

Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Held on Tuesday 26 May 2026

Council Chambers, Mortlake Council Offices
1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake

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Confirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
of Moynes Shire Council held on Tuesday 26 May 2026, at Council Chambers,
Mortlake Council Offices, 1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake
commencing at 1:00 pm.

Present

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

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

The Mayor read the Opening Statement:

1.3 Acknowledgement of Country

The Deputy Mayor shared an Acknowledgement of Country and an acknowledgement of National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week.

1.4 Apologies

None at this meeting.

1.5 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations made at this meeting

1.6 Confirmation of Minutes from previous meetings

Resolution ID: OCM 202643

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 14 April 2026 be accepted and confirmed as correct.

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 April 2026 be accepted and confirmed as correct.

That the Minutes of the Confidential Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 April 2026 be accepted and confirmed as correct.

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 May 2026 be accepted and confirmed as correct.

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1.7 Public Participation

No public participants at this meeting

2 Officers Reports

2.1 Port Fairy Pool Asset Audit Report

Overview: The Port Fairy Pool Asset Audit Report provides a summary of the key findings of facility investigations completed into the condition and asset issues associated with the Port Fairy pool facility including structural components, pool, plant and other building services and assets. Whilst the consultant report noted an estimated cost range of approximately \$3.19 million to \$5.92 million for repairing the facility, importantly, this estimate should not be interpreted as the cost to reopen the facility, or as the cost to return the facility to a long-term, fit-for-purpose operating standard. The estimate reflects the probable cost of the identified short and medium-term remedial works only.

The overall conclusion is that the facility is not suitable for a repair-based solution.

Resolution ID: OCM 202644

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

- 1. Receives and notes the May 2026 Port Fairy Pool Asset Audit Report.**
- 2. Endorses, having considered the findings of the Port Fairy Pool Asset Audit Report, the decommissioning and removal of the existing Port Fairy Indoor Pool facility, including the building, pool and associated infrastructure, subject to all necessary approvals and procurement requirements.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.2 Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - Confirmed - June and August 2025

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

Resolution ID: OCM 202645

**Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded
That Council receives the confirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meetings held on Wednesday, 11 June 2025 and Thursday, 21 August 2025.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.3 Monthly Finance Report – April 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 access to cash resources.

Resolution ID: OCM 202646

**Cr Susan Taylor moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded
That Council receives and notes the Financial Report as at 30 April 2026.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.4 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 202647

**Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded
That Council endorse the attendance of nominated Councillors at the following events:**

Event Date	Event	Attending
Tue 26 May	Ordinary Council Meeting from 10.15am Council Chambers, Jamieson Ave Mortlake	All Councillors
Wed 27 May	Port of Port Fairy Delegated Committee Meeting 4.00 - 5.00pm Council Offices, Cox St, Port Fairy	Cr Murrihy
Thu 28 May	MAV Sector Leaders Welcome Reception (Pre-State Council) 6.00 - 9.00pm Slate Restaurant Melbourne	Cr Lockett
Fri 29 May	MAV State Council Melbourne Town Hall, 90/130 Swanston St, Melbourne	MAV Delegate Cr Lockett
Mon 01 June	Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) 11.00am - 1.00pm Council Chambers, Jamieson Ave Mortlake	Cr Foster Cr Doukas

Tue 02 June	Councillor Workshop from 9.15am Council Offices, 10 Cox St, Port Fairy	All Councillors
Wed 03 June	Port Fairy Historic Lifeboat Committee Meeting 3.00 – 4.00pm Council Offices, Cox St, Port Fairy	Cr Taylor
Sat 06 June	Warrnambool & District Football Umpires Association 80th Anniversary Celebrations from 6.30pm Carmichael Room, City Bowls Warrnambool	Cr Lockett
Tue 09 June	Councillor Workshop from 9.15am TBA - Koroit	All Councillors
Wed 10 June	Audit & Risk Committee 9.30am -12.30pm Council Offices, Cox St, Port Fairy	Cr Lockett Cr Taylor
Thu 11 June	Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee Meeting from 2.30pm CFA Headquarters, Hawkesdale	Cr Ross
Thu 11 June	Ryan Corner Wind Farm CEC Meeting 5.30 - 6.30pm Senior Citizens Hall, Barclay St, Port Fairy	Cr Ryan
Tue 16 June	Councillor Workshop from 9.15am Council Offices, 10 Cox St, Port Fairy	All Councillors
Tue 16 June	Koroit Theatre Community Asset Committee Meeting 6.30 - 8.30pm Koroit Theatre, 149 Commercial Road, Koroit	Cr Taylor
Thu 18 June	Timber Towns Victoria General Meeting 2.00 - 3.00pm Virtual attendance	Cr Doukas Cr Ross
22 - 25 June 2026	National General Assembly, Canberra	Cr Lockett Cr Murrhy Cr Foster
Tue 30 June	Ordinary Council Meeting from 10.15am Council Chambers, Jamieson Ave Mortlake	All Councillors

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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 21 April 2026 and 20 May 2026.

