



**MORNINGTON
PENINSULA**
Shire

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025

6:30PM

**MUNICIPAL OFFICES
90 BESGROVE STREET, ROSEBUD**

MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE COUNCIL**WARDS AND COUNCILLORS**

Beek Beek	Cr Kate Roper
Benbenjie	Cr Max Patton
Briars	Cr Anthony Marsh
Brokil	Cr Patrick Binyon
Coolart	Cr David Gill
Kackeraboite	Cr Stephen Batty
Moorooduc	Cr Bruce Ranken
Nepean	Cr Andrea Allen
Tanti	Cr Paul Pingiaro
Tootgarook	Cr Cam Williams
Warringine	Cr Michael Stephens

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Mr Mark Stoermer Ms Cheryl Casey Ms Sam Stanton Mr David Simon Mr Davey Smith Mr Bulent Oz	Chief Executive Officer Acting Director – Community Strengthening Director – Corporate Strategy and Business Improvement Acting Director – Planning and Environment Director – Assets and Infrastructure Chief Financial Officer
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1 OPENING AND WELCOME

Meeting opened at 6.30pm

Appointed Chairperson – Mayor, Cr Anthony Marsh

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

(Read by Cr Stephens)

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

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

Mr Mark Stoermer – Chief Executive Officer

2.1 Apologies

Nil

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

Cr Patton declared a material, Conflict of Interest in regard to item 4.2, Future Beach Cleaning, as the decision may impact Cr Patton's primary employer.

2.3 Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting held on 6 May 2025, be confirmed.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Batty
Seconded: Cr Pingiaro

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

2.4 Councillor Briefing Sessions

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the record of Councillor Briefing Sessions for 29 April 2025.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Pingiaro

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, Cr Roper and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

2.5 Council Decision Register

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Decision Register Summaries for 2019-2025 (Attachments 1-7) as at 9 May 2025.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Batty

Seconded: Cr Allen

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Against: Cr Gill

Carried

2.6 Petitions and Joint Letters

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the:

1. Petition requesting a meeting between Shire officers and residents regarding the condition of Harleston Road, Mount Eliza.
2. Petition requesting the addition of six extra spin bikes in the cycle gym at Yawa Aquatic Centre, Rosebud.
3. Petition requesting that the Shire review vegetation removal processes.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Pingiaro

Seconded: Cr Patton

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

2.7 Public Question Time

QUESTION WITH NOTICE

Green Wedge

Jane Webster, a resident of Tyabb asked the following question:

What measures are you taking and what guarantee will you make in order to protect, retain, and preserve our current green wedges, national parks, and nature reserves.

Council advised that the Mornington Peninsula Green Wedge is one of Victoria's most important assets. Approximately 70% of the Shire's land mass is comprised of the Mornington Peninsula Green Wedge which is all land outside the metropolitan Urban Growth Boundary.

Council's adopted *Green Wedge Management Plan (2019)*, *Food Economy & Agroecology Strategy (2022 -2028)* and the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme all guide Council's decisions in relation to the Green Wedge. More information is available on the Shire's website [Green Wedge Management Plan - Mornington Peninsula Shire](#), [Agriculture - Mornington Peninsula Shire](#) and [Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme - Ordinance](#).

Port of Hastings

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

Westernport Bay has been under the protection of the Ramsar Convention for years. Why does this Port of Hastings and the Shire Council insist on development despite numerous requests to keep the Western Port Bay free from pollution.

Council advised its position on the future role and development of the Port of Hastings is available on the Shire's website (<https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Building-Planning/Strategic-Planning/Position-on-the-Future-Role-and-Development-of-the-Port-of-Hastings>).

The Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal (VRET) project that is proposed for the Port of Hastings is currently going through the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) process. Information is available on the Shire's website (<https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Building-Planning/Strategic-Planning/Environment-Effects-Statements-EES/Victorian-Renewable-Energy-Terminal>). Council continues to keep an open mind on the VRET project and will consider all relevant facts once the EES is released for public comment before a making a decision or declaring a position on the proposal.

Bus Stops

Fred Crump, asked another question:

On receiving information from the Human Rights commission. The disabilities action is still being violated on the ground that there are still many bus stops without proper seats for the disadvantaged to occupy. Why is this happening all over Victoria.

Council advised that the Shire maintains assets where Shire is the responsible authority. Should the community have concerns about assets where shire is the responsible authority, we encourage all issues to be reported via one of the three methods below to ensure that the concerns are captured, a tracking number is issued, and that the enquiry gets to the correct team to action.

- Phone: 1300 850 600 - this service is available 24/7 for urgent issues.

- Website: Report a problem - Mornington Peninsula Shire (mornpen.vic.gov.au)
- App: Snap, Send, Solve - Report Local Issues to Councils | Snap Send Solve This app can be used to report a range of issues, including those that relate to other responsible authorities such as Vic Roads and Parks Vic.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire is responsible for the older style corrugated iron bus shelters. Public Transport Victoria (PTV) is responsible for Adshel shelters. The Shire advocates to PTV on priority locations for upgrades based on community requests, taking into account their usage data and demographic of users of the bus stop. Issues can be reported directly to PTV on 1800 800 007 or online at PTV.vic.gov.au.

