



**MORNINGTON  
PENINSULA**  
*Shire*

**MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2025**

**6:30PM**

**BLAIRGOWRIE COMMUNITY HALL,  
12 WILLIAM ROAD, BLAIRGOWRIE**

## MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE COUNCIL

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<b>Brokil</b>	<b>Cr Patrick Binyon</b>
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<b>Kackeraboite</b>	<b>Cr Stephen Batty</b>
<b>Moorooduc</b>	<b>Cr Bruce Ranken</b>
<b>Nepean</b>	<b>Cr Andrea Allen</b>
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<b>Tootgarook</b>	<b>Cr Cam Williams</b>
<b>Warringine</b>	<b>Cr Michael Stephens</b>

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# 1 OPENING AND WELCOME

Meeting opened at 6.30pm

Appointed Chairperson – Deputy Mayor, Cr Paul Pingiaro

## 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

(Read by Cr Roper)

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

## 2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### Present

Cr Andrea Allen  
Cr Stephen Batty  
Cr Patrick Binyon  
Cr David Gill  
Cr Paul Pingiaro (Chairperson)  
Cr Max Patton  
Cr Bruce Ranken  
Cr Kate Roper  
Cr Michael Stephens  
Cr Cam Williams

Mr Mark Stoermer, Chief Executive Officer

### 2.1 Apologies

Mayor, Cr Anthony Marsh

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

Cr Patton, declared a General, Conflict of Interest in regard to item 4.1, Planning Permit Application PA2403185 submitted to the Minister for Planning for the expansion of the existing Arthurs Seat Eagle facility at 795 & 1085 Arthurs Seat Road, Arthurs Seat, as there could be a perceived conflict due to Cr Patton's engagement with one of the owners of the Arthurs Seat Eagle as part of the McCrae landslide response.

Cr Stephens, declared a General, Conflict of Interest in regard to item 4.1, Planning Permit Application PA2403185 submitted to the Minister for Planning for the expansion of the existing Arthurs Seat Eagle facility at 795 & 1085 Arthurs Seat Road, Arthurs Seat, as Cr Stephens made a donation of used materials (signs) to the Save Our Seat community group.

**2.3 Confirmation of Minutes**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the previous unscheduled Council Meeting held on 17 November 2025, and the Annual Council Meeting held on 18 November 2025 be confirmed.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved: Cr Batty**

**Seconded: Cr Williams**

**That the recommendation be adopted.**

**For:** Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingjaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

**Against:** Nil

**Carried Unanimously**

## 2.4 Councillor Briefing Sessions

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the record of Councillor Briefing Sessions for 11 November 2025.

### COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved:** Cr Batty  
**Seconded:** Cr Ranken

**That the recommendation be adopted.**

**For:** Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty,  
Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

**Against:** Nil

**Carried Unanimously**

## 2.5 Petitions and Joint Letters

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council received and notes:

1. The Petition requesting the dust suppression treatment be extended from Barker Street to the end of Barker Street, Flinders.
2. The Petition requesting the provision of a dedicated angled car parking area at the Waterfall Gully Shops, Rosebud.

### COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved:** Cr Patton  
**Seconded:** Cr Roper

**That the recommendation be adopted.**

**For:** Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty,  
Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

**Against:** Nil

**Carried Unanimously**

## 2.6 Public Question Time

### QUESTION WITH NOTICE

#### Youth Services

Stephen Tweedly, a resident of Rosebud asked the following question:

*With national scandals in outsourced aged care and childcare, and the Shire's own chaotic aged-care withdrawal, what steps will Council take to ensure youth-services cuts don't repeat that damaging pattern? How will Council guarantee vulnerable young people aren't abandoned by another rushed, harmful outsourcing process?*

Council advised that the Shire's new Youth and Family Services partnership model will commence from April 2026. Under the new model, the Shire will engage a panel of organisations and commission services to enable inclusive and targeted opportunities with and for young people. This approach aims to strengthen existing partnerships and attract new providers to the Mornington Peninsula, ensuring a diverse and dynamic service offering.

The new model will place a stronger focus on Council leadership and advocacy on youth-related issues; amplify the voices of young people; foster effective partnerships with stakeholders; and deliver inclusive, accessible programs at times and places that align with young people's lives.

Our Youth Hubs in Hastings, Mornington, and Rosebud will remain operational and we will continue to strengthen our commitment to empowering young people, enhancing their wellbeing, and responding to their changing needs.

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### Council use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Stephen Tweedly, asked another question:

*Given the risks of AI tools like ChatGPT producing misleading information, and the expectation that we elect humans, not robots, what guidelines govern councillors' and officers' use of AI when preparing reports, speeches or public statements, and what safeguards ensure accuracy and accountability?*

Council operates under a strict 'Responsible Use of Generative AI' governance framework, which was updated in December 2024. These guidelines apply to all staff, councillors, and contractors, and are aligned with Australia's AI Ethics Principles and the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Regarding safeguards for accuracy, we acknowledge that AI can produce convincing but incorrect information. To address this, we have established a 'human-in-the-loop' requirement. This means Shire officers are prohibited from using AI for autonomous decision-making or service delivery. Technology serves only as an assistive resource—for example, to summarise feedback or draft initial correspondence.

Critically, no AI output can be accepted at face value. All content must be verified against authoritative sources by a human staff member before it appears in any Council material.

Regarding transparency and accountability, our guidelines deem disclosure as best practice. Where AI meaningfully contributes to the formulation of ideas or strategies in Council reports, this must be declared.

Ultimately, the final responsibility for all Council reports, decisions, and public communications rests with elected councillors and employed Shire officers. We are committed to using technology to enhance—not replace—the human judgment and democratic accountability that underpins local government.

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## Procurement Policy

Dale Stohr, a resident of Crib Point asked the following question:

*Regarding Council's procurement policy and environmentally sustainable goods and services, does Council give priority to suppliers and service providers who use renewable energy, reduce water usage, reduce carbon emissions and set net zero targets in their operations and could Council provide examples of these responsible suppliers and service providers?*

Council is committed to achieving Value for Money through a procurement approach that balances economic, environmental, social and ethical considerations. Our Procurement Policy adopts a Quadruple Bottom Line framework, which includes strong emphasis on investment in the circular economy and minimising environmental impact by selecting goods and services that reduce waste, greenhouse gas emissions and resource use, as well as prioritising recycled, energy-efficient, or sustainably made products that supports climate resilience through environmentally responsible purchasing.