Mayor Activities

Date	Location	Meeting / Event
25 April 2026	Port Fairy Panmure	Anzac Day March and Service Anzac Day Service and wreath laying
28 April 2026	Mortlake	Ordinary Council Meeting
28 April 2026	Mortlake	Mount Shadwell Quarry Tour and Olivine Fossicking
30 April 2026	Port Fairy	Meeting with Port Fairy Marathon Representatives
1-3 May 2026	Koroit	Koroit Irish Festival
5 May 2026	Port Fairy	Councillor Workshop
7 May 2026	Warrnambool	May Racing Carnival
8 May 2026	Warrnambool	Facilitated Workshop - Rebuilding the Candidate Pipeline
12 May 2026	Melbourne	State Parliament Meetings: Grant Poulter – Chief of Staff to the Hon Ros Spence MP – Minister for First Peoples; Minister for Roads & Road Safety; and Minister for Community Sport Paul Hamer MP – Minister for Local Government; Minister for Youth Justice and Corrections Staff Member for The Hon David Davis MP – Shadow Minister for the Arts & Creative Industries; Shadow Minister for Energy and Emission Reduction; Shadow Minister for Resources

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13 May 2026	Melbourne	State Parliament Meetings: Bev McArthur MP – Shadow Minister for Local Government; Shadow Minister for Small Business Roma Britnell MP – Member for South West Coast Danny O’Brien MP - Shadow Minister for Regional Development and Liveability; Shadow Minister for Emergency Services; Shadow Minister for Roads and Road Safety Emma Kealy MP – Shadow Minister for Agriculture; Shadow Minister for Mental Health; Deputy Leader of The Nationals
15 May 2026	Port Fairy	Stage 2 Engagement Sessions – Aquatic Strategy
16 May 2026	Hawkesdale	Stage 2 Engagement Sessions – Aquatic Strategy
15 May 2026	Port Fairy	Citizenship Ceremony
19 May 2026	Mortlake	Special Council Meeting and Councillor Workshop
19 May 2026	Warrnambool	Youth Advisory Board Meeting

Council noted the report item Mayor Activities.

Councillor Activities

Date	Location	Meeting / Event
22 April 2026	Mortlake	Mount Shadwell Quarry Advisory Committee Meeting
23 April 2026	Woolsthorpe	Anzac Day Service - Woolsthorpe Primary School
23 April 2026	Tarrone	Tarrone Community Group - AGM
25 April 2026	Various locations throughout Moyne Shire	Anzac Day Memorial Services and wreath laying
27 April 2026	Mortlake	Mortlake Recreation Reserve Committee Meeting
28 April 2026	Mortlake	Ordinary Council Meeting
28 April 2026	Mortlake	Mount Shadwell Quarry Tour & Olivine Fossicking

30 April 2026	Port Fairy	Meeting with Port Fairy Marathon Representatives
30 April 2026	Virtual Meeting	Australian Local Government Women's Association National Board Meeting
1 May 2026	Mailors Flat	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Fundraising Event
1-3 May 2026	Koroit	Koroit Irish Festival
5 May 2026	Port Fairy	Councillor Workshop
6 May 2026	Panmure	Panmure Action Group Meeting
7 May 2026	Warrnambool	Warrnambool May Racing Carnival
7 May 2026	Virtual Meeting	Australian Local Government Women's Association Victoria Committee Meeting
8 May 2026	Warrnambool	Facilitated Workshop - Rebuilding the Candidate Pipeline
11 May 2026	Virtual Meeting	Australian Coastal Councils Association National Committee Meeting
11 May 2026	Peterborough	Peterborough's Residents Group
12 May 2026	Port Fairy	WW1 Nurses Memorial Plaque Unveiling Ceremony
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15 May 2026	Port Fairy	Citizenship Ceremony
15 – 16 May 2026	Port Fairy Hawkesdale Macarthur	Community Engagement sessions – Aquatic Strategy
19 May 2026	Mortlake	Special Council Meeting and Councillor Workshop
20 May 2026	Warrnambool	South West Victoria Alliance (SWVA) meeting with Roma Britnell MP and David Southwick MP

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 Myra Murihy reminded everyone today is National Sorry Day and this week is Reconciliation Week and encouraged the community to get involved in activities. Cr Murihy also thanked all staff involved in the Koroit Township Renewal work including the Street Scape works on the south side of the main street of Koroit, making particular mention of an email received from a Koroit business expressing thanks for the professionalism and outstanding open communication from Warwick Taylor in managing the works. Cr Murihy gave a shout out to all the amazing staff at Moyne Shire for the great work they do.

Cr Lisa Ryan acknowledged IDAHOBIT activities supporting inclusion and diversity for LGBTIQ+ communities across the library network in the Moyne Shire and also made mention of National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week activities.

Crs Ross and Doukas reported on a recent day in Melbourne with Timber Towns Victoria and what they learned about the advances in AI camera technology to assist with the identifying and tracking of bush fires.

The Mayor acknowledged much admired community figure, Jack Smits receiving the Order of Australia posthumously in recognition of the enormous voluntary contribution he made in and around Port Fairy over many years. The Mayor also recognised the wonderful contribution made by Jack's wife, Jan serving the community in Port Fairy alongside Jack.

3.4 Urgent Business

Overview: A Councillor may raise an urgent matter for consideration at a Council Meeting if the Councillor 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 CEO Meeting Schedule.

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.

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Myra Murrphy seconded that the meeting be closed in order to consider confidential items.

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6.1 MS1015 Garden Maintenance Services

Reason for confidentiality - Local Government Act 2020, Section 3 - Council Business Information - Information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released

6.2 MS1005 Supply Delivery Ridged Tipping truck & 4 axel dog trailer to Comply with Performance Base Standards (PBS)

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6.3 Evaluation Report - MS1014 Asphaltting Works High Street Koroit

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

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7 Close Meeting

The Ordinary Council Meeting was declared closed at 2.03 pm.