A number of questions regarding the Climate Emergency Plan and Beach Cleaning have been grouped together and a combine response provided.

These questions were from:

- John Lorkin
- Kat Moran; and
- Ian Henry Coffee
- Brianna Horne

Climate Emergency Plan

Council advised that given Council's recent decision to discontinue the Climate Emergency Declaration and associated Climate Emergency Plan (CEP), the reporting framework for climate related activities is yet to be designed and agreed. However, this will likely reflect Council's priority on activities that are locally focussed, practical, measurable, transparent, and accountable.

Council remains firmly committed to building climate resilience and meeting its statutory obligations under the *Local Government Act 2020*, *Climate Change Act 2017*, and *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*. Climate initiatives will continue to be embedded through key documents, such as the Health and Wellbeing Plan. Council intends to support this through relevant projects and funding opportunities as they arise. These opportunities are now required to be subject to either an itemised budget bid or Council report, ensuring they are locally focussed, practical, measurable, transparent, and accountable.

Beach Cleaning

Discouraging rubbish being left on our beaches as a preventative measure is undertaken with Council's ongoing education campaigns, support for beach patrol groups, elevated ranger activities, overflowing bin reports and adjustments to bin locations and size for strategic foreshore locations. These are adjusted seasonally and particularly in preparation to the peak summer season.

Nevertheless, rubbish from beach goers and rubbish deposited on the beach from wind and wave action continues to remain an issue for our shoreline and this requires ongoing management and removal.

A number of questions regarding the 2025-26 Budget have been grouped together and a combined response provided.

These questions were from:

- Julia Pappalardo;
- Stephen Tweedly;
- Tracee Hutchinson;
- Jo Lane;
- Melanie Gard;
- Andrew Rowe;
- Talei Kenyon;
- Cathy Vescio-Dibella;
- Heidi Luckhurst;
- Jannene Willis;
- Robin Griffiths;
- Anja Ottensmeyer;
- Marg D'Arcy;
- Mary Jo Hanly
- Alan Long;
- Georgina Mary Stubbs
- Max Wilson
- Thalys Collard
- Curtis Hill;
- Leyla Bulmer;
- Rose Caufield
- John Nolan
- Lyn McAllister;
- Mathilde Anne Lambert
- Debra Child
- Jane Webster
- Rose Caufiled
- Margaret Toll; and
- Chloe Lines

Their questions included topics such as:

- 2025-26 Budget.
- Shire officer salaries.
- Willum Warrain funding.
- Arts and culture funding.
- Community consultation and
- The Council Decision on item 4.6 from the 6 May 2025 Council Meeting.

Budget

Council advises that as part of the annual budget development process, Council reviews its services and programs to ensure resources are allocated in the best interests of the Mornington Peninsula community. Competing priorities are carefully assessed given the Shire's limited resources.

Council's budget consultation ran from December 2024 through to February 2025. The consultation invited the community to select their top five priorities from 15 key categories to help guide investment decisions. This process saw strong engagement, with over 3,500 submissions received. The feedback informed Council's funding decisions for the 2025/26 Budget.

At the Council Meeting on 6 May 2025, the Community Investment Fund was reviewed and adjusted accordingly. This included a \$300,000 reduction to the creative grants program. Despite this, the overall Fund increased by \$16,560, bringing the total to \$3,249,750. The increase reflects targeted support for tourism grants, local area community infrastructure grants, and events.

These changes were made within the allocated budget for community investment and did not impact any other capital or operating projects. In fact, the Fund saw a slight overall increase, ensuring continued support for key community initiatives.

In February 2024, Council received a cost shifting report that identified for the 2024 financial year (FY) approximately \$38 million in operating costs and \$6.4 million in capital costs, relating to cost shifting from State and Federal Government. This was across approximately 25 areas of the organisation. At that time, it was estimated to increase to \$55.9 million operating and \$6.1 million capital costs by FY28.

Shire Officer Salaries

Council sets the overall employee cost budget, but it is up to the Chief Executive Officer and management to manage within that amount. "Cutting salaries" refers to reducing total employee costs, not individual pay. This may involve not filling vacancies, restructuring, or in some cases, reducing staff numbers.

These decisions are made to ensure the organisation remains financially sustainable while continuing to deliver services.

Community Consultation and Engagement

The Shire runs approximately 50 community engagement projects each year. We have a dedicated community engagement online platform <https://shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au> alongside regular in-person outreach, including community pop up sessions at markets and other local venues. Throughout the year, a diverse range of topics and projects shape our consultation calendar, ensuring broad and inclusive participation across both digital and face-to-face channels.

In the first half of this year, we have sought community feedback on our new Council Plan 2025 - 29, Wellbeing Plan, Asset Plan and Budget. This consultation addresses council goals through to 2029 and is due to wrap up before June 30.

Our community engagement policy and strategy is available online: [Community Engagement Strategy - Mornington Peninsula Shire](#)

Willum Warrain

All Councils are expected to complete structured induction program as part of mandatory training, this includes Inclusion training. Council remains committed to supporting cultural development, community participation, and reconciliation through implementation of the Shires Reconciliation Action Plan.

