



Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Held on Tuesday 30 June 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 30 June 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 Infrastructure
Symonne Robinson, Director Corporate and Community
Jodie McNamara, Director Economy and Place

1 Procedural

The Mayor advised that, due to an unstable internet connection while attending the meeting remotely, he was unable to chair the meeting. In accordance with the Governance Rules, the Deputy Mayor assumed the Chair for the duration of the meeting.

1.1 Live streaming of Council Meetings

The Deputy Mayor read the live streaming of Council Meetings Statement.

1.2 Opening Statement

The Deputy Mayor read the Councillor Opening Statement.

1.3 Acknowledgement of Country

Cr Lisa Ryan read the Acknowledgement of Country.

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 202651

**Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded
That the Minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Council Meeting held on 26 May 2026 be accepted and confirmed as correct.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

1.7 Public Participation

None registered at this meeting.

2 Officers Reports

2.1 Budget Submissions 2026-2027

Overview: This report summarises the submissions received on the draft budget for 2026-2027. A person, or persons, can make a submission on any proposal contained in the budget and any submission will be considered before adoption of the budget by Council. Council has received thirteen (13) submissions to the proposed 2026-2027 Budget.

Resolution ID: OCM 202652

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Susan Taylor seconded

That Council having considered the submissions received in respect of the draft budget for 2026 – 2027, receives and notes the report and:

- 1. Determines its position on the submissions received in respect of the draft Budget for 2026-2027**
- 2. Allocates \$30,000 in the 2026-27 financial year to Warrnambool City Council for the Regional Airport Study**
- 3. Allocates \$30,000 in the 2026-27 financial year to the Hawkesdale and District Development Action Committee to upgrade streetlighting in Hawkesdale**
- 4. Allocates \$20,000 in the 2026–27 financial year to the Koroit Bowls Club to develop a proposal for a Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) grant, relating to the installation of a roof over the main bowls green and the replacement of the green surface, with proposed works to occur in the 2027–28 financial year; and notes that this allocation does not commit Council to any further funding or financial contribution in future years, and**
- 5. Requests that letters of response be written to submitters thanking them for their submission and advising them of Council' decision**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.2 Budget 2026 - 2027

Overview: Council has prepared a Budget for the 2026-2027 year after a process of consultation and review, including community input. The draft Budget was advertised, and submissions invited. Council has received and considered Budget submissions. Council is now required to adopt the Budget for 2026-2027 by 30 June 2026 to ensure compliance with the Local Government Act 2020.

Resolution ID: OCM 202653

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded

That Council, having considered submissions received in respect of the 2026-27 Budget, resolve to adopt the 2026-2027 Budget and Fees and Charges Schedule as presented in the attachments to this report, and incorporating any changes arising from item 2.1 Budget Submissions 2026-2027 in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020

CARRIED 5 / 2

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

2.3 Declaration of Rates & Charges 2026-2027

Overview: The Rates and Charges are set in accordance with the Council Budget 2026-2027. The Rates and Charges comply with the State Government “Fair Go Rates System” and rate capping provisions. Council is required to make a formal declaration of the Rates and Charges for 2026-2027.

Resolution ID: OCM 202654

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded

That the following determinations on the Rates and Charges for the 2026-2027 Financial Year be adopted.

1. Amounts to be raised

An amount of \$30,181,431 be declared as the amount which Council intends to raise by general rates, municipal charges, payments in lieu of rates and

annual service charges (later described in this Resolution), which amount is calculated as follows:

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General Rates	18,629,201
Municipal Charges	3,165,358
Annual Service Charges	4,454,021
Payments in Lieu of Rates	3,932,851

2. General Rate

- a General Rate be declared in respect of the 2026-2027 Financial Year;
- it be further declared that the General Rate be raised by the application of a uniform rate on the Capital Improved Value of all rateable land; and
- 0.14043 be specified as the cents of each dollar of Capital Improved Value for the uniform rate;

3. Municipal Charge

- a Municipal Charge be declared in respect of the 2026-2027 Financial Year for the purpose of recovering some of the administrative costs of Council;
- the Municipal Charge be the amount of \$311 for each rateable land (or part) in respect of which a Municipal Charge may be levied; and

