



**Mornington  
Peninsula Shire**

# **MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, 29 JUNE 2026**

**6:30 PM**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICES  
BESGROVE STREET, ROSEBUD**

## MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE COUNCIL

### WARDS AND COUNCILLORS

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

### EXECUTIVE TEAM

<b>Mr Mark Stoermer</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Ms Cheryl Casey</b>	<b>Director – Communities</b>
<b>Mr Andrew Pomeroy</b>	<b>Director – Planning and Liveability</b>
<b>Mr Davey Smith</b>	<b>Director – Assets and Infrastructure</b>
<b>Ms Kelly Gillies</b>	<b>Chief of Staff</b>

### OBSERVERS

<b>Prue Digby</b>	<b>Municipal Monitor</b>
<b>Rebecca McKenzie</b>	<b>Municipal Monitor</b>

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# **1 OPENING AND WELCOME**

Meeting opened at 6.30pm

Appointed Chairperson – Mayor, Cr Stephen Batty

## **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 Stephen Batty (Chairperson)

Cr Andrea Allen

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

Ms Rebecca McKenzie, Municipal Monitor

### **2.1 Apologies**

Nil.

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

Nil.

### 3 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

#### ASSETS & INFRASTRUCTURE

##### 3.1 Long Term Capital Works Plan 2026–2027 to 2035–2036

###### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the Long-Term Capital Works Plan (LTCWP) as a strategic guide for future capital investment priorities.
2. Approves that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) may:
  - A. Reallocate funding between projects within the adopted annual Capital Works Budget or to projects endorsed in the LTCWP within the next four years, including where:
    - i. the total Capital Works Budget remains unchanged
    - ii. the reallocation does not materially impact the delivery of adopted priorities
    - iii. the receiving project has a documented readiness assessment and is endorsed by the Capital Works Steering Committee
    - iv. the original project retains sufficient funds for interim works and funding is reinstated in a future budget cycle
    - v. the value of any individual funding reallocation does not exceed \$2 million per project.
  - B. Provide a funding commitment towards external grant applications for projects listed in years 1–4 of the endorsed Long Term Capital Works Plan, where Council’s contribution does not exceed \$1 million in a financial year.
  - C. Support grant applications for projects listed as a ‘future consideration’, within the endorsed Long Term Capital Works Plan, where no Council funding contribution is required.
3. Requires the CEO to report to Council, details of any actions undertaken under part 2 of this resolution.

**3.1 (Cont.)****Moved: Cr Patton****Seconded: Cr Roper****AMENDMENT****Moved: Cr Gill****Seconded: Cr Stephens**

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- iv. The original project retains sufficient funds for interim works and funding is reinstated in the next budget cycle, or a subsequent budget year with clear rationale reported to Council.
  - v. The value of any individual funding reallocation does not exceed \$1 million per project.
3. Requires the CEO to report to a public Council Meeting details of any actions undertaken under Part 2 of this resolution.

The Chair ruled that the amendment be voted on in parts.

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- iv. **The original project retains sufficient funds for interim works and funding is reinstated in the next budget cycle, or a subsequent budget year with clear rationale reported to Council.**

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

The Amendment became part of the Substantive Motion.

**3.1 (Cont.)**

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- v. The value of any individual funding reallocation does not exceed \$1 million per project.

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

- 3. Requires the CEO to report to a public Council Meeting details of any actions undertaken under Part 2 of this resolution.

**For:** Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton and Cr Roper**Against:** Cr Williams, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty and Cr Pingiaro**Tied****The Amendment was lost on the casting vote of the Chair****COUNCIL DECISION****Moved:** Cr Patton**Seconded:** Cr Roper**That Council:**

1. **Endorses the Long-Term Capital Works Plan (LTCWP) as a strategic guide for future capital investment priorities.**
2. **Approves that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) may:**
  - A. **Reallocate funding between projects within the adopted annual Capital Works Budget or to projects endorsed in the LTCWP within the next four years, including where:**
    - I. **the total Capital Works Budget remains unchanged**
    - II. **the reallocation does not materially impact the delivery of adopted priorities**
    - III. **the receiving project has a documented readiness assessment and is endorsed by the Capital Works Steering Committee**

**3.1 (Cont.)**

- IV. the original project retains sufficient funds for interim works and funding is reinstated in the next budget cycle, or a subsequent budget year with clear rationale reported to Council.**
  - V. the value of any individual funding reallocation does not exceed \$2 million per project.**
  
  - B. Provide a funding commitment towards external grant applications for projects listed in years 1-4 of the endorsed Long Term Capital Works Plan, where Council's contribution does not exceed \$1 million in a financial year.**
  - C. Support grant applications for projects listed as a 'future consideration', within the endorsed Long Term Capital Works Plan, where no Council funding contribution is required.**
- 3. Requires the CEO to report to Council, details of any actions undertaken under part 2 of this resolution.**

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

**Against:** Cr Gill

**Carried**

## OFFICE OF THE CEO

### 3.2 Adoption of the 2026/2027 Annual Budget

#### RECOMMENDATION

Part A

The Budget

That Council resolves, pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, to adopt the 2026/2027 Annual Budget.