We value the contributions of our creative and Aboriginal communities and will continue to work towards inclusive and sustainable outcomes across the Shire.

Arts and Culture Funding

Thank you for your questions and for sharing your concerns.

Council acknowledges the vital role that arts, culture, and Aboriginal-led initiatives play in the life of our community. Recent decisions regarding funding reflect the need to responsibly balance a wide range of priorities within a constrained financial environment.

Council remains committed to supporting cultural development, community participation, and reconciliation through strategic planning, partnerships, and available resources. We value the contributions of our creative and Aboriginal communities and will continue to work towards inclusive and sustainable outcomes across the Shire. Programs and activities offered through the broader Community Services space — including Libraries, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, and Creative Programs — will also continue.

The Performing Arts Centre is an active project and there has been no decision of Council to abandon it.

We are currently developing a new strategy that will encompass arts and culture, tourism, and events, to be delivered by the end of 2025. This strategy will be shaped by extensive community consultation, set to begin shortly. In addition, we are finalising the recruitment of our Arts and Culture Advisory Panel, which will include up to eight community members, two Councillors, and Shire officers. The panel's first meeting is scheduled for early August.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

We have received a large number of questions without notice, a written response to these questions will be provided to the submitters and will be published on the website.

Budget

Dale Halstead, a resident of Mornington, asked the following question:

How does Council, without consultation with community affected, justify the significant cutting, as reported in our local paper of Shire services and staffing on the wellbeing of the environment – natural and human, which is the primary responsibility of Council members?

Jane Carnegie, a resident of Somers, asked the following question:

Can the Mayor and Councillors who voted for each and every cut please provide a detailed written explanation to the residents of the Mornington Peninsula Shire for their actions including:

- 1. The rationale for each policy change and funding cut.*
- 2. The specific process undertaken to determine the policy changes and cuts.*
- 3. Whether a business case or other analysis was undertaken for the changes.*
- 4. The community consultation process.*

This paper must be written and submitted to the next Meeting of Council for debate in the name of good governance and due process.

Poul Grage, a resident of Mount Eliza, asked the following question:

What are Councillors plans to develop, enhance, further, promote and support residents who love the arts to engage residents who participate in the arts, to attract arts tourism to develop our creative economy to provide modern, flexible and accessible venues for performances and to support the 1,000 + sole traders, associations, companies, organisations, volunteers and associated industries whose core business and motivation is the creative and performing arts?

Nathan Woods, a resident of Rye asked the following question:

How was the community notified of what they wanted? Shouldn't there be a poll sent out in the mail to see what the actual community wants, rather than making a decision on the cuts on a small amount of people's views. I don't know a single person of the community or arts community that had a say.

Joan Doyle, a resident of Dromana asked the following question:

Why are you taking away more than \$100,000 in funding from Willum Warrain, the only First Nations Gathering Place in the Shire and increasing funding for Australia Day and Anzac Day events to the amount of \$150,000?

Corey Hoogendoom, a resident of Dromana asked the following question:

Where will the funding taken from the cuts to the Arts and Creative Grants be directed, and will members of the arts communities be consulted before these cuts are made?

David Andrews, a resident of Shoreham asked the following question:

Why is the funding of arts and related organisations being cut?

James Farquharson, a resident of Mount Eliza asked the following question:

What due diligence was carried by each councillor before casting their vote to cut the arts funding?

James Farquharson, asked a follow up question:

What were the criteria used by the Council to make the decision to cut the arts budget?

Sally Baillieu, a resident of Cape Schanck asked the following question:

I am seeking clarification regarding the figures referenced in Agenda Item 4.4 of the April 22, 2025, meeting.

Specifically, could you please explain how the data from approximately 3,000 contributors in 2021, combined with fewer than 700 responses from the 2024 Vision Pulse Check, can be considered a representative and accurate basis for assessing and guiding the Community Vision Plan and related budget decisions-particularly in the context of a population of 170,000 residents and over 8 million annual visitors?

Max Johnson, a resident of Rosebud asked the following question:

Who specifically was consulted regarding the removal of over \$300,000 in Creative and Performing Arts funding from the 2025-26 draft budget, and when? Given its \$9.1 million return on investment and proven community impact, why was this stream excluded from the budget, CIF program, and grant guidelines review?

Susan McCulloch, a resident of Shoreham asked the following question:

The 2025 Council Vision statement says Council aims to foster "diverse culture" and is "committed to supporting community groups... ensuring a prosperous, safe, accessible and inclusive future for all." Can Council explain in what way defunding the performing and creative arts fosters culture, diversity, prosperity, and inclusivity?

Footpath Repair

Kat Moran, a resident of Rosebud asked the following question:

When is the footpath near the corner of Bondi Road and the Freeway entrance going to get fixed. It's been broken for more than 3 months.

Domestic Animal Management Plan

Ross Sbisa, a resident of Hastings asked the following question:

When is the Domestic Animal Management Plan questionnaire being published, where will it be published, and will it have questions relating to pound operators? E.g. open hours/days walk-ins without appointments that suit the needs of ratepayers.

