2009) and the Local Government Act 2020 (Vic).

Resolution ID: OCM 202619

Cr Jim Doukas moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded that Council, having in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and Community Engagement Policy made a 'Public Notice of Intention to Sell' the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 9924 Folio 964 being Lot 1 on Title Plan 122518 (and known as Lot 1 Campbells Lane, Mortlake) acknowledges that one public submission was received and resolves to:

- 1. Proceed with disposal of Lot 1 Campbells Lane, Mortlake, by way of an Expression of Interest sale process, subject to land sale guidelines and statutory procedures being carried out; and**
- 2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to invite Expressions of Interest to purchase the land and to assess proposals against the approved EOI criteria, having regard to the pre-set valuation figure; and**
- 3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to consider any expression of interest proposals received during the selling period and if required, Council receive a report following the conclusion of the expression of interest process; and**
- 4. Note the updated valuation report obtained and maintain its confidentiality to support the integrity and effectiveness of the land sale process until finalised.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.8 Monthly Finance Report – January 2026

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

Resolution ID: OCM 202620

Cr Susan Taylor moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that Council receives and notes the Monthly Financial Report as at 31 January 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.9 Festival and Event Funding Guidelines Review 2026/2027

Overview: This report provides Council with the background and information relating to an update to the Festival and Event Funding Guidelines for 2026/2027 and recommends that Council endorse the revised guidelines.

Resolution ID: OCM 202621

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that Council endorse the Festival and Events Funding Guidelines for 2026-2027 funding year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.10 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 202610

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

Date	Event	Invitees
Wed 25 Feb	Koroit & District Progress Association 7pm Railway Meeting Room	All Councillors
Thu 26 Feb	Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee meeting 2.30pm-3.30pm CFA Headquarters, Penshurst-Warrnambool Road, Hawkesdale	Cr Ross
Fri 27 Feb	VLGA FastTrack 2026 - Incivility: A threat to local democracy 9am-6pm RACV Club, 501 Bourke St Melbourne	All Councillors
Mon 02 Mar	Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) 11am-1pm location TBC	Cr Doukas Cr Foster
Tue 03 Mar	Councillor Workshop from 10am Council Offices, 10 Cox St, Port Fairy	All Councillors
Tue 03 Mar	Community Project Night- Project Briefing 6pm-8.30pm Koroit Theatre, Commercial Road Koroit	All Councillors
Wed 04 Mar	Port Fairy Historic Lifeboat Committee Meeting 3pm Council Offices, Cox St, Port Fairy	Cr Taylor

Date	Event	Invitees
Thu 05 Mar	Ryan Corner Wind Farm CEC Meeting 5.30pm-6.30pm Senior Citizens Hall, Barclay St, Port Fairy	Cr Ryan
Mon 09 Mar	Nirranda Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee Meeting 7pm-9pm Recreation Reserve, 39 Blakes Road, Nirranda	Cr Doukas
Tue 10 Mar	Councillor Workshop from 11am Council Offices, 10 Cox St, Port Fairy	All Councillors
Wed 11 Mar	Mortlake Business Gathering 6.30pm-7.30pm Location TBC (Mortlake)	Mayor
Wed 11 Mar	Audit & Risk Committee 9.30am-12.30pm Council Offices, Cox St, Port Fairy	Mayor
Thu 12 Mar	Inspiring Women of Moyne Event 5.00pm - 7.00pm The Borough, Bank Street Port Fairy	All Councillors
Tue 17 Mar	Councillor Workshop from 11am Council Offices, 10 Cox St, Port Fairy	All Councillors
Wed 18 Mar	Mortlake Business Gathering 6.30pm-7.30pm Mortlake location TBC	Mayor
Mon 23 Mar	Mortlake Recreation Reserve Committee Meeting 7.30pm-9.30pm Recreation Reserve Social Rooms, Officer St, Mortlake	Cr Taylor
Tue 24 Mar	Ordinary Council Meeting from 10.15am Council Chamber, Jamieson Ave Mortlake	All Councillors

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 17 January 2026 and 17 February 2026.