Part B

Declaration of Rates and Charges – Amount to be Raised

- That it is intended to raise the amount of \$249,557,758 for the rating year commencing 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 by application of Rates and Charges detailed as follows:

Type or Class of Land	2026/2027 \$'000
General land	\$176,367
Vacant residential land/rural land	\$5,023
Vacant commercial land	\$116
Vacant industrial land	\$289
Mornington Peninsula agricultural rate land	\$2,272
Conservation land rate	\$1,078
Trust for nature land	\$21
Retirement villages	\$1,956
Cerberus land	\$60
Steel works	\$840
Cultural and recreational land	\$188

**3.2 (Cont.)**

Supplementary rates	\$1,300
Heritage rebate	\$(90)
Valuations objections	\$(100)
Total amount to be raised by General Rates	\$189,321
Waste Service Charge	\$49,816
Green Waste Charge (optional)	\$10,420
Total Rates and Charges	\$249,558

## Basis of Valuation

2. That Capital Improved Value (CIV) be used as the basis for rating of all properties within the Mornington Peninsula Shire for 2026/2027.
3. That the determination of the 2026/2027 rates for all properties be based on 1 January 2026 levels of property valuations returned to Council on 30 April 2026 and as subsequently amended by supplementary valuations.

## General Rates

4. A General Rate be declared for the 2026/2027 financial year.
5. It be further declared that the General Rate be raised by the application of Differential Rates.

## Differential Rate Percentages

6. That each Differential Rate will be determined by multiplying the CIV of each rateable land (categorised by the characteristics described in the section 4.1 of Attachment 1), by the relevant percentages indicated in table below:

Type or Class of Land	2026/2027 Cents/\$ CIV
General Rate for rateable general properties	0.14113
General Rate for rateable vacant residential properties	0.19758
General Rate for rateable vacant commercial properties	0.19758
General Rate for vacant industrial properties	0.19758

**3.2 (Cont.)**

General Rate for rateable Mornington Peninsula Agricultural Rate properties	0.04940
General Rate for rateable Conservation Land Rate properties	0.10585
General Rate for Trust for Nature properties	0.04940
General Rate for Retirement Village properties	0.11290

7. It be recorded that Council considers that each Differential Rate will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of Council functions, and that:
- A. The respective objectives of each Differential Rate be those specified in the Statutory Disclosures within the 2026/2027 Budget as adopted.
  - B. The respective types or classes of land which are subject to each Differential Rate be those specified in the Statutory Disclosures within the 2026/2027 Budget as adopted.
  - C. The respective uses and levels of each Differential Rate in relation to those respective types or classes of land be those specified in the Statutory Disclosures within the 2026/2027 Budget as adopted.
  - D. The relevant:
    - i. Uses of
    - ii. Geographical locations of
    - iii. Planning Scheme zonings of
    - iv. Types of buildings on the respective types or classes of land be those identified in the Statutory Disclosures, within the attached 2026/2027 Budget as adopted.

#### Curtilage on Properties Classified as Farmland and Conservation Land

8. That pursuant to sections 158 and 158A of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the General Rate in the dollar on CIV for general properties be levied for the 2026/2027 rating year on the curtilage component of all properties classified as farmland and conservation land.

**3.2 (Cont.)**

## Rebates

9. That pursuant to section 169 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:
  - A. A Heritage Rebate of 25% (with a minimum of \$100) on the rates levied on the improvements of heritage properties listed in the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme
  - B. A Heritage Rebate of 12.5% (with a minimum of \$50) on the rates levied on the improvements of properties within a designated heritage precinct that meet the criteria of the Heritage Rate Rebate for the 2026/2027 rating year.

## Services Charges

10. Annual Waste Collection Charge be declared for the kerbside collection and disposal of municipal refuse.
11. Annual Public Cleaning Charge be declared for the indirect waste related expenditure such as public bin collection and street sweeping.
12. The annual Waste Collection charge is \$353 for all properties receiving a kerbside collection and the Public Cleaning Charge is \$154 for all rateable properties with the only exceptions being:
  - A. Properties rated under the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963*
  - B. Properties subject to the *Western Port (Steel Works Rating) Act 1971*.
13. An annual Service Charge be declared for the collection and disposal of refuse taking the form of green waste.
14. The annual Service Charge be the sum of \$178 for each service of one 240 litre green waste bin for each rateable land (or part) located within the eligible service areas in respect of which the owner has given notice to Council that the collection and disposal of green waste from the land is desired.