Ross Sbisa, asked a follow up question:

Why isn't there subsidised pet desexing for Centrelink recipients in our Shire? The shelter estimates a profit of \$1.1 million from 2023/2024. Other Councils have subsidised pet desexing e.g. Golden Plains, Morwell, Whittlesea, Ballarat, Baw Baw, Casey, Banyule, Merri-Bek, Hepburn, Mansfield, Wangaratta, Mitchell, Bendigo, Frankston, Brimbank and Melton

3 COUNCILLORS AND DELEGATES REPORTS

Friends of Lospalos (Cr Binyon)

Disability Advisory Committee (Cr Binyon)

4 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

4.1 Amendment C295morn - Creswell Street East, Crib Point - Development Contributions Plan - exhibition outcomes

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and considers, in accordance with section 22(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, all submissions received in response to Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme as at Attachment 3 to this report.
2. Notes and endorses the summary of submissions and Shire officers' response to submissions in relation to Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme as at Attachment 4 to this report.
3. Requests that the Minister for Planning appoint a Planning Panel to consider all submissions in relation to Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme, as at Attachment 3 to this report, in accordance with section 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
4. Refers submissions 1 – 7 to Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme, as at Attachment 3 to this report, to a Planning Panel pursuant to section 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, including any late submissions received up until the date of the Panel Hearing.
5. Endorses the proposed changes to Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme, as at Attachment 5 to this report, for the purpose of Council's advocacy position before the Planning Panel.
6. Endorses Shire officers to prepare a Planning Permit Application to remove native and non-native vegetation required to accommodate the infrastructure works outlined in Council's adopted Creswell Street East Crib Point Development Contributions Plan (Mesh, December 2023) as generally shown in Attachment 6.
7. Includes in its submission to the Planning Panel the proposed changes to documentation for Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme, generally in accordance with Attachment 5 to this report.
8. Delegates authority to the Director – Planning & Environment to determine the form of Council's submissions to the Planning Panel with the assistance of legal representatives and/or expert witness advice, including changes to the endorsed version of Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme, to resolve matters between Council, submitters, and the Planning Panel during the Planning Panel Hearing.
9. Notifies all submitters to Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme in writing of Council's decision.
10. Authorises the Director - Planning & Environment to make editorial changes and administrative changes to the attachments to this report as required.

4.1 (Cont.)

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Stephens

Seconded: Cr Roper

That Council:

1. Receives and considers, in accordance with section 22(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, all submissions received in response to Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme as at Attachment 3 to this report.
2. Notes and endorses the summary of submissions and Shire officers' response to submissions in relation to Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme as at Attachment 4 to this report but amended to support the removal of 6 Cooma Street, 90 and 92 Disney Street, Crib Point, and associated infrastructure from Amendment C295morn, as requested by submitters 2, 5 and 6, consistent with recommendations 5 and 7 below.
3. Requests that the Minister for Planning appoint a Planning Panel to consider all submissions in relation to Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme, as at Attachment 3 to this report, in accordance with section 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
4. Refers submissions 1 – 7 to Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme, as at Attachment 3 to this report, to a Planning Panel pursuant to section 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, including any late submissions received up until the date of the Panel Hearing.
5. Endorses the proposed changes to Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme, generally in accordance with Attachment 5 to this report, but amended to remove 6 Cooma Street, 90 and 92 Disney Street, Crib Point, and associated infrastructure from the amendment, consistent with recommendation 7 below for the purposes of Council's advocacy position before the Planning Panel.
6. Endorses Shire officers to prepare a Planning Permit Application to remove native and non-native vegetation required to accommodate the infrastructure works outlined in Council's adopted Creswell Street East Crib Point Development Contributions Plan (Mesh, December 2023) as generally shown in Attachment 6.
7. Includes in its submission to the Planning Panel the proposed changes to documentation for Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme, generally in accordance with Attachment 5 to this report, but amended to:
 - A. Remove 6 Cooma Street, 90 and 92 Disney Street, Crib Point from the amendment.
 - B. Remove associated infrastructure immediately adjacent 6 Cooma Street, 90 and 92 Disney Street, Crib Point.
 - C. Update DCP infrastructure costs as a consequence to the above changes.
8. Delegates authority to the Director – Planning & Environment to determine the form of Council's submissions to the Planning Panel with the assistance of legal representatives and/or expert witness advice, including changes to the endorsed

4.1 (Cont.)

version of Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme, to resolve matters between Council, submitters, and the Planning Panel during the Planning Panel Hearing.

9. Notifies all submitters to Amendment C295morn to the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme in writing of Council's decision.
10. Authorises the Director - Planning & Environment to make editorial changes and administrative changes to the attachments to this report as required.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Gill
Seconded: Cr Patton

11. Investigates the process and factors involving the rezoning of land and infrastructure construction costs for this project that have brought a large financial risk to Council and ratepayers.

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

Against: Cr Allen

Carried

The Amendment became part of the Substantive Motion.