Mayor Activities

Date	Location	Meeting / Event
20 January 2026	Port Fairy	Councillor Workshop
25 January 2026	Port Fairy	Reflection and Healing Ceremony
26 January 2026	Panmure	Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and Community Awards
27 January 2026	Mortlake	Ordinary Council Meeting
4 February 2026	Port Fairy	Official Opening - Commonwealth Championship Sheepdog Trials
5 February 2026	Port Fairy	U3A Port Fairy Annual General Meeting
10 February 2026	Port Fairy	Councillor Workshop
12 February 2026	Melbourne	Moyne & Corangamite Shire meeting with Minister Sonya Kilkenny
13 February 2026	Woorndoo	Salt Creek Scholarship Presentation
13 February 2026	Port Fairy	Meeting with Moyne Shire Indoor Pool and Gym working group

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14 February 2026	Port Fairy	Official Opening - Port Fairy Jazz Festival
17 February 2026	Port Fairy	Councillor Workshop

Council noted the report item Mayor Activities.

Councillor Activities

Date	Location	Meeting / Event
20 January 2026	Port Fairy	Councillor Workshop
21 January 2026	Mortlake	Mount Shadwell Quarry Advisory Committee Meeting
21 January 2026	Framlingham	Framlingham Hall Committee AGM
24 January 2026	Koroit	Koroit Truck Show
25 January 2026	Port Fairy	Reflection and Healing Ceremony
26 January 2026	Panmure	Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and Community Awards
26 January 2026	Macarthur	Australia Day Pancake breakfast & BBQ lunch
27 January 2026	Mortlake	Ordinary Council Meeting

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3 February 2026	Hawkesdale	Hawkesdale and District Development Action Committee Meeting
4 February 2026	Port Fairy	Official Opening - Commonwealth Championship Sheepdog Trials
4 February 2026	Via online	Australian Coastal Councils Executive Meeting
4 February 2026	Panmure	Panmure Action Group Meeting
5 February 2026	Port Fairy	U3A Port Fairy Annual General Meeting
10 February 2026	Port Fairy	Councillor Workshop
10 February 2026	Mortlake	Mortlake Community Development Committee Meeting
11 February 2026	Macarthur	Macarthur Advancement Development Association (MADA) Meeting
12 February 2026	Dundonnell	Dundonnell Wind Farm CEC Meeting
13 February 2026	Melbourne	Rail Freight Alliance Meeting
13 February 2026	Warrnambool	South West Victoria Alliance Meeting
13 February 2026	Woorndoo	Salt Creek Scholarship Presentation

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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 Susan Taylor

- Attended the opening of the Koroit Community Garden. Great event with garden beds already flourishing - highlighting the hard work and persistence of the local community.

Cr Lloyd Ross

- Acknowledged the AG enterprises and wool sales.
- Attended and enjoyed the Koroit Field Days.

Cr Myra Murrhy

- Attended the Port Fairy Championship Sheep Dog Trials - great feedback about Gardens Grounds.
- Attended the Salt Creek Scholarship & congratulated 2026 recipient Justin Hyland who was recognised for his outstanding academic results.
- Congratulated Susan Taylor commenced Australian Institute of Company Directors

Cr Jordan Lockett

- Attended the Port Fairy Jazz Festival and congratulated the Committee and Volunteers who made it a booming success.
- Celebrated the recent Port Fairy Marathon who had over 2,800 participants.
- Looking forward to attending the 49th Folk Festival (6-9 March) and the Federation Picnic at tea tree lake in Mortlake (29 March).

Cr Jim Doukas

- Congratulated Hawkesdale Women's Cricket Team.
- Successful Wool sales.
- Congratulated exhibitors at the Koroit Field Day.
- Suggested Council consider re-instating a public holiday aligned with Koroit Show.

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

Cr Myra Murrhly left the meeting at 2:42pm due to a declared conflict of interest.

Cr Myra Murrhly returns to the meeting at 2:44pm.

Council noted the report item CEO Meeting Schedule & 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.

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Karen Foster 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 2:47pm.