



**MORNINGTON  
PENINSULA**  
*Shire*

**MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 26 JULY 2022**

**5.30PM**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICES  
BESGROVE STREET, ROSEBUD**

## MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE COUNCIL

### WARDS AND COUNCILLORS

<b>Briars</b>	<b>Cr Steve Holland Cr Anthony Marsh Cr Despi O'Connor</b>
<b>Cerberus</b>	<b>Cr Lisa Dixon</b>
<b>Nepean</b>	<b>Cr Susan Bissinger Cr Sarah Race</b>
<b>Red Hill</b>	<b>Cr David Gill</b>
<b>Seawinds</b>	<b>Cr Antonella Celi Cr Kerri McCafferty Cr Debra Mar</b>
<b>Watson</b>	<b>Cr Paul Mercurio</b>

### SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

<b>Mr John Baker Ms Pauline Gordon Mr Nathan Kearsley Mr Mike McIntosh</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer Director – Community Strengthening Acting Director – Corporate Strategy and Business Improvement Director – Planning and Infrastructure</b>
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### RECORDING

Please note that this Council Meeting was livestreamed to the Mornington Peninsula Shire's YouTube channel and a recording of the meeting is available on the Shire's website.

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# 1 OPENING AND WELCOME

Meeting opened at 5.30pm

Appointed Chairperson – Mayor, Cr Anthony Marsh

## 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

(Read by Cr Celi)

*Mornington Peninsula Shire acknowledges and pays respect to the elders, families and ancestors of the Bunurong/BoonWurrung people, who have been the custodians of this land for many thousands of years. We acknowledge that the land on which we meet is the place of age-old ceremonies, celebrations, initiation and renewal; and that the Bunurong/BoonWurrung peoples' living culture continues to have a unique role in the life of this region.*

## 2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### Present

Mayor, Cr Anthony Marsh (Chairperson)  
Cr Susan Bissinger  
Cr Antonella Celi  
Deputy Mayor, Cr Lisa Dixon  
Cr David Gill  
Cr Steve Holland  
Cr Debra Mar  
Cr Kerri McCafferty  
Cr Despi O'Connor  
Cr Sarah Race

Mr Mike McIntosh, Acting Chief Executive Officer

### 2.1 Apologies

Cr Paul Mercurio (Leave of Absence)

### 2.2 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest Pursuant to Sections 126 – 131 of the *Local Government Act 2020*

Nil.

### 2.3 Confirmation of Minutes

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of previous Council Meeting held on 12 July 2022, be confirmed.

#### COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Holland

That the recommendation be adopted.

**Carried**

**2.4 Council Decision Register**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the Decision Register Summaries for 2019-2022 (Attachments 1-4) as at 19 July 2022.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved: Cr Celi**  
**Seconded: Cr Holland**

**That the recommendation be adopted.**

**Carried**

**2.5 Public Question Time**

Nil.

### 3 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

#### OFFICE OF THE CEO

##### 3.1 Public Transparency Policy Review

###### COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Gill  
Seconded: Cr Celi

1. That Council adopts the updated Public Transparency Policy (Attachment 2).
2. That the Public Transparency Policy be adopted for 12 months and be referred to the Citizens Panel for discussion and report back to Council before the policy is reviewed in 2023.

Carried Unanimously

##### 3.2 Instruments of Appointment and Authorisation

###### RECOMMENDATION

1. In the exercise of the powers conferred by section 224 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and the other legislation referred to in the attached Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation, Council resolves that:
  - A. The member of Council staff referred to in Attachment 1 be appointed and authorised under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
  - B. The Instrument come into force upon the resolution of Council.

###### COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Dixon  
Seconded: Cr Mar

That the recommendation be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

## 4 COUNCILLORS AND DELEGATES REPORTS

### Health and Wellbeing Committee (Cr Celi)

On 13 July a successful hybrid meeting was held by the Mornington Peninsula Shire's Health and Wellbeing Committee with a strong turnout of stakeholder members from the public health service sector including a representative from the Department of Health.

In line with the Council and Wellbeing Plan eight Health Priorities the Committee received updates on climate change and impacts on health and in depth reports provided to the Committee on:

- the Climate Change and Health Equity in the Mornington Peninsula
- the Climate Change Health and Wellbeing Profile 2021 Indicator Summary
- the Climate Change Impacts on Health and Wellbeing in the Mornington Peninsula Shire
- Key Findings and Recommendations for Climate Change and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Planning in the Mornington Peninsula.

Great to see so much research and work being undertaken in the area of climate change and impact on human health in our municipality.

There was also an update on the Shire's Smoke Free Environments Policy which is currently being implemented with the Smoke Free Areas Trial delivered in 2021/2022 across eight areas as well as summer parklet businesses. A big thank you to the beach patrol groups and in particular the Safety Beach Patrol Group who were extremely supportive in regularly completing an online litter count form.

The butt litter count found that butts were consistently higher in the butt bins provided which demonstrated a need for more butt bins; the count also showed a high sources of butt litter was from storm water and vehicles. Business and community have shown good support for the continuation of this project. So it is good that in the Budget 2022/2023 there is \$531,000 funding for the full implementation of the policy.