The Substantive Motion was then put.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Future Beach Cleaning

ALTER THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

That the item listed at 4.2 on the agenda be considered as the first item.

Attendance

Having disclosed a conflict-of-interest Cr Patton, left the meeting at 7.08pm and returned to the meeting at 7.59pm, after the matter had been finalised. Cr Patton, took no part in the discussion or voting on this item.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the recommended future beach cleaning model of: Hybrid – 70% hand cleaning and 30% mechanical raking with an outsourced delivery model.
2. The Council's adopted methodology for beach cleaning will be actioned from the date of Council's decision in accordance with Council's contractual obligations, effective up to 30 June 2028.
3. That Council notes the observations of Coast Saltwort (*Salsola tragus* subspecies *pontica*) which is listed as 'Endangered in Victoria' under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* and note that return of mechanical beach cleaning will incur an additional cost for development, approval, and implementation of a Management Plan for the protection of the species if it is found in areas proposed for mechanical cleaning.

Part B

That Council resolves that Attachments 8 and 9 to this report be retained as confidential items pursuant to section 3 (1)(g) (ii) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as they contain commercial in confidence information and if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Ranken
Seconded: Cr Pingiaro

That Council resolves to:

- 1 Return to the mechanical raking method of beach cleaning for all accessible beaches and clean the remaining beaches by hand on the Port Phillip side, utilising an outsourced delivery model.
- 2 Continues exploring improved methods and technology for mechanical beach cleaning.

Part B

That Council resolves that Attachments 8 and 9 to this report be retained as confidential items pursuant to section 3 (1)(g)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as they contain commercial in confidence information and if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

4.2 (Cont.)

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

That the meeting be adjourned at 7.22pm for a short recess.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

That the meeting be resumed at 7.30pm.

The Substantive Motion was then put.

For: Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty and Mayor, Cr Marsh

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

Carried

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

That the meeting be adjourned at 7.52pm for a short recess.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

That the meeting be resumed at 7.59pm.

ASSETS & INFRASTRUCTURE

4.3 2025/26 Capital Works & Operating Project Programs

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts Attachment 1, as the 2025/2026 Budget allocation for the Capital Works Program totalling \$50.3 million (\$24.7 million Council Funding, \$16.5 million External Funding, and \$9.1 million Contributions).
2. Adopts the multi-year commitments in the 2025/2026 Capital Works Program for the following projects up to \$6.9 million in funding:
 - A. Rye Landfill - Cell 2 Capping Layer (Delivery, Stage 1 - \$6,500,000)
 - B. Creswell Street East Crib Point – DCP (Design, Stage 1 - \$200,000)
 - C. Mount Eliza Landfill Flare (Design - \$200,000).
3. Adopts Attachment 2, as the 2025/2026 Budget allocation for operating projects totalling \$1.87 million.
4. Adopts the de-scoping of project A funded in 2024/2025, to fund project B as part of the 2025/2026 Capital Works Program:

Project A, totalling \$199,000:

 - A. \$199,000 Smoke Free Environments Policy Implementation

Project B, totalling \$199,000:

 - B. \$199,000 Minor Renewal Works Community Facilities.
5. Adopts the deferral of project A (funded in 2024/2025 and currently on hold), and the reallocation of that funding to project B:

Project A, totalling \$299,634:

 - A. \$299,634 Briars Recycled Water Irrigation Project

Project B, totalling \$299,634:

 - B. \$299,634 Briars Homestead Refurbishment.

UPDATED RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts Attachment 1, as the 2025/2026 Budget allocation for the Capital Works Program totalling \$50.3 million (\$24.7 million Council Funding, \$16.5 million External Funding, and \$9.1 million Contributions).
2. Adopts the multi-year commitments required within the 2026/2027 Capital Works Program for the following projects up to \$10.53 million:

4.3 (Cont.)

- A. Rye Landfill - Cell 2 Capping Layer - Delivery, Stage 2 - \$6,500,000
 - B. Creswell Street East Crib Point – DCP – Delivery, Stage 1 - \$3,486,000
 - C. Mount Eliza Landfill Flare – Delivery, \$546,000
3. Adopts Attachment 2, as the 2025/2026 Budget allocation for operating projects totalling \$1.87 million.
4. Adopts the de-scoping of project A funded in 2024/2025, to fund project B as part of the 2025/2026 Capital Works Program:
- Project A, totalling \$199,000:
- A. \$199,000 Smoke Free Environments Policy Implementation
- Project B, totalling \$199,000:
- B. \$199,000 Minor Renewal Works Community Facilities.
5. Adopts the deferral of project A (funded in 2024/2025 and currently on hold), and the reallocation of that funding to project B:
- Project A, totalling \$299,634:
- A. \$299,634 Briars Recycled Water Irrigation Project
- Project B, totalling \$299,634:
- B. \$299,634 Briars Homestead Refurbishment.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gill
Seconded: Cr Pingiaro

That Council:

