



Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Held on Tuesday 28 July 2026

Council Chambers, Mortlake Council Offices
1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake

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Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
of Moynes Shire Council held on Tuesday 28 July 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
	Darby Lee, Acting Director Economy and 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 Councillor Opening Statement.

1.3 Acknowledgement of Country

The Deputy Mayor 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 202666

**Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Myra Murrihy seconded
That the Minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Council Meeting held on 30 June
2026 be accepted and confirmed as correct.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

1.7 Record of Councillor Briefings

Overview: The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a record of Councillor Briefing Sessions held.

Resolution ID: OCM 202667

**Cr Susan Taylor moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded
That Council receives the record of Councillor briefings held on 14 July 2026 and 21 July 2026.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

1.8 Councillor Events

Overview: Councillors regularly represent Moyne Shire Council at meetings, community events and with stakeholders. This report presents the proposed schedule of Councillor attendance for the coming month.

Cr Susan Taylor noted that the Ordinary Council Meeting mentioned in the report be amended to Monday 31 August 2026 from Tuesday 25 August 2026.

Resolution ID: OCM 202668

**Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded
That Council endorse the attendance of nominated Councillors at the events listed in this report.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

1.9 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 Participants heard at this meeting:

BEVERLEY CLARK - in attendance

LOUSIE ABICARE - via Zoom

KAHLA PAPKOVICS - Questions submitted via email in lieu of attendance

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that standing orders be resumed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2 Officers Reports

2.1 Festival and Event Funding 2026-2027

Overview: This report provides a review of applications received for the 2026/27 Festival and Event Funding and recommends the proposed funding to be awarded.

Resolution ID: OCM 202669

**Cr Jim Doukas moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded
That Council approve funding for festivals and events to the value of \$149,600 as outlined in the report.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.2 MAV State Council Motions

Overview: This report recommends that Council endorse the motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting to be held on Friday 23 October, 2026, as outlined within this report.

The proposed motions reflect the strategic advocacy priorities previously endorsed by Council for submission to the May 29 State Council Meeting and the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly in June 2026.

Resolution ID: OCM 202670

**Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded
That Council endorse the following three motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting: -**

- 1. Sustainable Funding for Community Swimming Pool Infrastructure – Advocacy for ongoing funding to support replacement, upgrade and operation of public aquatic facilities.**
- 2. Reinstatement of the Country Roads and Bridges Program – Advocacy for the reinstatement of a dedicated, untied, multi-year that provides formula-based capital funding directly to rural and regional councils.**
- 3. Ongoing Flexible Local Infrastructure Funding – Advocacy for formula-based, flexible infrastructure funding programs for local infrastructure and community assets.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.3 Signage Strategy - Township Entry Signage Audit

Overview: An audit of township entry signage has been completed across the Shire, funded through a \$150,000 FY25-26 budget allocation and guided by the Moyne Shire Signage Policy (I3-28).

The audit assessed 148 signs across the municipality including gateway entry signs, locality name signs, feature signs and service club signs. The audit identified 32 locality name signs that are missing, damaged or in poor condition and require priority replacement.

Resolution ID: OCM 202671

**Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Myra Murrehy seconded
That Council:**

- 1. Notes the findings and outcomes of the township entry signage audit completed under the FY25–26 signage program.**
- 2. Approves the replacement of 32 missing, damaged and poor condition locality name signs identified through the audit using existing FY25-26 project rollover funds.**
- 3. Endorses a staged program of community and stakeholder engagement relating to future township, locality and gateway signage initiatives, including:**
 - a. Preliminary engagement with Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation and Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation regarding the Traditional Owner Naming Framework and its potential future application;**
 - b. Communication of the audit findings and proposed priority locality sign replacement program;**
 - c. Community feedback regarding the Traditional Owner Naming Framework;**
 - d. Community and stakeholder engagement regarding any future removal, replacement or redesign of community township, gateway, feature and service club signage.**
- 4. Receives a further report following completion of Stage 1 engagement activities.**
- 5. Notes that no changes to township names, locality names or existing signage are proposed through this report and that any future proposal would be subject to a separate Council decision and statutory consultation process.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.4 Intention to enter a Lease Agreement with the Bureau of Meteorology – Part of Southcombe Park, Port Fairy

Overview: The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) currently operates a weather monitoring station on Council-owned land at Southcombe Park, Port Fairy. BoM has requested a new lease to enable the continued operation of the facility.

The monitoring station forms part of BoM's national weather observation network and supports weather forecasting, climate monitoring and emergency management functions. This report seeks Council approval to enter into an 18-year lease with the Commonwealth of Australia (Bureau of Meteorology) for approximately 63m² of land at Southcombe Park for the continued operation of the facility.

Resolution ID: OCM 202672

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

- 1. Approve entering into a lease agreement with the Commonwealth of Australia (Bureau of Meteorology) for approximately 63m² of Council-owned land located at Southcombe Park, Port Fairy, described in Certificate of Title Volume 11599 Folio 699 being land in PC371989H, for a term of 18 years for the purpose of operating a meteorological monitoring facility; and**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute all lease documentation and associated agreements on behalf of Council.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.5 Council Plan Year 1 actions report

Overview: The purpose of this report is to present Council's Year One progress against the Council Plan 2025–2029. The report provides an overview of the achievements and progress made during the first twelve months.