Yes, Council gives priority to suppliers and service providers who demonstrate these commitments, including renewable energy use, water conservation and carbon emission reduction.

Examples of Council's commitment include:

### Our Community Asset Maintenance Services (CAMS) Contracts

Our contractors must develop and update an annual Sustainability Plan to reduce emissions, waste, and environmental impacts, purchase 100% renewable energy, provide emissions and waste data, deliver innovation initiatives for new technology, along with complying with contract-specific circular economy and biodiversity clauses.

### Our Kerbside Waste Collection Contracts

Our Contractor provides an annual sustainability Plan capturing certified carbon neutrality targets, must introduce one electric vehicle within the first five years of the contract commencement and all bins supplied must include recycled plastic components.

### Our Transfer Station and Landfill Contract

Our contract includes diversion-from-landfill targets to reduce waste.

### Our Recreation and Aquatic Centre Management & Operation Contract

Our contractor must develop an annual Environmental Management Plan, which includes a pathway to carbon neutrality, Initiatives to reduce energy and water usage, waste reduction strategies and prioritising use of products made from 100% recycled materials.

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### Vegetation Clearing

David Smith, a resident of Mount Martha asked the following question:

*Please advise what action Council is taking regarding the extensive vegetation clearing at Hearn Road, Mount Martha. The works appear to have occurred without permits or approvals. Will Council confirm whether breaches have occurred and if so, outline what enforcement or restoration actions will follow?*

Council's Authorised officers have investigated the allegations of illegal vegetation clearance in Hearn Road, Mount Martha. It has been confirmed that the works that have occurred on the land are consistent with the exemptions for fire break clearance in the Mornington Peninsula Planning (Planning Scheme) and with the advice given by Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Statutory Planners. As these works have been completed in accordance with the relevant exemptions in the Scheme, they do not require any planning permission.

The investigating Shire officers observed that the works had been done to a high professional standard with the use of precise survey markers to ensure the fire breaks were a maximum of six metres in width. The contractors had also made sure to take care and retain as much high-quality remnant vegetation as possible without unnecessary clearing.

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### Vegetation Clearing

Tanya Burdett, a resident of Mount Martha asked a similar question as follows:

*Officers advised me that land clearing on this property was exempt under clause 42-02-3 for fire break, fire access track. However, how does this apply per S218 Fire Protection of DELWP 2017 Guidance on Exemptions where no life or property is to be protected.*

Council advised that in assessing the vegetation removal at the property on Hearn Road, Council applied the relevant provisions of the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme, (the Scheme) including Clauses 42.02-3 and 52.17-7, which provide specific exemptions for vegetation removal undertaken for the purpose of establishing fire breaks and access tracks. These exemptions operate independently of the DELWP 2017 Fire Protection Guidance, which is not a legislative control but an advisory document. In this case, the exemptions in the Planning Scheme were satisfied, and the works were determined to be compliant on that basis.

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### Briars Wildlife Sanctuary

Craig Thompson, a resident of Rye asked the following question:

*Does council have an update on the wallabies at the Briars wildlife sanctuary?*

Council advised since the Council decision on 16 September supplementary feeding has been undertaken twice weekly where necessary.

The team has engaged a working group made up of experts from University of Melbourne, macropod specialist veterinarians and trapping and tranquiliser specialists to progress the Macropod Management Plan. Ongoing meetings of the group have delivered an operational plan and scheduling of field work for Phase 1 which is estimated to finish by the end of December.

Minor works were undertaken in the area to house the relocated wallabies to ensure the area is secure.

External stakeholders have been engaged including Bunurong Land Council and Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action. Ongoing conversations are happening with stakeholders to ensure involvement in the activities where necessary.

Phase 1 delivery has begun, and the number of wallabies caught has been lower than expected. The approach to trapping and relocating the wallabies has adjusted based on regular assessments and will continue until all healthy wallabies are in the holding area. Officers will be receiving a progress report in early December.

Phase 2 of the plan will be delivered in the new year which includes fertility controls and assessing viability for rehoming. Our licence guides how we are allowed to rehome animals housed in the sanctuary. Several relevant licensed organisations have shown interest in rehoming wallabies if and when the time is right.

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### **Hastings Customer Service**

Fred Crump, a resident of Hastings asked the following question:

*Three years ago, the Hastings Council Customer Service was reduced to part time hours and the elderly and disabled especially were very angry. What's wrong with putting the hours back to normal?*

Council understands that accessing services at convenient times can be important. As part of an ongoing service review, we are considering a range of factors that influence how services are delivered across our main customer service centres. This includes a review of current operating hours, along with broader considerations relating to service accessibility, resource allocation, and overall customer experience.

While no decisions have been made at this stage, the review is intended to support longer-term planning and to ensure that services continue to be delivered in a way that reflects broader community needs, resource availability, and operational sustainability. The review also considers factors such as community demand, staffing, service efficiency, and accessibility across the network of locations.

If you need to make an EFT payment before 1:00 pm, please also note that our Sommerville Library is available Monday to Friday, and our team will be happy to assist you.

### Christmas Decorations in Hastings

Fred Crump asked another question:

*The former Shire of Hastings used to decorate the main High Street, Hastings with trimming, tinsel and large tree opposite Kmart walkway. The last few years, only a few pendants hung from lamp posts, will the Shire up its game so that High Street, Hastings can look more attractive?*

Council advised that the Western Port Chamber of Commerce is funded through a Special Charge Scheme which is administered by Council. This scheme was voted in by commercial property owners in the Hastings activity centre in 2019 and needed to reach a minimum 75% support to be implemented.

The Chamber delivers a range of activities throughout the year to support businesses in Hastings including the Christmas decorations that have recently been installed. This year Council has provided an additional financial contribution to the Chamber's Christmas activities so that they can deliver more this year. Not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply through Council's Community Investment Fund to deliver Christmas activities. While there were no funded projects in Hastings in 2025, organisations are eligible to apply for funding through the different programs which will open again in 2026.