- 1. **Adopts Attachment 1, as the 2025/2026 Budget allocation for the Capital Works Program totalling \$50.3 million (\$24.7 million Council Funding, \$16.5 million External Funding, and \$9.1 million Contributions).**
- 2. **Adopts the multi-year commitments required within the 2026/2027 Capital Works Program for the following projects up to \$10.53 million:**
 - A. Rye Landfill - Cell 2 Capping Layer - Delivery, Stage 2 - \$6,500,000**
 - B. Creswell Street East Crib Point – DCP – Delivery, Stage 1 - \$3,486,000**
 - C. Mount Eliza Landfill Flare – Delivery, \$546,000**
- 3. **Adopts Attachment 2, as the 2025/2026 Budget allocation for operating projects totalling \$1.87 million.**
- 4. **Adopts the de-scoping of project A funded in 2024/2025, to fund project B as part of the 2025/2026 Capital Works Program:**

Project A, totalling \$199,000:

4.3 (Cont.)

- A. \$199,000 Smoke Free Environments Policy Implementation**
Project B, totalling \$199,000:
 - B. \$199,000 Minor Renewal Works Community Facilities.**
- 5. Adopts the deferral of project A (funded in 2024/2025 and currently on hold), and the reallocation of that funding to project B:**
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 - A. \$299,634 Briars Recycled Water Irrigation Project**
Project B, totalling \$299,634:
 - B. \$299,634 Briars Homestead Refurbishment.**
- 6. That Council funds the following projects as part of the 2025/2026 Capital Works program:**
 - A. Red Hill Consolidated School Parking Improvements - Design \$50,000**
 - B. Flinders Park (children's playground) Public Toilets - Design and Implement \$400,000**
 - C. Red Hill Show and Market Parking Land Acquisition - Investigation \$25,000**
 - D. Red Hill Recreation Reserve Show Sheds renewal works - Design \$40,000**
 - E. Mobile and Digital Wildlife Warning Signage – Implement 2 New Signs \$26,000**
 - F. Safer Speed Limits - additional \$30,000**
 - G. Ride Safe Strategy - Implement \$70,000**
 - H. Nepean Highway, Dromana Footpath (near Aldi) - to enable Council to seek external funding - Planning and Concepts \$120,000**
 - I. Shoreham Drainage Hot Spot 1 - Design (funded) and additionally Implement \$394,000**
 - J. Hastings Park Recreation Reserve Community Building Improvements - additional \$500,000**
 - K. Local Areas Community Capital Grants Program - additional \$300,000**
 - L. Balnarring Car Park Construction and Pedestrian Safety Improvements (St Marks Church) - Implement \$620,000**
 - M. Fenton Hall Renewal Works - Implement \$980,000**
 - N. Community Safety and Crime Prevention - \$500,000 with the scope to be determined.**
- 7. That the suggested allocation of further funding by Shire officers to capital project items be considered at the half year budget review 'additional information sheet'**

4.3 (Cont.)

AMENDMENT**Moved:** Cr Patton**Seconded:** Cr Stephens**6.****O. Dromana Bowls Club Subsidence Rectification Project - \$890,000.****8. That the \$297,000 Capital Works funding for the Beleura Cliff Path Safety Works be adopted but not commenced, pending:****A. Receipt of independent legal advice confirming that the proposed path management approach, adequately safeguards community safety and ensure Council's legal responsibilities are met in the event of a future landslip or incident.****B. A further decision of Council to proceed with reopening the path.**

That the Amendment be voted on in parts.

6.**O. Dromana Bowls Club Subsidence Rectification Project - \$890,000.****For:** Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Allen, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton, and Cr Roper**Against:** Cr Gill, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty and Mayor, Cr Marsh**Carried**

The Amendment then became part of the Substantive Motion.

8. That the \$297,000 Capital Works funding for the Beleura Cliff Path Safety Works be adopted but not commenced, pending:**A. Receipt of independent legal advice confirming that the proposed path management approach, adequately safeguards community safety and ensure Council's legal responsibilities are met in the event of a future landslip or incident.****B. A further decision of Council to proceed with reopening the path.****For:** Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton, and Cr Roper**Against:** Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty and Mayor, Cr Marsh**Carried**

The Amendment then became part of the Substantive Motion.

4.3 (Cont.)

That the Substantive Motion be voted on in parts.

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Project A, totalling \$299,634:

 - A. **\$299,634 Briars Recycled Water Irrigation Project**

Project B, totalling \$299,634:

 - B. **\$299,634 Briars Homestead Refurbishment.**

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

6.

- A. **Red Hill Consolidated School Parking Improvements - Design \$50,000.**

For: Cr Gill

Against: Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton, Cr Roper and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Lost

6.

- B. Flinders Park (children's playground) Public Toilets - Design and Implement \$400,000.

For: Cr Gill and Cr Binyon

Against: Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Patton, Cr Roper and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Lost

6.

- C. Red Hill Show and Market Parking Land Acquisition - Investigation \$25,000.

For: Cr Gill and Cr Stephens

Against: Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton, Cr Roper and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Lost

6.

- D. Red Hill Recreation Reserve Show Sheds renewal works - Design \$40,000.

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

Against: Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Patton and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Lost

6.