*Cultural and Recreation Lands Act*

15. That pursuant to the provisions of the *Cultural and Recreation Lands Act 1963*, the following rates be levied on the listed properties for the 2026/2027 rating year:

Property No.	Property	Rates
12018	Sorrento Golf Club	\$37,330.28

## 3.2 (Cont.)

153438	Portsea Golf Club	\$30,212.14
54951	Rosebud Country Club Ltd	\$22,398.15
61372	Mornington Country Golf Club	\$13,065.61
87869	Devilbend Golf Club	\$6,131.11
123392	Flinders Golf Club	\$14,932.12
15902	Flinders Yacht Club	\$1,918.14
17439	Rosebud Yacht Club Inc.	\$1,598.54
26463	Rye Sailing Club	\$1,822.26
28769	McCrae Yacht Club	\$2,061.19
39007	Sorrento Sailing Club	\$5,398.58
141024	Safety Beach Sailing Club	\$2,143.53
46705	Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron	\$3,822.62
78645	Mount Martha Yacht Club	\$2,152.41
78974	Somers Yacht Club	\$2,348.01
80020	Rosebud Motorboat Squadron	\$1,000.92
80912	Western Port Yacht Club	\$1,705.89
84465	Merricks Yacht Club	\$1,841.81
85013	Point Leo Boat Club	\$1,746.24
88027	Hastings Yacht Club	\$1,187.00
118429	Mornington Yacht Club	\$1,085.96
111616	Davey's Bay Yacht Club	\$3,746.59
98964	Canadian Bay Club	\$2,769.23
88029	Western Port Angling Club	\$387.57
84471	Merricks Beach Residents Association	\$735.55
62833	Mornington Racing Club	\$21,719.44

**3.2 (Cont.)**

89370	Peninsula Aero Club	\$3,171.03
Total		\$188,431.92

## Consequential

16. The rate of 10 per centum be specified as the Rate of Interest set by Council for the purpose of section 172(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* and be so set until a new rate is set in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.
17. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) be authorised to levy and recover the General Rates and annual Service Charges in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.
18. The CEO is authorised to make any administrative changes to the 2026/2027 Annual Budget.

## Part C

That Council adopts the deferral of forecast new borrowings (\$3,467,000) from 2025/2026 to 2026/2027.

**Moved: Cr Pingiaro**

**Seconded: Cr Allen**

**AMENDMENT**

**Moved: Cr Gill**

**Seconded: Cr Stephens**

That Council amends the draft budget pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, to adopt the 2026/2027 Annual Budget with the following changes:

1. Increase local area community capital infrastructure grants by \$300,000, increasing the program to \$1,300,000;
2. Include \$70,000 in the operating budget to implement cycling infrastructure across the Shire:
3. Include \$480,000 in the 2026/2027 capital works program for the implementation stage for a Public Toilet - Flinders Park regional playground, Project 300069.
4. That funds unallocated in the Financial Performance Statement, and/or now available from previous Council funding for Emil Madsen Reserve

**3.2 (Cont.)**

(\$2.3 million – ‘2026/’2027 Council Budget ) that is not supported by the applicable Federal Government Grant, be used to fund the changes identified in parts 1, 2 and 3 above.

**For:** Cr Gill

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

**Lost**

**AMENDMENT**

**Moved:** Cr Roper

**Seconded:** Cr Patton

Part D

The Visitor Economy Partnership grant of \$200,000 be reduced to \$50,000, and that the \$150,000 be reallocated to community capital grants.

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

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

**Lost**

**The Substantive Motion was then put.**

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

**Against:** Nil

**Carried Unanimously**

## COMMUNITIES

### 3.3 Emil Madsen Western Pavilion – Project Update

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the correspondence from the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (DITRDCSA) dated 17 June 2026 regarding Council's request to vary the scope and timing for the Emil Madsen Reserve Upgrade project has not been approved.
  2. Notes the projected underspend of approximately \$5 million in Priority Community Infrastructure Program (PCIP) funding.
  3. Endorses the preparation and submission of a revised variation request to the DITRDCSA to re-scope the project to either:
    - A. Include additional eligible works consistent with the Emil Madsen Reserve Masterplan deliverable before the end of the PCIP appropriation period on 30 June 2027.
- OR
- B. Support the submission of a revised variation request to the DITRDCSA to deliver the Emil Madsen Western Pavilion if all activities can be completed before the end of the PCIP appropriation period on 30 June 2027.

#### UPDATED RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Notes the correspondence from the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (DITRDCSA) dated 17 June 2026 regarding Council's request to vary the scope and timing for the Emil Madsen Reserve Upgrade project has not been approved.**
2. **Notes the projected underspend of approximately \$5 million in Priority Community Infrastructure Program (PCIP) funding.**
3. **Endorses the preparation and submission of a revised variation request to the DITRDCSA to re-scope the project to include additional eligible works**

**3.3 (Cont.)**

**consistent with the Emil Madsen Reserve Masterplan deliverable before the end of the PCIP appropriation period on 30 June 2027.**

- 4. Includes in the additional works minor changes to landscaping and playground areas to accommodate the construction of the netball courts as part of the Emil Madsen Reserve Upgrade Project.**
- 5. Continues investing in the future of Emil Madsen Reserve by advocating through the State Government election for additional funds for the shovel ready pavilion.**

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved: Cr Ranken**

**Seconded: Cr Pingiaro**

**That the updated recommendation be adopted.**

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

**Against:** Nil

**Carried Unanimously**

## **4 MEETING CLOSE**

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 8.16pm.

**Confirmed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2026**

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**Mayor, Cr Stephen Batty**