



# Ordinary Council Meeting

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## Minutes

Held on Tuesday 24 March 2026

Council Chambers, Mortlake Council Offices  
1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake

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Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting  
of Moyne Shire Council held on Tuesday 24 March 2026, at Council  
Chambers,  
Mortlake Council Offices, 1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake  
commencing at 1:00 pm.

Present

Cr Jordan Locket (Mayor)  
Cr Myra Murrhy (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr Jim Doukas

**Councillors** Cr Karen Foster  
Cr Lloyd Ross  
Cr Lisa Ryan

**Officers** Mark Everysteyn, Chief Executive Officer  
Jodie McNamara, Director Environment, Economy & Place  
Liam Arnott, Director Assets and Community  
Symonne Robinson, Director Corporate and Governance Services

## 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 Deputy Mayor read the Councillor Opening Statement.

### 1.3 Acknowledgement of Country

Cr Lisa Ryan shared an Acknowledgement of Country.

### 1.4 Apologies

**Apologies were received from Cr Susan Taylor.**

**Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded the motion to accept apologies from Cr Susan Taylor.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6 / 0**

### 1.5 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting

**Resolution ID: OCM 202622**

**Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 February 2026 be accepted and confirmed as correct.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6 / 0**

### 1.6 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations made at this meeting.

## 1.7 Public Participation

There were no public participants at this meeting.

## 2 Officers Reports

### 2.1 Monthly Finance Report – February 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 202623**

**Cr Myra Murrhy moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded that Council receive and note the Monthly Financial Report as at 28 February 2026.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6 / 0**

## 2.2 MAV State Council Motions Report

Overview: This report seeks Council endorsement of the recommended motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting to be held on Friday 29 May 2026.

The proposed motions reflect the same strategic advocacy priorities endorsed for submission to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly and have been adapted to meet MAV motion requirements and Victorian local government context.

### **Resolution ID: OCM 202624**

**Cr Myra Murrphy moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that Council endorse the amended motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting:**

- 1. Coastal Hazards Adaptation and Climate Resilience Funding – Advocacy for a coordinated State–Local Government strategy supported by ongoing funding.**
- 2. Rural and Regional Active Transport Funding – Advocacy for dedicated rural and regional funding streams to improve walking and cycling infrastructure.**
- 3. Ongoing Flexible Local Infrastructure Funding – Advocacy for formula-based, flexible infrastructure funding programs for local roads, bridges and community assets.**
- 4. AI and Cyber Security Capability for Local Government – Advocacy for a statewide governance framework with funding and support for councils.**
- 5. Sustainable Funding for Community Swimming Pool Infrastructure – Advocacy for ongoing funding to support renewal, upgrade and operation of public aquatic facilities.**
- 6. Funding Support for Roadside Vegetation Management Mapping – Advocacy for dedicated funding and technical support for Victorian councils to undertake roadside vegetation mapping and management planning, including the identification of biodiversity values, cultural heritage sensitivities, noxious weed presence and fire risk considerations across local government road networks.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6 / 0**

## 2.3 Complaints Policy

Overview: To ensure Council meets its statutory obligations under the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act), section 107. The current Complaints Policy has been reviewed to meet review date requirements and to incorporate updates relevant to the Child Safe Standards.

**Resolution ID: OCM 202625**

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

- 1. Adopt the revised Complaints Policy (Gov-40) as attached.**
- 2. Note that the policy has been reviewed to ensure compliance with section 107 of the Local Government Act 2020 and alignment with the Victorian Child Safe Standards.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6 / 0**

## 2.4 Terang - Darlington Rd SLRIP Funding Payments Corangamite Shire Council

Overview: This report is to seek Council approval for payments to the Corangamite Shire Council under a Joint funding agreement for the Design and Upgrade of Terang – Darlington Road under the Australian Government Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program

**Resolution ID: OCM 202626**

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

- 1. Note that the Darlington-Terang Road Project is funded under the Australian Government Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) and is included in the updated 2025/26 Budget.**
- 2. Approve the making of milestone payments to Corangamite Shire Council in accordance with the funding agreement.**
- 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documentation and take all actions required to give effect to this resolution.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6 / 0**

## 2.5 MS999 Stormwater Drainage Relining - Whalers Drive Port Fairy

Overview: Council has undertaken a public tender - MS999 Stormwater drainage Relining, Whalers Drive, Port Fairy - for the design and installation of a lining system to stormwater pipelines in Whalers Drive, Port Fairy. This report details the tender process, evaluation and officer recommendation.

**Resolution ID: OCM 202627**

**Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that Council awards contract MS999 – Stormwater Drainage Relining, Whalers Drive, Port Fairy to TDM Pipeline Solutions for the lump sum of \$334,601.13 exclusive of GST.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6 / 0**

## 2.6 Request to revoke unused road grazing licence - road reserve off Connewarren Lane, Mortlake

Overview: Council has received an application from Urbis Ltd, acting on behalf of Yanara Australia Pty Ltd, who are seeking revocation of a Crown land agriculture licence. The licence applies to an unused government road reserve (paper road), off Connewarren Lane, Mortlake. This government road has not been formed into a physical road, and the Licence was issued under Section 130 of the Land Act 1958 by DEECA for grazing purposes.