The Shire's Gender Equality Strategy continues to successfully roll out with updates on the status on the Healthier Masculinities project, the inclusion of the Gender Impact Assessments on relevant Shire policies, programs and plans as well as the delivery of internal bystander training and placing a gendered lens over the Shire's emergency relief planning processes.

In closing, it was a pleasure to also welcome to the meeting guest speaker – Cathy Halmarick who is a Nurse Practitioner Sexual Health and Reproductive Health from Peninsula Health who spoke about the sexual and reproductive health clinic services that are available in Hastings (Clinic 185), Rosebud and Frankston for women and girls.

Currently funded by the State Government women and girls have access to these local services that help with sexual health screening, contraception advice and information for pregnancy options and pathways and referrals to GPs.

**4.1 (Cont.)**

With an increase in local demand Peninsula Health continues to advocate to the State Government for additional funding to bring on board more nurses and doctors to work from these local clinics, the Health and Wellbeing Committee supports the advocacy for funding to continue to provide these vital services to our community.

I extend a thank you to our Health Communities Officers for arranging the meeting and thank all public health and officer members for attending and sharing their information and updates.

**Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation – Council Liaison Group (Cr McCafferty)**

I will talk about the Blue Carbon project with Western Port Biosphere. Currently the Biosphere is partnered with Deakin University's Blue Carbon Lab. We have been conducting a mapping project of Western Port Bay. Once the mapping project is complete, we will have the information that we require in order to start applying for grants. An application to the Commonwealth was made and there was an amount in millions promised but unfortunately five programs were selected none of which were in Victoria. The mapping project continues in any case and we are hoping for advocacy to State Governments in the lead up to the election for some progress there.

On another note the Biosphere is currently undergoing a ten year periodic review for its United Nations Educational Scientific Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) classification status. It is 90 per cent complete and it has been the most enormous undertaking of work. There has been some incredible collaboration done there and the result of which is that the core of the Biosphere has been revised as well as the buffer zones. It is going to allow us to do more work within the core areas.

## 5 NOTICES OF MOTION

### 5.1 Notice of Motion 352 (Cr Gill)

#### COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Gill  
Seconded: Cr O'Connor

1. That Council writes to ParksVic, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, local MPs and relevant State Government Ministers to inquire when the tourist attraction of Coolart Homestead will re-open to the public and local use after being closed for three years.
2. That the State Government be made aware that full time Rangers are no longer available and that the visitors centre and observatory are mostly closed to the public and the homestead is at risk of deteriorating, often the only 'staff' on the property are the Friends of Coolart volunteers who operate the Friends Shop most days between 12.00 and 3.00pm to give out information to visitors.
3. That Council expresses concern that under the control of ParksVic this wonderful regional attraction may be in the process of being lost to the people of Victoria and seeks to understand the future use and development of the site.

Carried Unanimously

### 5.2 Notice of Motion 354 (Cr Mar)

*Addendum – Additional Report  
Circulated Friday 22 July 2022*

#### COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Mar  
Seconded: Cr Holland

1. That Council amends the controls under the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* for dogs on McCrae Beach outside daylight savings hours to allow dogs to be permitted off-leash at all times in the 300-metre section to bring about uniformity currently in place on the abutting beach and per the previous recommendation after extensive community consultation.
2. That Council gives notice of the change in the Victoria Government Gazette and local newspapers.

**Vote by Division** (Requested by Cr Bissinger)

For: Cr Gill, Cr Holland, Cr O'Connor, Cr Dixon, Cr Bissinger, Cr Race, Cr Mar, Cr McCafferty and Cr Marsh

Against: Cr Celi

Carried

## 6 URGENT BUSINESS

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Cr Dixon  
Seconded: Cr Race

That below item be heard as Urgent Business.

Carried Unanimously

### 6.1 Social Housing and Crisis Accommodation

#### COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Dixon  
Seconded: Cr O'Connor

1. That the Mayor writes to any relevant Minister and local Members of Parliament to express Council's deep concern regarding the provision of social housing and crisis accommodation on the Mornington Peninsula. Additionally, the letter is to request suburb specific statistics, including recent property sales of social housing and the resulting shift in funding of this essential service and its impact to the Mornington Peninsula.
2. To support our rough sleepers in the Rosebud area by activating the Rosebud Memorial Hall or any other council owned land or facility in the vicinity, as soon as practicable to pilot temporary overnight accommodation during the winter period and seek support from the State Government in undertaking this pilot.

#### AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Celi  
Seconded: Cr Mar

3. That the Mayor writes to the Minister about the Stable One Project and requests that the Victorian Building Authority issue a practice note for building surveyors so that relevant permits can be issued for community buildings and church buildings so they can be utilised for temporary overnight shelter for the homeless.

Carried

The Amendment became part of the Substantive Motion which was Put and Carried Unanimously

## **7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

### **7.1 Affordable Housing Project**

**This report was withdrawn prior to the meeting.**

## **8 MEETING CLOSE**

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 6.49pm.

**Confirmed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022**

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**Deputy Mayor, Cr Lisa Dixon, Chairperson - Council**