4. Service Charges

- Annual Service Charges be declared in respect of the 2026-2027 Financial Year for the collection and disposal of refuse on the basis of the criteria later described in this resolution:

b. Kerbside Collection Service

State Government Waste Levy

- an annual service charge be declared for:
 - the collection of refuse.
- this service charge is based on the criteria specified below:

Residential

Declared Collection Areas and Routes

Property Type	Charge
a. Collection of contents of bins	120 litre waste bin, 120 litre glass

from properties used for residential purposes and located within the areas depicted in Annexure B – U as a declared collection area.	recycling bin, 240 litre recycling bin and 240 litre organics bin \$460.00 per annum State Government Waste Levy \$29.00 per annum
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Non-Declared/Optional Collection Routes

Property Type	Charge
b. Collection of contents of bins from properties used for residential purposes fronting the collection routes shown in Annexure A and located outside of the declared collection areas shown in Annexure B – U.	120 litre waste bin, 120 litre glass recycling bin, 240 litre recycling bin and 240 litre organics bin \$460.00 per annum State Government Waste Levy \$29.00 per annum

Commercial

Non-Declared / Optional Collection Routes

Property Type	Charge
a) Collection of contents of bins from properties used for commercial purposes and located within the areas depicted in Annexure B – U as a declared collection area and/or fronting the collection routes shown in Annexure A, if the ratepayer has opted onto the service.	120 litre waste bin, 120 litre glass recycling bin, 240 litre recycling bin and 240 litre organics bin \$460.00 per annum State Government Waste Levy \$29.00 per annum

c. Waste Facilities Service Charge

- i. an annual service charge be declared for:
 - o the disposal of refuse.
- ii. this annual service charge component be the sum of and be
- iii. based on the criteria specified below:

Property Type	Charge
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a) Any rateable property in the municipal district which is used as an industrial property, commercial property or a residence, or a single farming enterprise (as defined in section 159(4) of the Local Government Act 1989)	\$111 for each property
b) Any developed non-rateable property	\$111 for each property
c) Any rateable or non-rateable property in the municipal district excepting those properties referred to in parts (a) and (b) above	\$28 for each property

d. Goods and Services Tax

- i. all charges listed in this resolution are exclusive of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), which will be applied where applicable;

e. Annexure

- i. the areas and routes depicted in the Annexures described in this Resolution may be amended by the Council from time to time; and
- ii. the power to amend the designated areas and collection routes for the kerbside collection service is delegated to the member of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the position of Director Economy and Place;

5. Consequential

- a. the Rates Administrator be authorised to levy and recover the General Rates, Municipal Charges and Annual Service Charges described in this Resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.4 Community Satisfaction Survey - 2026 Research Report

Overview: This report presents the results of, and provides analysis on, the 2026 Moyneg Shire Council Community Satisfaction Survey. The Community Satisfaction Survey is an independent survey conducted for the majority of Victorian Councils and provides a measure of community perception across key service and performance areas.

Resolution ID: OCM 202655

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded

- 1. That Council notes and receives the 2026 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey results**
- 2. Endorses the publication of the Survey results on Council's website**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.5 Monthly Finance Report - May 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 202656

Cr Lloyd Ross moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that Council receives and notes the Financial Report as at 31 May 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.6 Aquatics Facilities Strategy

Overview: The Aquatic Facilities Strategy 2026–2036 sets out Council's approach to the future planning, management and investment in aquatic facilities across the shire, recognising the role these facilities play in community health and wellbeing.

Cr Karen Foster proposed a Motion

Resolution ID: OCM 202657

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded

That Council:

- 1. Notes the community engagement and stakeholder consultation undertaken in the development of the Aquatics Facilities Strategy 2026–2036.**
- 2. Adopts the Aquatics Facilities Strategy 2026–2036.**
- 3. Commits to allocating \$80,000 in the 2026/2027 Council Budget to commission the feasibility study and business case - identified as an immediate priority under Recommendation 1 Long term indoor provision (pathway b) – for a new indoor aquatic facility in Moyne Shire.**
- 4. Requests officers investigate and pursue any available grant funding opportunities to offset the cost of the feasibility study and associated business case.**

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 Murrihy	

2.7 Killarney Recreation Reserve - Septic Options Summary Business Case

Overview: The Killarney Caravan Park Septic Business Case sets out an analysis of a number of options for wastewater management investment at the Killarney Recreation Reserve and Caravan Park and presents a set of recommended options.