The revocation application is made pursuant to the public-interest provisions of the Land Act 1958, including Section 130, and is said to be for the purpose of facilitating proposed public works. The matter should be determined in accordance with the statutory criteria, having regard to the public interest, any existing third-party rights, and the requirement to consult and mitigate impacts on affected stakeholders before any final decision is made.

**Resolution ID: OCM 202628**

**Cr Lloyd Ross moved, Cr Myra Murrphy seconded that, pursuant to Section 407(1) of the Land Act 1958, Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate to write to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) recommending revocation of Agriculture Licence ID 3003808 over the government road reserve off Connewarren Lane, Mortlake, on the basis that revocation is desirable in the public interest, and to undertake all ancillary actions necessary to support that recommendation.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6 / 0**

## 2.7 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 202629**

**Cr Myra Murrhy moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that Council endorse the attendance of nominated Councillors at the following events.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 6 / 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 18 February 2026 to 17 March 2026.

#### Mayor Activities

Date	Location	Meeting / Event
18 February 2026	Melbourne	Rural Councils Victoria Members Event
24 February 2026	Mortlake	Ordinary Council Meeting
27 February 2026	Melbourne	VLGA FastTrack 2026 – Incivility Training
03 March 2026	Port Fairy	Councillor Workshop
06 March 2026	Port Fairy	Port Fairy Folk Festival - Site Tour
10 March 2026	Port Fairy	Councillor Workshop
11 March 2026	Port Fairy	Audit & Risk Committee Meeting
11 March 2026	Mortlake	Mortlake Business Gathering Event
12 March 2026	Port Fairy	Inspiring Women of Moyne Event
13 March 2026	Warrnambool	Meeting with Jacinta Ermacora MP
15 March 2026	Warrnambool	Meeting with Opposition Leader Jess Wilson, Roma Britnell MP and Warrnambool City Council

17 March 2026	Port Fairy	Councillor Workshop
17 March 2026	Port Fairy	Meeting with The Hon. Dan Tehan MP

Council noted the report item Mayor and Councillor Activities.

### Councillor Activities

Date	Location	Meeting / Event
18 February 2026	Melbourne	Rural Councils Victoria Members Event
19 February 2026	Online	Timber Towns Victoria General Meeting
22 February 2026	Port Fairy	Port Fairy Marathon
22 February 2026	Koroit	Koroit Community Garden launch
23 February 2026	Mortlake	Mortlake Recreation Reserve Committee Meeting
23 February 2026	Woorndoo	Woorndoo Community Group Meeting
24 February 2026	Mortlake	Ordinary Council Meeting
25 February 2026	Koroit	Koroit & District Progress Association
26 February 2026	Camperdown	Great Ocean Road Tourism Meeting
27 February 2026	Melbourne	VLGA FastTrack 2026 – Incivility Training
02 March 2026	Port Fairy	Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)
03 March 2026	Port Fairy	Councillor Workshop
03 March 2026	Port Fairy	Port of Port Fairy Delegated Committee Meeting
04 March 2026	Port Fairy	Port Fairy Historic Lifeboat Committee Meeting
05 March 2026	Hawkesdale	Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee Meeting
05 March 2026	Port Fairy	Ryan Corner Wind Farm CEC Meeting
06 March 2026	Port Fairy	Port Fairy Folk Festival - Site Tour
10 March 2026	Port Fairy	Councillor Workshop
11 March 2026	Port Fairy	Audit & Risk Committee Meeting
11 March 2026	Koroit	AGM Combined Probus Club of Koroit
11 March 2026	Allansford	International Women's Day Presentation - Saputo
11 March 2026	Melbourne	"The Future is Local" MAV State Election Campaign Launch
11 March 2026	Mortlake	Mortlake Business Gathering Event

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Council noted the report item 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 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 Lisa Ryan

- Attended the Inspiring Women of Moyne Awards for International Women's Day hosted at the Borough Chambers in Port Fairy.
- Thanked all in attendance, the nominees and guest speakers who came together to have meaningful conversations and celebrate women who are helping to create positive change in our community.

Cr Myra Murrhly

- Acknowledged the Port Fairy Folk Festival and the economic benefits it brings to our Shire. Congratulated the Committee and volunteers for another successful event and noted it's the Festivals 50th event in 2027.
- Annual Murray to Moyne event is on Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 March with Cyclists crossing the finish line in Port Fairy.
- Attended the Northern Raiders Cricket Club presentation night. Acknowledged the welcoming club culture and wished them well for next season.

Cr Jordan Lockett

- Attended the Port Fairy Long Weekend Street Fair. Congratulated staff for organising a wonderful community event with live music, market stalls and activities.
- Highlighted the 2026 Federation Mortlake Picnic at Tea Tree Lake on Sunday 29 March. Starting at 9:00am there will be live music, classic cars and onsite catering.

### 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

Council noted the report item CEO Meeting Schedule from 21 February to 20 March 2026.

### 5 CEO Activities Report

Overview: CEO Activities Report – March 2026

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.

There were no confidential items for this meeting.

### 7 Close Meeting

The Ordinary Council Meeting was declared closed at 1:55pm.