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### Acknowledgement of Country

Karli Smith, a resident of Dromana, asked the following question:

*The Acknowledgement of Country is only read by Councillors Roper, Binyon, Gill, Patton and Stephens. Why don't Councillors Marsh, Pingiaro, Batty, Allen, Williams and Ranken ever deliver the acknowledgement to open Council meetings? It should be delivered on a rotating basis by all Councillors. Why is this not the case?*

Council advised that all Councillors are provided the opportunity to read the Acknowledgement of Country at the start of each Council meeting. There is no restriction or limitation, and all Councillors can elect to participate at any time. Council remains committed to recognising the Traditional Owners, and the Acknowledgement is delivered respectfully at every meeting.

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## Conflicts of Interest

Anja Ottensmeyer, a resident of Mount Martha, asked the following question:

*Can the Council clarify how it manages potential Conflicts of Interest for Councillors who are also members of advocacy organisations like the Committee for Frankston & Mornington Peninsula, particularly when making decision on projects such as the Arthurs Seat Eagle development and the proposed Port of Hastings Renewable Energy Terminal, to ensure full disclosure, impartiality and proper weighting of environmental and community concerns alongside economic advocacy?*

Council advised that under the *Local Government Act 2020*, a conflict of interest arises when a Councillor, or someone close to them could personally benefit, or be perceived to benefit from a decision made in their official role. Councillors are personally responsible for identifying and declaring any conflicts of interests. Where a conflict exists, the Councillor must formally declare it and remove themselves from the discussion and decision-making on the matter. Council has a robust framework in place including the Councillor Conflict of Interest Policy, Councillor Gift Policy, the Model Councillor Code of Conduct as well as guidance and support provided by officers and a wealth of information available through integrity agencies including the Local Government Inspectorate.

Council is committed to open and transparent governance. Any declared conflicts and the steps taken to manage them are recorded in the public Minutes, ensuring that the community can be confident that decisions are made in the public interest and in accordance with statutory obligations.

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## Mayday Cruise

Anja also asked the following question:

*The recent Mayday Cruise fundraising event has raised over \$61,000 for local causes. Can you please specify the total cost of the event and how much of it was covered by the sponsors, ticket sales and ratepayer?*

Council advised that further to the initial response to your question provided at the Council Meeting on 5 November 2025, Council can confirm the following figures now that the event has concluded:

Total Incoming \$61,405.80 which is made up of:

- \$10,000.00 Sponsorship
- \$10,518.61 Auction
- \$550.00 Donations
- \$40,337.19 Ticket sales

In addition to the above, there were a number of donated goods and services that were donated including the chartering of the vessel and the alcohol.

Total expenses of \$23,821.48 as follows:

- \$1,352.59 Oyster Soiree
- \$718.18 Photo Booth

- \$6,027.27 Band
- \$15,433.27 Venue – this was for catering and associated costs.
- \$109.09 Flowers
- \$181.08 Other costs - yet to be processed and confirmed

The budget for the Mayoral Charity Event is \$20K. The remaining costs of \$3694.48 were covered from the Events Budget that was in surplus.

\$61,278.80 has been paid to the local charities as donations, as outlined in the answer provided at the 5 November Council Meeting.

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### **New bus route on Prince Street, Mornington**

Council has received several public questions regarding the proposed bus stops on Prince Street in Mornington from the following Mornington residents:

- *Peter Pavey*
- *Bianca La Ferlita*
- *Robert Jenkins*
- *Kerrie Jacobs*
- *Debra Jenkins*
- *Alan Charles Remeeus*
- *Jo Creed*

Council advised that the proposed bus stops form part of the Department of Transport and Planning's (DTP) broader plan to improve transport connections between Hastings and Mornington. Given the nature of the questions relate to the same topic, we have put together a consolidated response.

This proposal involves adjustments to existing bus routes and is being managed and implemented by the State Government through DTP. While the changes being proposed are within the Shire, the Council is not the decision-making authority for this initiative.

The Council is however, actively advocating on behalf of the community. Mayor Anthony Marsh has recently written to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Public & Active Transport, Gabrielle Williams expressing support the efforts to enhance public transport while also raising concerns about several of the proposed bus stop locations. These concerns include bus stops positioned near intersections, locations that may impact road or pedestrian safety, and areas lacking supporting infrastructure such as footpaths. The advocacy has also highlighted the community's request for more localised consultation by DTP with those directly affected by the proposal.

### 3 COUNCILLORS AND DELEGATES REPORTS

#### **Australian Local Government Association Roads Congress** (Cr Roper)

I recently spent 2 days at the above conference which covers local roads, transport and infrastructure. As we have \$3.3 billion dollars in assets, much of which is roads I thought it would be useful to attend. Roads are our most often mentioned item when community consultation for budgeting is requested.

The Congress covered many topics, with speakers discussing such topics as:

- Managing infrastructure and coastal erosion
- Road funding, maintenance and productivity
- Road safety leadership, charting a path to vision zero
- Managing local government assets
- Circular Economy and Resilience in Road Construction.

These and other discussions were very relevant to Mornington Peninsula, and I gathered lots of information that applies here, which I have passed on to management for consideration.

We had an address from the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Catherine King MP. She also encouraged councils to apply for grants as some are currently undersubscribed.

There were many sponsors who exhibited their products during breaks, and it was a learning experience to discuss shared problems with representatives from other councils, and possible solutions. There was much discussion about State government cost shifting which seems to be an Australia wide problem.

I will continue to have discussions with executive officers and managers about learnings and how we can improve the Mornington Peninsula.

#### **Mornington Peninsula Bird Festival** (Cr Roper)

The inaugural Mornington Peninsula Bird Festival was held over 2 days and based at the beautiful Coolart Homestead, where displays, lectures and activities for all ages took place. There were boat trips around Western Port looking at the birds in our Ramsar area and other trips to several popular bird watching sites around the Peninsula. Participants came from all over including many interstate visitors and an international guest speaker.

The dinner at a local Hastings venue had speakers on projects of re-establishing breeding grounds and citizen science information. We learnt about several sites where bird sightings can be recorded to gather information about the health of our bird populations. It was well attended and an enjoyable and educational night sharing information with amazing people working to help our feathered friends.

I must praise Penny Gillespie for being the driving force behind this important event and the huge amount of work it took, with the assistance of several volunteers, to bring this event together.

Looking forward to the next one being bigger and better.