- E. **Mobile and Digital Wildlife Warning Signage – Implement 2 New Signs \$26,000.**

For: Cr Gill, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Patton, Cr Roper and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Against: Cr Stephens, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty and Cr Binyon

Carried

6.

- F. **Safer Speed Limits - additional \$30,000.**

For: Cr Gill, Cr Williams, Cr Ranken, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton, and Cr Roper

Against: Cr Stephens, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Batty and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Carried

6.

4.3 (Cont.)

- G. Ride Safe Strategy - Implement \$70,000.

For: Cr Gill, Cr Patton, and Cr Roper

Against: Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Lost

6.

- H. Nepean Highway, Dromana Footpath (near Aldi) - to enable Council to seek external funding - Planning and Concepts \$120,000.

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

Against: Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Roper and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Lost

6.

- I. Shoreham Drainage Hot Spot 1 - Design (funded) and additionally implement \$394,000.

For: Cr Gill and Cr Stephens

Against: Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton, Cr Roper and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Lost

6.

- J. Hastings Park Recreation Reserve Community Building Improvements - additional \$500,000.

For: Cr Gill and Cr Stephens

Against: Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton, Cr Roper and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Lost

6.

- K. Local Areas Community Capital Grants Program - additional \$300,000.**

For: Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton, Cr Roper and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Against: Cr Allen, Cr Ranken and Cr Batty

Carried

4.3 (Cont.)

6.

- L. Balnarring Car Park Construction and Pedestrian Safety Improvements (St Marks Church) - Implement \$620,000.

For: Cr Gill

Against: Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton, Cr Roper and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Lost

6.

- M. Fenton Hall Renewal Works - Implement \$980,000.

For: Cr Gill

Against: Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton, Cr Roper and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Lost

6.

- N. Community Safety and Crime Prevention - \$500,000 with the scope to be determined.**

For: Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty and Mayor, Cr Marsh

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

Carried

6.

- O. Dromana Bowls Club Subsidence Rectification project - \$890,000.**

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

Against: Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Carried

- 7. That the suggested allocation of further funding by officers to capital project items be considered at the half-year budget review, additional information sheet'.**

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

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

Against: Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Lost

For clarity the Council Decision is repeated below.

COUNCIL DECISION

That Council:

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4.3 (Cont.)

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 - E. Dromana Bowls Club Subsidence Rectification project - \$890,000.
7. That the suggested allocation of further funding by Shire officers to capital project items be considered at the half-year budget review, additional information sheet’.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

That the meeting be adjourned at 9.02pm for a short recess.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

That the meeting be resumed at 9.14pm.

ALTER THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

That the item listed at 4.1 on the agenda be considered after the item listed as 4.3.

COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING

4.4 Draft Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-29

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses that the Draft Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029 (Attachment 1) be placed on public exhibition for a 4-week public exhibition period from 21 May to 18 June 2025.

Moved: Cr Binyon
Seconded: Cr Pingiaro

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Gill
Seconded: Cr Stephens

That the public exhibition period be extended to 6 weeks.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

The Amendment became part of the Substantive Motion.

The Substantive Motion was then put.

COUNCIL DECISION

That Council endorses that the Draft Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029 (Attachment 1) be placed on public exhibition for a 6-week public exhibition period from 21 May to 2 July 2025.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

CORPORATE STRATEGY & BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT

4.5 Draft Council Plan 2025-2029 - for Public Exhibition

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the draft Council Plan (Attachment 1) to progress to public exhibition for a period of 4 weeks from 21 May to 18 June 2025.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Gill
Seconded: Cr Pingiaro

That Council approves the draft Council Plan (Attachment 1) to progress to public exhibition for a period of 6 weeks from 21 May to 2 July 2025.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

EXTENSION OF MEETING TIME

Moved: Cr Pingiaro
Seconded: Cr Ranken

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, Cr Roper and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

4.6 Quarterly Community Report January-March 2025

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Quarterly Community Report January-March 2025 (Attachments 1 and 2).

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Pingiaro

Seconded: Cr Patton

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

4.7 Peninsula Trails Masterplan

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses [insert preferred alignment] as the preferred alignment for the Mornington to Moorooduc section of the trail for the purpose of public exhibition of the draft Peninsula Trail Masterplan, subject to a further Council decision pending the outcomes of the design investigations noted in points 1.a and 1.b.
 - A. Notes that for both alignment options 1 and 2 proposed for Mornington to Moorooduc, officers will undertake the minimal design investigations required to confirm whether the two rail crossings not currently listed on the Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model (ALCAM) register can be safely utilised.
 - B. Notes that for alignment options 1 and 2 proposed for Mornington to Moorooduc, additional investigations are necessary to assess the requirements for using the other three existing rail crossings, fencing requirements and how to minimise impacts on local biodiversity.
2. Endorses [insert preferred alignment] as the preferred alignment for Anthony's Nose of the trail for the purpose of public exhibition of the draft Peninsula Trail Masterplan, noting that any alignment on the north side of Point Nepean Road will require Council to collaborate with the Dromana Foreshore Committee to design a path.
3. Endorses the draft Peninsula Trails Masterplan to be released for public exhibition for a period of 4 weeks, commencing in May 2025.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Pingiaro