Resolution ID: OCM 202658

Cr Lloyd Ross moved, Cr Jim Doukas seconded

That Council:

Endorses Stage 1 and Stage 2 recommendations in section 5.1 in the Killarney Caravan Park Septic Infrastructure Business Case (May 2026) as follows:

- 1. Direct officers to progress approvals and processes for the installation of a dump point at the Killarney Caravan Park and report back to Council on costs and timeframes once known.**
- 2. Direct officers to progress design, costing and approval processes for the installation of a new septic system to service the public amenities block and report back to Council on costs and timeframes once known.**

3. Upon installation of the dump point, restrict the Killarney Caravan Park to self-contained vehicles only, commencing no earlier than September 2027
4. Adopt the seasonal closure model of the caravan park, commencing June 2027.
5. Approve rollover of unspent budget of \$75,500 from FY25-26 to FY26-27 budget to support next stage project planning.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.8 Proposed Licence Agreement - Mosswood Wildlife - 330 Officers Lane, Koroit

Overview: Council has completed the public engagement process in line with Council's *Property Management Policy*, for the proposal for Council to enter into a Licence Agreement with Mosswood Wildlife Inc. for land at part of Old Koroit Racecourse Reserve.

There have been two public submissions received regarding this proposal during the notification period. One in support of the proposed licence agreement and the other requesting Council's assistance with further tree removal at this site. This report seeks Council approval to proceed with the licence as outlined in this report.

Resolution ID: OCM 202659

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded

That Council notes the report and resolves to:

1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a ten (10) year licence agreement under section 17B of the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 for part of Allotment 2003 Parish of Yarrpturk (known as 330 Officers Lane, Koroit) with Mosswood Wildlife Inc., subject to DEECA's final approval
2. Authorise the CEO to sign the Licence Agreement on behalf of Council

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	

2.9 Community Assistance Fund Policy and Guidelines Review

Overview: This report presents a revised Community Assistance Fund (CAF) Policy and Community Assistance Fund Guidelines for adoption by Council. Both proposals are following feedback received throughout the 2025-2026 funding rounds.

Resolution ID: OCM 202660

**Cr Lloyd Ross moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded
That Council**

- 1. Adopt the updated Community Assistance Fund Policy; and**
- 2. Adopt the updated 2026-2027 Community Assistance Fund Guidelines.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.10 Proposed Memorial Plaque- Jim & Carmel Madden

Summary: Members of the Koroit community have requested approval to install a small commemorative plaque at the BBQ area of the Railway Station in Koroit, honouring Jim and Carmel Madden, who sadly passed away in 2024. This request has been considered in line with Council's Plaques and Memorials Policy (IE-20).

Resolution ID: OCM 202661

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Council set this item aside

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	

2.11 Environmental and Sustainability Strategy 2026-2036

Overview: The Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2026–2036 provides a strategic framework to guide environmental management and sustainability practices across Moyne Shire over the next decade in line with the Council Plan 2025–2029 and Community Vision 2040.

Resolution ID: OCM 202662

**Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded
That Council:**

- 1. Endorse the Environment and Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan Matrix 2026–2036.**
- 2. Note that implementation of actions identified within the Action Plan Matrix will be subject to future Council budget allocations and/or external funding opportunities.**
- 3. Formally thank the Environmental and Sustainability Strategy Advisory Committee for their expertise and input into the preparation of the Strategy.**
- 4. Dissolve the Environmental and Sustainability Strategy Advisory Committee as of 30 June 2026.**