**Australian Coastal Council Association** (Cr Patton)

I attended the Australian Coastal Councils Association (the Association) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 17 November. The AGM brought together coastal councils from across Australia to discuss the major issues affecting our coastlines, and there was a strong focus on climate impacts and coastal hazards.

The Chair reported that over the past year the Association has continued significant advocacy to the Federal and State Governments. This included pushing for stronger national responses to climate risk. Pleasingly, that work has helped influence programs like the Disaster Ready Fund, which is now allocating two hundred million dollars a year to mitigation projects such as sea walls, flood levees and other resilience infrastructure. These are projects that matter directly to coastal communities like ours.

The Association is also working with the University of Sydney on updated research into short term holiday rentals. The findings show that coastal areas continue to have the highest concentration of listings nationwide. Councils across the country are calling for platforms to provide better data to support compliance and to understand the housing impacts more clearly. That research is ongoing and will be relevant to the Peninsula as we continue to deal with visitor pressure and housing availability challenges.

During the year, the Association was also invited to participate in the development of the National Climate Risk Assessment, the National Adaptation Plan and Australia's Sustainable Ocean Plan. These are long term national frameworks that will shape funding and policy decisions for decades, so it is positive to see coastal councils, including us, represented in those discussions.

Financially, the organisation remains stable, with a small surplus reported and membership holding steady at thirty-six councils.

Elections were held for state representatives to the Committee of Management. Victoria will continue to be represented by Councillor Tom Crook from East Gippsland and Mayor Karen Foster from Moyne Shire.

Overall, the AGM reinforced that the challenges we face on the Mornington Peninsula such as coastal hazards, climate risk and visitor pressures are shared across the country. Working collectively through ACCA remains important.

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

I attended the Western Port Biosphere Council Liaison Committee meeting on 13 November.

The meeting focused on strengthening collaboration across the five biosphere councils and progressing several key environmental programs. Firstly, the Foundation confirmed that all councils have now signed the new Memorandum of Understanding and paid their first-year membership fees. Advocacy remains a major part of their work, particularly around the renewable energy terminal proposed for Hastings, marine spatial planning, and preparing for emerging issues such as algal blooms and avian influenza.

A significant portion of the meeting centred on biolinks, with councils discussing the need for consistent vegetation and connectivity metrics across the region. Many councils are using the same consultants to align their mapping and methodologies, particularly around urban canopy, native vegetation loss, and pest animal management. Collaborative funding and advocacy will be important to make real progress in this space.

We also heard an update on blue carbon projects funded by the Ian Potter Foundation. This includes restoration, monitoring, and community engagement, with metrics being aligned to existing reporting frameworks. Teal carbon, meaning freshwater carbon sinks, was also identified as a future opportunity pending funding.

On community engagement, the group noted very low public awareness of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) biosphere designation. A new network of council communications officers will be formed to share messaging, promote success stories, and explore signage opportunities across the region.

Since that meeting, I attend the Biosphere's Annual General Meeting on 27 November at Somers Yacht Club. The AGM adopted the 2024 to 2025 financial statements, which reported a small surplus of \$5,657 and almost \$1 million in total income, largely driven by grant-funded project work. The statements also showed that 72 per cent of expenditure was directed to project delivery, demonstrating strong leverage of external funding. The Board confirmed its officer roles, with Geoff Brooks as Chair, Karen Hook as Deputy Chair, Paul Whitelaw as Treasurer and Isabelle Higgins as Secretary. The Chief Executive Officer also provided an update on project highlights, including education, koala corridor restoration and Ramsar wetland advocacy. There was a great presentation from Dr. Angie Bone from Doctors for Environment who gave great insight into the links between a healthy environment and healthy population.

Finally, the committee will meet again in February or March, with a focus on biolinks progress, communications collaboration, and setting shared priorities for 2026.

#### **Audit and Risk Committee** (Cr Ranken)

#### **Health and Wellbeing Committee** (Cr Williams)

I would like to speak to my delegates report as Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee and highlight the Shire's long-standing commitment to continually raise awareness and drive meaningful actions and outcomes in the prevention of gendered violence against women and their children.

Violence against women and children is a problem of epidemic proportions in Australia. On average, one woman is killed every nine days by a current or former partner in Australia. 1 in 3 Australian women have experienced physical violence by the age of 15. On the Mornington Peninsula between 2023 and 2024, the number of family violence incidents reported to Victoria Police was 2,281, compared with 1,950 in the previous year. Of those incidents 74% of victims were women and in 34.3% of incidents children were present according to the Crime Statistics Agency Victoria.

The impact of gendered violence overall is devastating for women, their children, families, friends, colleagues, and the whole community. The Shire is committed to the prevention of violence against women through our evidence-informed Gender Equality Strategy which is aligned to the National Framework - *Change the Story*.

The framework identifies the key drivers of violence against women and children and highlights the imperative to work in partnership to address the gendered drivers of violence by actions that:

- Challenging attitudes that support violence against women
- Promote women's independence and decision-making
- Challenging rigid gender stereotypes and roles

- Support men and boys in developing healthy and respectful male peer relationships.

Here are a few of the key achievements from the Gender Equality Strategy annual action plan for Year 5 (2024 to 2025):

- Ongoing delivery of the Frankston & Mornington Peninsula Family Violence Primary Prevention Collaborative in partnership with Frankston City Council.
- Development of a four-year Fair Access Action Plan to ensure our sports infrastructure, programs and initiatives are welcoming, safe and inclusive for everyone.
- Delivery of HERstory: Women of the Mornington Peninsula public art initiative and podcast series created to honour and celebrate the contributions of women in shaping the cultural, social and historical identity of the Mornington Peninsula.
- Our Libraries delivered 38 STEM programs (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to 318 children to encourage participation of girls in non-traditional fields.
- Convened the Men's Wellbeing Network, made up of men's community support groups. The Network runs events in Men's Health Week covering topics such as mental health, suicide prevention and healthy, respectful relationships.
- Meeting our *Gender Equality Act* legislative obligations as a workplace by implementing our Workplace Gender Equality Action Plan (GEAP), undertaking Gender/Equity Impact Assessments on new and revised Shire programs, services, and policies.

Prevention of family violence remains a priority area in the Shire's recently endorsed Council Plan and Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and the Gender Equality Strategy 2020/2030.

