



Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Held on Monday 31 August 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 Monday 31 August 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
	Susie Kewley, Acting Director Corporate and Community
	Jodie McNamara, 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

Cr Karen Foster read the Acknowledgement of Country.

1.4 Apologies

None at this meeting.

1.5 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Declarations made at this meeting

Mr Mark Eversteyn (Chief Executive Officer) declared an interest in Item 2.5 Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Advisory Committee.

1.6 Confirmation of Minutes from previous meetings

Resolution ID: OCM 202679

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Council Meeting held on 28 July 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 undertaken since last reported at a Council meeting.

Resolution ID: OCM 202680

Cr Myra Murrihy moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded that Council receives the record of Councillor briefings held on 4 August 2026, 11 August 2026 and 18 August 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.

Resolution ID: OCM 202681

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Lisa Ryan 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 Myra Murrihy 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:

LISETTE MILL – attended and presented to Councillors in relation to issuing of a Wildlife Surveillance Permit

KAYLENE CONRICK – attended via Zoom and presented to Councillors in relation to the Port Fairy Pool feasibility study and business case

BRENDAN MADDEN – attended and presented to Councillors in relation to Agenda Item 3.2 Notion of Motion Proposed Memorial Plaque – Jim and Carmel Madden

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Myra Murrihy seconded that Agenda item 3.2 be considered next.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

3.2 Councillor Notice of Motion

Overview: A Councillor may lodge a notice of motion on any matter the Councillor wants to be considered.

3.2.1 Notion of Motion Proposed Memorial Plaque - Jim and Carmel Madden

Resolution ID: OCM 202682

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Myra Murrihy seconded

That Council:

- 1. Note that report 2.10 “Proposed Memorial Plaque – Jim & Carmel Madden” was presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting held 30 June 2026, and that the matter was set aside by Council on procedural grounds without a substantive decision being made on the officer recommendation.**
- 2. Determine that the proposed memorial plaque does not proceed at the BBQ shelter within the Koroit Railway Station precinct, having regard to the community concerns raised regarding that location and Council's obligation to consider the appropriateness of the location and broader community expectations under the Plaques and Memorials Policy.**
- 3. Confirm that Council remains open to continue conversations with the Madden family to discuss and identify alternative locations for a memorial to Jim and Carmel Madden that would be capable of satisfying the requirements of Plaques and Memorials Policy IE-20.**

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

CARRIED 6 / 1

2 Officers Reports

2.1 Proposed Memorial Seat and Plaque - Laurence family

Overview: The Laurence family have requested approval to install a memorial seat with a commemorative plaque at the Koroit Botanic Gardens in memory of Dr Ramon and Margaret Laurence (both deceased). The request has been assessed against Council's Plaques and Memorials Policy (IE-20).

Resolution ID: OCM 202683

**Cr Jim Doukas moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded
That Council:**

- 1. Approve the relocation of an existing garden seat within the Koroit Botanic Gardens to the proposed memorial site opposite Margaret Laurence's memorial stone.**
- 2. Approve the installation of a 200mm x 100mm commemorative plaque on the relocated garden seat to acknowledge the late Dr Ramon and Margaret Laurence.**
- 3. Approve the proposed wording for the plaque as provided in this report.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.2 2026-27 Council Community Carbon Offset Program (C3OP)

Overview: This report provides Council with details regarding the 2026-27 Council Community Carbon Offset Program (C3OP) and recommends the allocation of the 2026-27 Council-Community Carbon Offset Program funds.

Resolution ID: OCM 202684

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded

That Council:

- 1. Approve the allocation of program funds to two (2) applicants, valued at \$2,990 for the *Public Lands Component***

Hopkins Falls Landcare Group	Wangoom	\$ 840
Panmure Rec Reserve Trust	Panmure	\$2,150

- 2. Approve the allocation of program funds to seventeen (17) applicants, valued at \$52,662 for the *Private Lands Component***

P. Munksgaard	Panmure	\$ 2,160
M. Mccosh	Ellerslie	\$ 2,100
L. Murphy	Port Fairy	\$ 1,560
C. Wade	Woorndoo	\$ 3,960
K. Keane	Kirkstall	\$ 3,000
E. Sambell	Woolsthorpe	\$ 4,998
C. Pike	Nirranda	\$ 1,500
S. Cuzens	Woolsthorpe	\$ 4,980
S. Matthews	Mepunga	\$ 4,998
K. Slattery	Woolsthorpe	\$ 3,000
P&D. De Lange	Toolong	\$ 1,536
E&G. Shalders	Mortlake	\$ 2,496
M. Lewis	Panmure	\$ 2,550
J. Vallance	Nirranda	\$ 4,998
B. Vallance	Nirranda	\$ 4,998
S. Lewis	Koroit	\$ 2,028
C. Brian	Port Fairy	\$ 1,800

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.3 Works Profit Margin Policy Update

Overview: This report presents the reviewed Works Profit Margin Policy (IE-01) for adoption. The policy provides a consistent framework for pricing external works undertaken by Council.

