



**MORNINGTON
PENINSULA**
Shire

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2025

6:30PM

**MUNICIPAL OFFICES
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 Binyon)

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*

Nil

2.3 Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting held on 22 April 2025, be confirmed.

COUNCIL DECISION

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 Council Decision Register**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the Decision Register Summaries for 2019-2025 (Attachments 1-7) as at 28 April 2025.

COUNCIL DECISION

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

2.5 Councillor Briefing Sessions**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the record of Councillor Briefing Sessions for 15 and 22 April 2025.

COUNCIL DECISION

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

2.6 Public Question Time**QUESTION WITH NOTICE****Climate Emergency Plan - Dishwashers**

Despi O'Connor, a resident of Mount Martha asked the following question:

Can you please tell me what school received a dishwasher through the climate emergency grant program?

I & S I advises that during the Single Use Plastics Grant Round in 2021/22, a grant of was awarded to a school. This grant program is no longer active.

The schools' project title was 'Waste Wise'. In their acquittal report the school listed a number of initiatives but we cannot confirm with certainty whether a dishwasher was included.

Federal Election advertising

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

With some Councillors appearing in political advertising and media releases for Flinders electorate candidates in the 2025 federal election, does Council believe these Councillors have acted impartially in their roles and are these Councillors in breach of the Local Government Act 2020?

Council advises that the *Local Government Act 2020 (the Act)* refers specifically to the conduct of Councillors during Local Government Elections, particularly during the Caretaker Period, however is silent in terms of State and Federal Elections.

It is not for the Council administration to comment on Councillor behaviour. If concerns arise regarding a potential breach of the Model Councillor Code of Conduct or misuse of position, these may be raised through the formal Councillor Conduct Framework established under *the Act*.

To ensure neutrality, Councillors follow a strict protocol and only participate in photos with candidates when they are announcing local funding commitments.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

The following questions were received without notice, a written response to these questions will be provided to the submitters and will be published on the website.

Climate Emergency Plan

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

In August 2019, the Shire declared a Climate Emergency Plan in order to remember the world, to create a better world. Just recently, six Shire Councillors rejected the plan, knowing that climate change was an important issue. Why was this plan rejected?

Council Well Being Plan

Fred Crump, also asked the following question:

Why do we have a Well Being Plan, when Hastings still has a lot of issues?

3 COUNCILLORS AND DELEGATES REPORTS

Council Liaison Committee of the Western Port Biosphere Foundation (Cr Patton)

The Council Liaison Committee of the Western Port Biosphere Foundation (the Committee) met on 24 April 2025 to progress shared strategic priorities and strengthen the role of local government in shaping the future direction of the Biosphere. Councillor delegates and council officers from across the region came together to align their efforts in responding to biodiversity loss, climate impacts, and sustainable land-use challenges facing the Biosphere Reserve.

Key outcomes from the meeting included:

- ☐ **Council updates:** Each member of council provided an overview of major initiatives, including strategic planning processes, coastal adaptation work, environmental overlays, and climate action plans. These demonstrated the depth of council-led action already underway across the Biosphere region.
- ☐ **Shared priorities:** There was clear alignment on the need for increased State Government investment in biodiversity, coastal resilience, and climate mitigation. Participants noted that the Biosphere provides a strong platform to amplify this advocacy collectively.
- ☐ **Unified direction:** The Committee discussed the importance of developing a coordinated position or set of strategic directions to present to the Biosphere Board. This is seen as essential to ensuring that Council voices are meaningfully embedded in the Foundation's decision-making and long-term vision.

Importantly, the meeting reaffirmed the critical role of local government in the stewardship of the Biosphere and the value of the Committee in providing a united voice. It was agreed that an in-person meeting will be held shortly to workshop and finalise this joint position.

As environmental pressures mount across the Western Port region, this collaborative approach is pivotal to delivering integrated and effective action at scale. Councils remain key partners in the Biosphere's success and must be supported with the governance influence and resourcing needed to match this responsibility.

Association of Bayside Municipalities (ABM) (Cr Patton)

The Association of Bayside Municipalities (ABM) convened a strategic planning workshop with councillor delegates, alternates, and senior staff to assess progress and shape the next four-year Strategic Plan.

Key discussion areas included:

- ☐ Reflecting on ABM's value and impact over the past four years.
- ☐ Identifying challenges and opportunities for collaborative action around Port Phillip Bay.
- ☐ Setting strategic priorities to guide future focus and advocacy.
- ☐ Exploring governance principles and sustainable resourcing to support implementation.