We continue to welcome opportunities to work alongside our local community and commit to be part of the solution to end the prevalence of violence against women and their children on the Mornington Peninsula.

**Disability Advisory Committee and Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders**

(Cr Williams)

**South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA)** (Cr Stephens)

**Triple A Housing Committee** (Cr Gill)

## 4 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

### PLANNING & LIVEABILITY

#### 4.1 Planning permit application PA2403185 submitted to the Minister for Planning for the expansion of the existing Arthurs Seat Eagle facility at 795 & 1085 Arthurs Seat Road, Arthurs Seat.

##### Attendance

Having disclosed a conflict of interest Cr Patton, left the meeting at 7.24pm and returned to the meeting at 7.40pm, after the matter had been finalised. Cr Patton took no part in the discussion or voting on this item.

Having disclosed a conflict of interest Cr Stephens, left the meeting at 7.24pm and returned to the meeting at 7.40pm, after the matter had been finalised. Cr Stephens, took no part in the discussion or voting on this item.

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council resolves to lodge an objection to Planning Permit Application PA2403185 for the expansion of the existing Arthurs Seat Eagle facility (Leisure and Recreation Facility) incorporating buildings and works for an extension to the base station, extension to the summit station (including an observation tower and other facilities), construction of a luge track below the chairlift facility and luge platform at summit, associated works and removal of native vegetation at 795 and 1085 Arthurs Seat Road, Arthurs Seat VIC 3936 as per the submission contained within Attachment 31 of this report.
2. That Council's position be submitted to the Minister for Planning no later than 10 December 2025 or other timeframe agreed by the Minister.
3. That Council reserves its right to make further submissions to the proposal before the decision deadlines set by the Minister for Planning.

##### **COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved:** Cr Gill

**Seconded:** Cr Binyon

**That the recommendation be adopted.**

**For:** Cr Gill, Cr Binyon and Cr Roper

**Against:** Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken and Cr Batty

**Lost**

**4.2 Planning Permit Application PA2403198 submitted to the Minister for Planning for Use and Development of Industry (Boat Manufacturing), Signage, Car Parking Reduction and Vegetation Removal at 1A-5 Lumeah Road and 4 Yaringa Road, Somerville**

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council retrospectively adopts the Shire officer Submission to the Minister for Planning for Planning Permit Application PA2403198 for the Use and Development of Industry (Boat Manufacturing), Display of Signage, Reduction in Car Parking and Native Vegetation Removal at 4 Yaringa Road and 1A, 1, 3 and 5 Lumeah Road, Somerville VIC 3912 as per the Submission contained within Attachment 1 of this report.

**UPDATED RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council retrospectively adopts the Shire officer Submission to the Minister for Planning for Planning Permit Application PA2403198 for the Use and Development of Industry (Boat Manufacturing), Display of Signage, Reduction in Car Parking and Native Vegetation Removal at 4 Yaringa Road and 1A, 1, 3 and 5 Lumeah Road, Somerville VIC 3912 as per the Submission contained as updated Attachment 1 with the following condition inserted and all subsequent conditions be renumbered accordingly:**

- 19. Prior to the occupation of any building on 4 Yaringa Road the upgrading of Lumeah Road and Whitneys Road must be completed in accordance with plans approved by the Responsible Authority as required under condition 17 of this permit to the satisfaction of the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.***

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved: Cr Roper  
Seconded: Cr Stephens**

**That the updated recommendation be adopted.**

**For: Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper**

**Against: Nil**

**Carried Unanimously**

**4.3 Framework for the development and implementation of a Mornington Peninsula Climate Resilience Plan – Notice of Motion 497 (Cr Pingiaro)**

**Attendance**

Cr Allen left the meeting at 7.51pm and returned at 7.52pm

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Endorses the Framework for the Climate Resilience Plan (Attachment 1) and the Climate Resilience Plan Resourcing and Development Timeline (Attachment 2).
2. Notes the Audit of Current and Planned Climate Related Projects and Initiatives Funded in the 2025-2026 Budget (Attachment 3) and the Potential Priority Projects for the Next Four Years with Indicative Potential Funding Sources (Attachment 4).

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved:** Cr Ranken

**Seconded:** Cr Roper

**That the recommendation be adopted.**

**For:** Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

**Against:** Cr Gill and Cr Stephens

**Carried**

#### 4.4 Adoption of Community Disaster Resilience Plan and Year 1 Action Plan

##### RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Community Disaster Resilience Plan (Attachment 1) and the Community Disaster Resilience Plan – Year 1 Action Plan (Attachment 2).

##### COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Allen

Seconded: Cr Batty

##### Part A

That Council adopts the Community Disaster Resilience Plan (Attachment 1) and the Community Disaster Resilience Plan – Year 1 Action Plan (Attachment 2).

##### Part B

That Council adopts the Community Disaster Resilience Plan with the following amendments.

1. The objectives of the Plan adjusted to reflect advice from the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience. *'Minimising impacts on community'* to be Objective 1 and *'strengthening community disaster preparedness'* to Objective 3.
2. Amend paragraph two of the Introduction to read, "The Plan aligns with the existing National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework (NDRRF) and the emerging national priorities contained in Australia's National Climate Risk Assessment (NCRA) which recognises that local councils are on the front line of managing community resilience, climate-related risks and community impacts."
3. Amend the objectives and the tables commencing on page 16, to reflect these changes.
4. Amend the Year 1 Action Plan to reflect the changes in the Community Disaster Resilience Plan.

##### Part C

That Shire officers bring a report to Council by July 2026 to update on the progress of establishing emergency relief hubs and/or centres evenly across the Mornington Peninsula, along with a broader review of the plan.

##### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Moved: Cr Gill

Seconded: Cr Patton

That Standing Orders be suspended at 8.20pm.

For: Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingjaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

Against: Nil

**Carried Unanimously**

## 4.4 (Cont.)

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

That the meeting be adjourned at 8.21pm for a short recess.

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Moved: Cr Williams

Seconded: Cr Ranken

That Standing Orders be resumed at 8.28pm.

For: Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty,  
Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

Against: Nil

**Carried Unanimously**

The Substantive Motion was then voted on in parts.

**Part A**

That Council adopts the Community Disaster Resilience Plan (Attachment 1) and the Community Disaster Resilience Plan – Year 1 Action Plan (Attachment 2).