Resolution ID: OCM 202673

**Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded
That Council receives the Council Plan 2025–2029 Year One Progress Report and endorses its publication on Council's website.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.6 Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - Confirmed - March 2026

Overview: The purpose of this report is to enable Council to receive the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on the 11 March 2026.

Resolution ID: OCM 202674

**Cr Susan Taylor moved, Cr Myra Murrihy seconded
That Council receives the confirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 11 March 2026.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.7 Biannual Report on Audit and Risk Committee Activities - 1 December 2025 - 31 May 2026

Overview: The purpose of this report is to present to Council the Audit and Risk Committee Chair's biannual summary of the Committee's activities for the period 1 December 2025 - 31 May 2026.

Resolution ID: OCM 202675

Cr Susan Taylor moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded

That Council receives the Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report for the period 1 December 2025 – 31 May 2026, in accordance with Section 54(5)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.8 Internal Resolution (Councillor) Procedure - Review

Overview: The purpose of this report is to present the updated Internal Resolution (Councillor) Procedure to Council for consideration and adoption.

Resolution ID: OCM 202676

**Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Myra Murrihy seconded
That Council adopt the updated Internal Resolution (Councillor) Procedure.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.9 S6 Council Delegations to members of Council Staff

Overview: The report reviews and updates the Council's delegation of authority to members of council staff. Delegations are regularly updated to reflect changes to legislation and Council's organisational structure that impact the efficient and lawful operation of local government.

Resolution ID: OCM 202677

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Myra Murrphy 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. On the coming into force of the instrument all previous delegations to members of Council staff (other than the Chief Executive Officer) are revoked.**
- 4. 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

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 Ross

A shout out to the Macarthur Historical Society, they had a presentation from U3A the other day about the Dunmore Station, which is north of Port Fairy and a Turkish bathhouse that's still standing in fairly good condition. It was very interesting information is available on their website. The station's Turkish bathhouse dates from about 1860.

Cr Taylor

Noting that in today's agenda we don't have the Monthly Financial report for July. Could perhaps Ms Robinson explain why it's absent?

Ms Robinson, Director Corporate and Community responded:

Thank you for the question. Traditionally, the monthly finance report isn't presented to councillors in July because of the end of the financial year and the transition into the new financial year. In addition, we've introduced our Coastal Connect system and we're still getting reports up and running under that system. Those reports will be presented in August and then we'll move into our statutory reporting requirements for the annual report in September.

Cr Murrihy

I just wanted to thank Council's Environment Team. On Friday, I participated in National Tree Day in Port Fairy. They were giving away free trees across Port Fairy, Mortlake and Koroit and they also held a tree planting session in Port Fairy.

A big thank you to what I believe were the Year 3 and 4 students from both St Pat's Primary School and Port Fairy Consolidated School. They planted around 400 trees around the Battery Hill area and did an amazing job. It was phenomenal. I was really privileged and grateful to be there.

Also, as a bit of a public service announcement, if anyone is planning a walk around Griffiths Island it's going to be closed for at least the next 24 hours due to unfavourable weather conditions.

Cr Foster

I'd like to acknowledge our Economic Development Team for the series of events recently held in Port Fairy. I know you're considering future events in other towns as well.

The day started with an early breakfast featuring futurist Simon Waller, which was very well attended. I also attended a trend mapping session facilitated by Simon and several

local businesses. The feedback was extremely positive and the events were very well appreciated.

I was unable to attend the events in the afternoon, but I believe the Mayor and Deputy Mayor did. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to bring those events to Moyneg Shire. As a business owner myself, I think these opportunities are incredibly important and I look forward to seeing what happens next.

Cr Lockett

I also attended the Event Forum and I'd like to give a massive shout out to the Economic Development team. It was an incredibly busy day for them with three events in one day, and they did a phenomenal job.

The Event Forum was fantastic. It was great to see everyone networking together and there was a lot of positive feedback.

I'd also like to highlight Make It Moyneg, which was a fantastic event organised by the Visitor Information Centre in Port Fairy. It brought businesses together in one room, creating networking opportunities and collaborations right before our eyes.

There are also many great free events for businesses coming up, so keep an eye on our website and social media channels for updates.

Cr Doukas

Regarding the breakfast held a couple of Thursdays ago, do we conduct a survey of attendees? Do we collect names and businesses when people attend so we can assess the value of putting on these events?

Mr Lee, Acting Director Economy and Place responded:

Yes, surveys were sent to everyone who attended the events and we're currently collecting those responses.

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 June to 20 July 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.

Confidential Information remains confidential unless it can lawfully be released and the Council has determined that it should be publicly available.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

6.1 Independent Member Reappointment to Audit and Risk Committee

Reason for confidentiality - Local Government Act 2020, Section 3 - Confidential meeting information - Records of a Council and delegated committee meetings that are closed to the public to consider confidential information

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

7 Close Meeting

The Ordinary Council Meeting – 28 July 2026 was declared closed at 2.34 pm