Resolution ID: OCM 202685

Cr Jim Doukas proposed an amended Motion

Cr Jim Doukas moved, Cr Lloyd Ross seconded

That Council adopts the revised Works Profit Margin Policy (IE-01), as attached to this report, subject to the deletion of the following definition:

“Margin – The percentage added to the full cost price to cover profit, risk, supervision and administrative overheads.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.4 Monthly Finance Report - June 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 202686

Cr Karen Foster moved, Cr Myra Murrihy seconded that Council receives and notes the Interim Financial Report as at 30 June 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

2.5 Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Advisory Committee

Overview: The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the Chief Executive Officer Employment & Remuneration Committee's (the Committee) recommendation regarding the full year two annual CEO performance and remuneration review, as resolved at the Committee meeting held on 4 August 2026.

Mr Eversteyn left the meeting at 2.33pm

Resolution ID: OCM 202687

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

- 1. Receives the minutes of the CEO Employment & Remuneration Committee meeting held on 4 August 2026.**
- 2. Adopts the Committee's recommendation to approve a 3.5% remuneration increase for the CEO, effective from 15 July 2026.**
- 3. Adopts the Committee's recommendation that the CEO has satisfactorily completed the annual 12-month review process.**

For Cr Jordan Lockett Cr Karen Foster Cr Lisa Ryan Cr Lloyd Ross Cr Myra Murrihy Cr Susan Taylor	Against Cr Jim Doukas
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CARRIED 6 / 1

Mr Eversteyn returned to the meeting at 2.38pm

3 Councillors' Items

3.1 Mayor and Councillor Activities

Council noted the report item Mayor and Councillor Activities from 21 July 2026 and 20 August 2026.

3.3 General Matters

Overview: General Matters gives Councillors the opportunity to report on positive and good news items from around the Shire.

Cr Karen Foster

Cr Ryan and I attended the Australian Local Government Women's Association National Conference last week, which was attended by approximately 150 women councillors from across Australia. There were some really top notch presenters and we came away with

screeds of notes which will be shared with fellow Councillors so you will be able to have a read and take away some of the wisdom that we heard over the weekend, it's great.

Cr Jim Doukas

Raised an email received from Rachel McGrath regarding the DAMA program, noting its relevance to the region. Cr Doukas sought clarification on whether Council would undertake any advocacy action in response.

The CEO noted that our farming community and the tourism industry particularly over the summer peak season, are heavily reliant on overseas workers to help meet workforce demands. Unemployment in Moyne is currently less than one and a half per cent, which is one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country. So, our reliance is quite high.

The CEO further advised that a number of different bodies and community members had reached out to Council in recent days and as stated, the matter would be discussed further the following day.

Cr Doukas requested that copies of the correspondence be provided to Councillors. The Mayor agreed that copies would be made available.

Cr Myra Murrihy

I want to acknowledge Wear It Purple Day last week, which started back in 2010, and its role in promoting awareness, support and inclusive environments for LGBTQIA+ in young people particularly, in response to bullying, harassment and mental health challenges. I'm very supportive and an advocate for this initiative.

Cr Jim Doukas

A shout out to the Nirranda Football Netball Club on beating Allansford over the weekend who were favourites to win the Grand Final. Go Nirranda!

Cr Jordan Lockett

Wishing all the Moyne sporting teams good luck for the finals.

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 July and 20 August 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.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

6.1 MS1024 Supply and Delivery of Bituminous Products

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 Killarney Landfill Rehabilitation- Civil Works Contract MS1018

Reason for confidentiality - Local Government Act 2020, Section 3 - Private commercial information - Information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that relates to trade secrets or that would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage if released

6.3 MS1019 Cleaning of Council Buildings

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

6.4 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 Myra Murrihy seconded that Standing Orders be resumed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

7 Close Meeting

The Ordinary Council Meeting – 31 August 2026 was declared closed at 3:33 pm.