For: Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty,  
Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

Against: Nil

**Carried Unanimously**

**Part B**

That Council adopts the Community Disaster Resilience Plan with the following amendments:

1. The objectives of the Plan adjusted to reflect advice from the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience. *'Minimising impacts on community'* to be Objective 1 and *'strengthening community disaster preparedness'* to be Objective 3.
2. Amend paragraph two of the Introduction to read, "The Plan aligns with the existing National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework (NDRRF) and the emerging national priorities contained in Australia's National Climate Risk Assessment (NCRA) which recognises that local councils are on the front line of managing community resilience, climate-related risks, and community impacts."
3. Amend the objectives and the tables commencing on page 16, to reflect these changes.
4. Amend the Year 1 Action Plan to reflect the changes in the Community Disaster Resilience Plan.

For: Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty and Cr Binyon

Against: Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

**Carried**

**4.4 (Cont.)**

**Part C**

**That Shire officers bring a report to Council by July 2026 to update on the progress of establishing emergency relief hubs and/or centres evenly across the Mornington Peninsula, along with a broader review of the plan.**

**For:** Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty,  
Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

**Against:** Nil

**Carried Unanimously**

## OFFICE OF THE CEO

### 4.5 Quarterly Reports July-September 2025

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Community Report and Quarterly Finance Report for July-September 2025 (Attachments 1 and 2).

#### COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved:** Cr Ranken

**Seconded:** Cr Binyon

**That the recommendation be adopted.**

**For:** Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingjaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty,  
Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

**Against:** Nil

**Carried Unanimously**

#### 4.6 2026 Council Meeting Timetable

##### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the 2026 Meeting Timetable – Option 3 (Attachment 5) with the following options:
  - A. All evening meetings to commence at 6.30pm.
  - B. Four Community Council Meetings scheduled to coincide with the Community Report.
2. Notes the 2026 Council Briefing Schedule with the following options:
  - A. The first Council Briefing in the recurring schedule is to be held online via Microsoft Teams.
  - B. The second Council Briefing is to be allocated to Council Meeting Briefings and Council Workshops and be held in person.
  - C. All Council Briefings are to commence at 5.00pm.

##### COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved:** Cr Batty

**Seconded:** Cr Williams

**That the recommendation be adopted.**

**For:** Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty and Cr Binyon

**Against:** Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

**Carried**

**4.7 Adoption of Procurement Policy 2025-2029**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Adopts the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Procurement Policy 2025-2029 (Attachment 1).
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve administrative changes to the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Procurement Policy 2025-2029.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved: Cr Ranken**  
**Seconded: Cr Williams**

**That the recommendation be adopted.**

**For:** Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

**Against:** Nil

**Carried Unanimously**

#### 4.8 Rating Strategy Review - Community Engagement

##### RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council endorses the Rating Strategy Review - Options Paper (Attachment 1) for community consultation.
2. Community consultation begins from week commencing 8 December 2025 until 1 February 2026.
3. All community submissions be provided to Councillors following the community consultation to inform adoption of the updated Rating and Revenue Plan ahead of the 2026-27 Annual Budget.
4. The submitters are given the opportunity to speak to their submission for up to 3 minutes in the week commencing 9 February 2026 or 16 February 2026.
5. The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to make any administrative changes to the Rating Strategy Review Options paper.

##### UPDATED RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council endorses the Rating Strategy Review - Options Paper (Attachment 1) for community consultation, with the removal of the option 'Farm Land Differential Rate' outlined on page 6 and detailed on pages 22 and 23.
2. Community consultation begins from week commencing 8 December 2025 until 1 February 2026.
3. All community submissions be provided to Councillors following the community consultation to inform adoption of the updated Rating and Revenue Plan ahead of the 2026-27 Annual Budget.
4. The submitters are given the opportunity to speak to their submission for up to 3 minutes in the week commencing 9 February 2026 or 16 February 2026.
5. The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to make any administrative changes to the Rating Strategy Review Options paper.

##### COUNCIL DECISION

**Moved: Cr Gill**  
**Seconded: Cr Stephens**

That:

1. **Council endorses the Rating Strategy Review - Options Paper (Attachment 1) for community consultation, with the removal of the option 'Farm Land Differential Rate' outlined on page 6 and detailed on pages 22 and 23.**
2. **Community consultation begins from week commencing 8 December 2025 until 15 February 2026.**

**4.8 (Cont.)**

- 3. All community submissions be provided to Councillors following the community consultation to inform adoption of the updated Rating and Revenue Plan ahead of the 2026-27 Annual Budget.**
- 4. The submitters are given the opportunity to speak to their submission for up to 4 minutes in the week commencing 16 February 2026 or 24 February 2026.**
- 5. The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to make any administrative changes to the Rating Strategy Review Options paper.**

**For:** Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty,  
Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

**Against:** Nil

**Carried Unanimously**

## 5 NOTICES OF MOTION

### 5.1 Notice of Motion 506 (Cr Gill) - Election Donations

#### Attendance

Cr Roper left the meeting at 9.27pm and returned at 9.29pm.

#### **MOTION**

That Council advocates to the State Government to:

1. Restrict donations for Candidates in Council elections to donors on the electoral roll for each municipality with caps and disclosure thresholds that discourage large donations from companies or bodies where individual donors are unknown to electors.
2. That recipients of candidate donations declare donations in full on the Victorian Electoral Commission website immediately on receipt and no donations be allowed within two weeks of an election.
3. That the State Government be asked to follow up and investigate to ensure that no donations to any of the candidates are received after a Council election as that may circumvent the above advocacy aimed at helping ensure that Council elections are fair and transparent.

