

2.6 Public Question Time

The aim of public question time is to provide an opportunity for the public to ask general questions at Council Meetings requiring routine responses. Questions with or without notice can be submitted.

Questions with notice are to be received in writing by 12.00pm the Friday prior to the relevant Council Meeting and can be lodged via the Shire's website. Questions received by this time will be provided with a considered response prepared by the relevant Shire officer and read by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the Council Meeting.

Questions without notice must be lodged in person no later than 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting. The question will be read by the CEO and taken on notice with a written response forwarded to the person asking the question within 7 days of the Council Meeting and published on the Shire's website.

This segment does not substitute for appeal or other formal business procedures with the Council.

Written Response

Flinders Civic Hall

Mary Isles, a resident of Flinders asked the following question:

Please advise the cost overrun for the repair works under way at present on the Flinders Civic Hall. Who will bear the additional costs?

Council advises:

This project has experienced delays, however it is a great pleasure to confirm that we have now completed the build. We also have an opening event scheduled for 2 April 2024 and following that the facility will be available for bookings.

Regarding the stair repair works that have been undertaken over the past few weeks, this was necessary to comply with current building codes and was approximately \$50,000. The cost of the works is covered under the current project budget.

Mornington Bowling Club

Deborah Wood, a resident of Mornington asked the following question:

As secretary of the Mornington Bowling Club I would like to know when our application go guarantee our loan for replacement of our grass greens will be approved? We are unable to lock in a contractor until we have the guarantee. We want to complete the work as soon as possible.

Council advises:

The Shire is currently finalising draft terms for the new Mornington Bowling Club lease agreement and will be taking a report to Council on 23 July 2024 to adopt this new lease. In the meantime, Mornington Bowling Club's existing lease agreement continues on a month-to-month basis with the same terms as set out in the existing agreement.

Susan Gullidge, a resident of Mornington asked the following question:

As chair of the Mornington Bowling Club I would like to know when we can expect to get our lease which is now 16 months overdue?

Council advises:

The relevant teams from the Shire have been in touch with Mornington Bowls Club regarding the Club's application to replace the grass greens, and the application for the loan guarantee is listed to be heard at a Council Meeting on 23 July 2024.

Kite festival

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

Ever since this Council took office nearly four years ago there has been no kite festivals at all. What happened to last week's kite festival?

Council advises:

The Kite Festival was previously run by the Rosebud Chamber of Commerce which is no longer operational, and this is the reason why the Kite Festival is no longer held.

For anyone wishing to hold an event on Shire land, Council provides support and funding through Community Event Grants which are available from 1 July 2024 - [Community Events Grant - Mornington Peninsula Shire \(mornpen.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/community-events-grant).