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	

2.12 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 202663

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

Event Date	Event	Invitees
Wed 01 July 2026	Meeting with Minister Lily D'Ambrosio 4.30pm - 5.00pm Lvl 17 Minister D'Ambrosio's Boardroom 8 Nicholson St (VICMIN) (Melbourne VIC)	Cr Murrehy
Wed 01 July 2026	Panmure Action Group Meeting 7.30pm Panmure Hall	Cr Doukas
Tue 07 July 2026	Councillor Workshop from 9.15am Council Offices, 10 Cox St, Port Fairy	All Councillors
Tue 14 July 2026	Councillor Workshop from 9.15am Council Offices, 10 Cox St, Port Fairy	All Councillors
Tue 14 July 2026	Port of Port Fairy Delegated Committee Meeting 4.00pm Council Offices, Cox St, Port Fairy	Cr Lockett & Cr Murrehy
Tue 14 July 2026	Willatook Wind Farm CEC Meeting 5.00pm Council Offices, 10 Cox St, Port Fairy	Cr Lockett
Tues 14 July 2026	Mortlake Community Development Committee Meeting 7.30pm - 9.00pm Mortlake Community Hub	Cr Taylor / Cr Ross
Wed 15 July 2026	Mt Fyans Wind Farm CEC Meeting 12.30pm - 1.30pm Council Office - Mortlake	Cr Doukas
Thu 16 July 2026	Business Breakfast with Futurist Simon Waller 7.30am - 8.30am Charlies on East, Port Fairy	All Councillors
Thu 16 July 2026	Event Forum 10.00am - 5.00pm The Vic Hotel, Port Fairy	All Councillors
Mon 20 July 2026	Peterborough Residents Group from 10.00am Peterborough House	Cr Doukas
Tue 21 July 2026	Councillor Workshop from 9.15am Council Offices, 10 Cox St, Port Fairy	All Councillors
Wed 22 July 2026	Port Fairy Historic Lifeboat Committee Meeting 3.00pm - 4.00pm Council Offices, Cox St, Port Fairy	Cr Taylor

Wed 22 July 2026	Mount Shadwell Quarry Advisory Committee Meeting 5.00pm - 6.00pm Mortlake Council Chambers, Mortlake	Cr Doukas / Cr Ross
Thu 23 July 2026	Tourism Product Showcase - Make it Moyne 6.30pm - 7.30pm The Victoria Hotel, Bank Street, Port Fairy	All Councillors
Mon 27 July 2026	Mortlake Recreation Reserve Committee Meeting 7.30pm - 9.30pm Recreation Reserve Social Rooms, Officer St, Mortlake	Cr Taylor
Tue 28 July 2026	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

Council noted the report item 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 Lockett

- A shout-out to the Hawkesdale community for its Big Freeze event held on 21 June. CEO Mark Eversteyn and I participated by sliding down the giant slide to help raise funds. It was freezing! Congratulations again to the community on a successful event, which raised a lot of funds for MND research.

- The Pride Cup round between the Port Fairy Plovers vs Warrnambool Rangers was held at Southcombe Park, Port Fairy, celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community. It was a fantastic event.
- A big shout-out to the Winter Weekends Committee for the various events held across Koroit and Port Fairy. Thank you to all committee members for their hard work.

Cr Ross

- A shout-out to the staff and participants involved in the opening of the “Unfamiliar” Art Exhibition in Macarthur. It was a very entertaining event and congratulations to all prize winners.
- Congratulations to the tradies, trainees/apprentices and Council staff involved in the streetscape works on High Street and Commercial Road. Fantastic job.

Cr Ryan

- I would like to recognise that the first week of July is NAIDOC Week. This is a celebration week to recognise the oldest continuing living culture on earth and to honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples both within Moyne Shire and across the region. I'd like to encourage everyone to get involved in the celebrations.

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 report item CEO Meeting Schedule from 21 May to 20 June 2026.

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.

The following is a list of confidential items:

6.1 MS987 Supply & Deliver Truck Mounted Bitumen Sprayer

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 Community Care Bi-Monthly Management Report

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Cr Lockett left the meeting at 2.50 pm

7 Close Meeting

The Ordinary Council Meeting – 30 June 2026 was declared closed at 3.12 pm