#### **COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved:** Cr Gill

**Seconded:** Cr Stephens

**That the motion be adopted.**

**For:** Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

**Against:** Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken and Cr Batty

**Tied**

**Motion Lost on the Casting Vote of the Chair**

**5.2 Notice of Motion 507 (Cr Gill) - Property Strategy Workshop****MOTION**

That Shire officers consider:

1. A Council workshop regarding property strategy be held in December, to help ensure property related decisions are informed by community needs, aspirations and feedback with the ability to carry out decisions in a timely manner, with the right information and to consider the way sales and acquisition of property are managed by the Shire.
2. The property strategy detail targeted sales or purchase actions over this Council term.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved: Cr Gill**  
**Seconded: Cr Patton**

That Shire officers consider:

1. **A Council workshop regarding property strategy be held in early 2026, to help ensure property related decisions are informed by community needs, aspirations and feedback with the ability to carry out decisions in a timely manner, with the right information and to consider the way sales and acquisition of property are managed by the Shire.**
2. **The property strategy detail targeted sales or purchase actions over this Council term.**

**For:** Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

**Against:** Nil

**Carried Unanimously**

**EXTENSION OF MEETING TIME**

**Moved: Cr Ranken**  
**Seconded: Cr Patton**

**That the meeting time be extended to 10.30pm.**

**For:** Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

**Against:** Nil

**Carried Unanimously**

**5.3 Notice of Motion 508 (Cr Gill) - Revocation**

**MOTION**

That Council revoke Agenda Item 4.4 – Planning Matters Policy which was adopted at the Council Meeting on Wednesday, 5 November 2025.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved: Cr Gill**

**Seconded: Cr Stephens**

**That the motion be adopted.**

**For:** Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

**Against:** Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken and Cr Batty

**Tied**

**Motion Lost on the Casting Vote of the Chair**

## **6 URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil.

## 7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### Advice to the Public

All reports, information and recommendations contained in 'Section 7 – Confidential Items' of this Agenda have been designated by the Chief Executive Officer as confidential pursuant to section 66 (2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

### MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

The Council may resolve that the meeting be closed to members of the public in accordance with section 66 (5) (a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* if the meeting is discussing any of the following:

- (a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.
- (b) Security information, being information that if released is likely to endanger the security of Council property or the safety of any person.
- (c) Land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values.
- (d) Law enforcement information, being information which if released would be reasonably likely to prejudice the investigation into an alleged breach of the law or the fair trial or hearing of any person.
- (e) Legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies.
- (f) Personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.
- (g) Private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that:
  - (i) Relates to trade secrets.
  - (ii) If released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.
- (h) Confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66 (2) (a).
- (i) Internal arbitration information, being information specified in section 145.
- (j) Councillor Conduct Panel confidential information, being information specified in section 169.
- (k) Information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition.
- (l) Information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council considers the confidential report listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with section 66 (2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

**7.1 Council Committee Terms of Reference and Community Member Appointments**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3 (1) (f) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as it contains personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

**7.2 Laneway adjoining Glenisla Drive, Normanby Terrace, Kilburn Grove, Elmie Terrace and Dominion Road, Mount Martha**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3 (1) (e) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as it contains legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved:** Cr Batty  
**Seconded:** Cr Williams

**That the recommendation be adopted.**

**For:** Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty,  
Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper

**Against:** Nil

**Carried Unanimously**

## 7.1 Council Committee Terms of Reference and Community Member Appointments

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the Arts and Culture Advisory Panel Terms of Reference (Attachment 2)
2. Appoints the following community Members to the Arts and Culture Advisory Panel:
  - A. Annie Pepper
  - B. Chloe Guymer
  - C. Dave Walker
  - D. Debbie Mackenzie
  - E. Jo Lane
  - F. Jonty Reason
  - G. Kim Worby
  - H. Tracee Hutchinson.
3. Adopts the Disability Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 3)
4. Appoints the following Community Members to the Disability Advisory Committee:
  - A. Karen Ford
  - B. Mechelle Cheers
  - C. Sandra Oluich
  - D. Dee Davey
  - E. Susan Abbey
  - F. Andrea Currie
  - G. Daniel Laing
  - H. Sarah Alcock
  - I. Jim Dagiandis
  - J. Gregg Nicholls (Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders (PACE) delegate).
5. Appoints the following Industry Representatives to the Disability Advisory Committee:
  - A. John Catto-Smith (Industry representative)
  - B. Georgia Lynch (Industry representative).

**7.1 (Cont.)**

6. Adopts the Health and Wellbeing Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 4)
7. Appoints the following Industry Representatives to the Health and Wellbeing Committee:
  - A. Ben Walker, Belgravia Leisure
  - B. David Corduff, Peninsula Voice
  - C. Erin Price, Good Shepherd
  - D. Georgia Hourn, Westernport Community Support Centre
  - E. Jeremy Maxwell, Southern Peninsula Community Support Centre
  - F. Yvonne Frances, Mornington Community Support Centre
  - G. Georgia Lynch, Statewide Autistic Services
  - H. Mich Schepers Statewide Autistic Services
  - I. Jodie Nash, Statewide Autistic Services
  - J. Jason Thomasse, Windana
  - K. Jessica Van Zeil, Headspace
  - L. Rod Mackintosh, South East Public Health Unit
  - M. Stephen Sparrow, Family Life
  - N. Clare Emmanuel, Better Health Network
  - O. Lindsay Shaw, Department of Justice
  - P. Laura-Jane Ardley, Women's Health in the South East
  - Q. Cameron Ramsay, Narcotic Anonymous
  - R. Barb Ryan, South East Public Health Unit
  - S. Alexis Miall, Youth Support and Advisory Services
  - T. Madlen Fraser, Department of Education
  - U. Rachael Crowter, Windana
  - V. Aly Madden, Family Life
  - W. Selena Gillham, Peninsula Health.
8. Adopts the Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders (PACE) Terms of Reference (Attachment 5)
9. Appoint the following community members to the Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders (PACE):
  - A. Marg D'Arcy

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- B. Vicky Davidson
  - C. Dinka Jakovac
  - D. Leonie Kingsbury
  - E. Gregg Nicholls
  - F. Dina Tanphanich
  - G. Winston Trood
  - H. Jennifer Gielb
  - I. Yaqirah Herut.
10. Adopts the Triple A Housing Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 6)
11. Appoints the following Industry Professionals to the Triple A Housing Advisory Committee:
- A. Mornington Community Support Centre
  - B. Southern Peninsula Community Support Centre
  - C. Western Port Community Support Centre
  - D. Tenants Victoria
  - E. Department of Families, Fairness and Housing
  - F. Southern Homelessness Services Network
  - G. Peninsula Community Housing
  - H. Women's Community Shelters
  - I. Peninsula Health
  - J. The Salvation Army
  - K. Good Sheppherd
  - L. Southern Women's Action Network
  - M. Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders (PACE)
  - N. Family Life Ltd
  - O. Peninsula Community Legal Centre
  - P. Fusion
  - Q. Aboriginal Housing Victoria.
12. Notes that the Coastal Advisory Groups and Climate Emergency Committee Terms of Reference will be reviewed in line with the development and implementation of the Climate Resilience Plan and Our Coast Our Future Coastal Strategy.