Seconded: Cr Ranken

That Council:

1. **Endorses Option 1 – being a shared user path alignment within the rail corridor for the Mornington to Moorooduc section of the “Peninsula Trail”.**
2. **Confirms that the final path alignment within the corridor is ultimately a matter for agreement between VicTrack (as landowner), the tourist railway (as lessee) and in consultation with Council.**
3. **Notes that Shire officers will undertake the minimum design investigations required to confirm whether the two rail crossings not currently listed on the Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model (ALCAM) register can be safely utilised, if required or practical.**
4. **Confirms that no further public consultation will be undertaken on this section.**
5. **Requests that any agreed alignment be submitted to Council for formal endorsement prior to any funding commitment or construction.**
6. **Endorses Option A – the north side of Point Nepean Road – as the preferred alignment for the Anthony's Nose section of the “Peninsula Trail” and confirms**

4.7 (Cont.)

that Council will work with the Dromana Foreshore Committee to progress design.

7. Refers to this project as the “Peninsula Trail” and adopts the Peninsula Trail Masterplan.

Carried

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Patton

Seconded: Cr Roper

New Part 6

Advocates to reduce the speed limit from 60 kilometres an hour to 50 kilometres an hour along Point Nepean Road from Lonsdale Street in McCrae to Foote Street in Dromana, to improve safety for trail users.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

The Amendment became part of the Substantive Motion.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Gill

Seconded: Cr Stephens

That the following be added to the end of point 5:

- 5. and takes into account the environmental concerns.**

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

The Amendment became part of the Substantive Motion.

4.7 (Cont.)

The Substantive Motion was then put and voted on in parts.

That Council:

- 1. Endorses Option 1 – being a shared user path alignment within the rail corridor for the Mornington to Moorooduc section of the “Peninsula Trail”.**
- 2. Confirms that the final path alignment within the corridor is ultimately a matter for agreement between VicTrack (as landowner), the tourist railway (as lessee) and in consultation with Council.**
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- 5. Requests that any agreed alignment be submitted to Council for formal endorsement prior to any funding commitment or construction and takes into account the environmental concerns.**

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

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

Carried

- 4. Confirms that no further public consultation will be undertaken on this section.**

For: Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty and Mayor, Cr Marsh

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

Carried

- 6. Advocates to reduce the speed limit from 60 kilometres an hour to 50 kilometres an hour along Point Nepean Road from Lonsdale Street in McCrae to Foote Street in Dromana, to improve safety for trail users.**
- 7. Endorses Option A – the north side of Point Nepean Road – as the preferred alignment for the Anthony’s Nose section of the “Peninsula Trail” and confirms that Council will work with the Dromana Foreshore Committee to progress design.**

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

- 8. Refers to this project as the “Peninsula Trail” and adopts the Peninsula Trail Masterplan.**

For: Cr Williams, Cr Pingiaro, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty and Mayor, Cr Marsh

4.7 (Cont.)

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

Carried

For clarity the Council Decision is repeated below:

COUNCIL DECISION

That Council:

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- 8. Refers to this project as the “Peninsula Trail” and adopts the Peninsula Trail Masterplan.**

5 NOTICES OF MOTION

5.1 Notice of Motion 484 (Cr Gill) Road Safety

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That item 5.1 be deferred to the 3 June Council Meeting.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Holds a workshop to discuss options to improve road safety on the Mornington Peninsula.
2. Invites all local politicians to participate in the workshop.
3. Invites community views regarding findings of the workshop.
4. Considers a public meeting to highlight local road safety strategies and improved outcomes.

UPDATED MOTION

That Council:

1. Holds a workshop in August 2025 to discuss options to improve road safety on the Mornington Peninsula as part of its review of the Towards Zero Road Safety Strategy and its associated action plans.
2. Invites all local politicians, emergency services and the Department of Transport and Planning to participate in the workshop.
3. Invites community views regarding findings of the workshop via public exhibition of the draft towards zero road safety strategy and its associated action plans with the exhibition to be completed in October 2025.
4. Highlights local road safety strategies and improved outcomes upon adoption of the revised Toward Zero Road Safety Strategy through the local media and letters to relevant State and Federal Members of Parliament

5.2 Notice of Motion 485 (Cr Gill) - Climate Change

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That item 5.2 be deferred to the 3 June Council Meeting.

MOTION

That Council:

1. Urgently develops in-house, a new plan to ensure the continuation of locally focussed, practical and measurable climate resilience and mitigation projects on the Mornington Peninsula.
2. Invites our community to contribute to the plan.

6 URGENT BUSINESS

Under Council's Governance Rules, no business may be admitted as urgent business unless it:

1. relates to a matter which has arisen since distribution of the Agenda.
2. cannot because of its urgency, be reasonably listed in the Agenda of the next Council Meeting
3. Councillors by a majority vote, vote in favour of a matter being dealt with as urgent business.

7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

8 MEETING CLOSE

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 10.25pm

Confirmed this 3rd day of June 2025

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Mayor, Cr Anthony Marsh, Chairperson - Council