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**7.1 (Cont.)**

## Part B

1. That Council resolves that the report, Attachment 1-5 and the Council decision remain confidential items pursuant to section 3 (1) (f) of the *Local Government Act 2020* until such time as, Council has considered and determined this matter.

**UPDATED RECOMMENDATION****That Council:**

1. **Adopts the Arts and Culture Advisory Panel Terms of Reference (Attachment 2)**
2. **Appoints the following community Members to the Arts and Culture Advisory Panel:**
  - A. **Annie Pepper**
  - B. **Chloe Guymer**
  - C. **Dave Walker**
  - D. **Debbie Mackenzie**
  - E. **Jo Lane**
  - F. **Jonty Reason**
  - G. **Kim Worby**
  - H. **Tracee Hutchinson.**
3. **Adopts the Disability Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 3)**
4. **Appoints the following Community Members to the Disability Advisory Committee:**
  - A. **Karen Ford**
  - B. **Mechelle Cheers**
  - C. **Sandra Oluich**
  - D. **Dee Davey**
  - E. **Susan Abbey**
  - F. **Andrea Currie**
  - G. **Daniel Laing**
  - H. **Sarah Alcock**
  - I. **Jim Dagiandis**
  - J. **Gregg Nicholls (Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders (PACE) delegate).**
5. **Appoints the following Industry Representatives to the Disability Advisory Committee:**

**7.1 (Cont.)**

- A. **John Catto-Smith (Industry representative)**
  - B. **Georgia Lynch (Industry representative).**
6. **Adopts the Health and Wellbeing Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 4)**
7. **Appoints the following Industry Representatives to the Health and Wellbeing Committee:**
- A. **Belgravia Leisure**
  - B. **Peninsula Voice**
  - C. **Good Shepherd**
  - D. **Westernport Community Support Centre**
  - E. **Southern Peninsula Community Support Centre**
  - F. **Mornington Community Support Centre**
  - G. **Statewide Autistic Services**
  - H. **Statewide Autistic Services**
  - I. **Statewide Autistic Services**
  - J. **Windana**
  - K. **Headspace**
  - L. **South East Public Health Unit**
  - M. **Family Life**
  - N. **Better Health Network**
  - O. **Department of Justice**
  - P. **Women's Health in the South East**
  - Q. **Narcotic Anonymous**
  - R. **South East Public Health Unit**
  - S. **Youth Support and Advisory Services**
  - T. **Department of Education**
  - U. **Windana**
  - V. **Family Life**
  - W. **Peninsula Health.**
8. **Adopts the Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders (PACE) Terms of Reference (Attachment 5)**

- 9. Appoint the following community members to the Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders (PACE):**
  - A. Marg D’Arcy**
  - B. Vicky Davidson**
  - C. Dinka Jakovac**
  - D. Leonie Kingsbury**
  - E. Gregg Nicholls**
  - F. Dina Tanphanich**
  - G. Winston Trood**
  - H. Jennifer Gielb**
  - I. Yaqirah Herut.**
- 10. Adopts the Triple A Housing Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 6)**
- 11. Appoints the following Industry Professionals to the Triple A Housing Advisory Committee:**
  - A. Mornington Community Support Centre**
  - B. Southern Peninsula Community Support Centre**
  - C. Western Port Community Support Centre**
  - D. Tenants Victoria**
  - E. Department of Families, Fairness and Housing**
  - F. Southern Homelessness Services Network**
  - G. Peninsula Community Housing**
  - H. Women's Community Shelters**
  - I. Peninsula Health**
  - J. The Salvation Army**
  - K. Good Sheppherd**
  - L. Southern Women’s Action Network**
  - M. Peninsula Advisory Committee for Elders (PACE)**
  - N. Family Life Ltd**
  - O. Peninsula Community Legal Centre**

7.1 (Cont.)

P. Fusion

Q. Aboriginal Housing Victoria.

12. Notes that the Coastal Advisory Groups and Climate Emergency Committee Terms of Reference will be reviewed in line with the development and implementation of the Climate Resilience Plan and Our Coast Our Future Coastal Strategy.

Part B

1. That Council resolves that the report, Attachment 1-5 and the Council decision remain confidential items pursuant to section 3 (1) (f) of the *Local Government Act 2020* until such time as, Council has considered and determined this matter.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Gill

Seconded: Cr Williams

That the updated recommendation be adopted.

Carried Unanimously

**7.2 Laneway adjoining Glenisla Drive, Normanby Terrace, Kilburn Grove, Elmie Terrace and Dominion Road, Mount Martha****Attendance**

Cr Williams and Cr Allen left the meeting at 10.10pm.

**ALTER THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

That the item listed at 7.2 on the agenda be considered after the item listed as 5.3.

**Attendance**

Cr Williams and Cr Allen returned to the meeting at 10.11pm.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Withdraws the proposal to discontinue the laneway at the rear of the properties at Glenisla Drive, Normanby Terrace, Kilburn Grove, Elmie Terrace, and Dominion Road in Mount Martha due to insufficient community support and unresolved legal issues.
2. Withdraws the statutory vesting application currently at Land Use Victoria.
3. Approves the commencement of a new statutory process to declare the northern section of the laneway that runs between Elmie Terrace and Glenisla Drive a public highway pursuant to sections 204 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
4. Requests management notify in writing every person who has lodged a written submission to the current road discontinuance proposal of the Council's decision and reasons for its decision.

**Part B**

That Council determines that the Council Decision and Attachment 1 relating to the Laneway adjoining Glenisla Drive, Normanby Terrace, Kilburn Grove, Elmie Terrace and Dominion Road, Mount Martha be made public to enable notification of submitters, while the Council Report remain confidential under section 3 (1) (f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved:** Cr Ranken  
**Seconded:** Cr Williams

**That the recommendation be adopted.**

**Carried**

## **8 MEETING CLOSE**

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 10.29pm

**Confirmed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025**

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**Mayor, Cr Anthony Marsh, Chairperson - Council**