This workshop lays the groundwork for a revised Strategic Plan and updated Charter, to be reviewed at the next ABM meeting scheduled for 21 May 2025.

Keep Australia Beautiful – Tidy Towns Sustainability Awards 2025 (Cr Patton)

The 2025 Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Sustainability Awards were held in Beechworth, Victoria, celebrating excellence in community-led sustainability across regional and rural Australia. This national event brought together outstanding finalists from every state and territory, all showcasing inspiring projects that strengthen environmental resilience, social inclusion, and civic pride.

National Finalists:

- ☐ Ikuntji, NT – A remote Aboriginal community leading in cultural heritage and water conservation initiatives.
- ☐ Kingston SE, SA – Recognised for circular economy programs and post-disaster mental health initiatives.
- ☐ Launceston, TAS – A national leader in climate adaptation, circular economy innovation, and inclusive sustainability planning.
- ☐ Parkes, NSW – Celebrated for progressive infrastructure projects and community participation.
- ☐ Port and South Hedland, WA – Commended for biodiversity protection, including a long-running turtle conservation program.
- ☐ Rye, VIC – Showcased coastal restoration, universal access infrastructure, youth empowerment, and collaborative environmental action.

I attended on behalf of the Mornington Peninsula Shire and presented on two key Rye initiatives:

- ☐ Rye's Liveable Communities initiative, which delivered accessible infrastructure across the foreshore using universal design principles.
- ☐ The Rye Bio-Infiltration Project, an innovative stormwater treatment system that delivers environmental benefits alongside urban cooling, amenity, and biodiversity enhancement.

Rye received national recognition in three award categories:

- ☐ Highly Commended – Liveable Communities for “Rye – A Foreshore for All”
- ☐ Highly Commended – Young Legends for the work of Peninsula Rotaract
- ☐ Winner – Dame Phyllis Frost Local Hero, awarded to Mechelle Cheers.

The Dame Phyllis Frost Local Hero Award is the highest individual honour in the Tidy Towns program. Named after the celebrated Victorian philanthropist and environmental advocate, the award recognises an individual who has made an extraordinary and sustained contribution to community wellbeing and environmental improvement.

Mechelle Cheers was recognised nationally for her deep and enduring leadership within the Rye community. Her efforts have driven multiple local initiatives including:

- ☐ The Rye Coastal Wetland restoration
- ☐ Conserving Vulnerable Moonah Woodland

- ☐ Rye – A Foreshore for All - inclusive design and infrastructure campaign
- ☐ Advocacy for Bunurong cultural heritage recognition
- ☐ Founding of Rye Beach Patrol to build community stewardship.

Mechelle's work exemplifies what this award represents grassroots leadership, tireless dedication, and the ability to inspire others through care for place. Her close collaboration with schools and youth has created a lasting impact on community values and environmental education in Rye.

Congratulations are extended to all national finalists, and especially to Launceston, Tasmania, who were named the Overall National Winner for their integrated approach to waste reduction, climate adaptation, and community participation.

The awards demonstrated the power of local action and reinforced Rye's reputation as a leader in inclusive design and environmental innovation on the Mornington Peninsula. It was a valuable opportunity to share our work, learn from others, and celebrate the collective effort driving sustainability in communities across Australia.

4 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

ASSETS & INFRASTRUCTURE

4.1 Optus & Telstra Co-Location Lease Agreements - Citation Reserve Mount Martha

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Resolves its intention to lease the council owned land Part 515 Nepean Highway, Mount Martha (the land) subject to undertaking a community engagement process.
2. Pursuant to section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act):
 - A. Authorises notices of the Shire's intention to lease the Land to be placed on the Shire website.
 - B. Undertakes a Community Engagement in accordance with the Shire's Community Engagement Policy in relation to the proposed lease of the Land.
3. Notes that the Community Engagement Process on the proposed lease will be carried out by management under delegation.

Part B

That Council resolves that Attachment 2 to this report be retained as a confidential item pursuant to section 3 (1) (g) (ii) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as it contains private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Ranken

Seconded: Cr Batty

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

COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING

4.2 Draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan - Consultation Outcomes and Consideration for Adoption

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan 2025-2029.
2. Reviews the Onsite Wastewater Management Plan 2025-2029 and publishes an implementation report within five years of adoption.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Gill
Seconded: Cr Stephens

That Council:

1. Adopts the Draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan 2025-2029.
2. Reviews the Onsite Wastewater Management Plan 2025-2029 and publishes an implementation report each year.
3. Considers a regular community advocacy program to have all properties connected to sewerage reticulation.
4. Produces a timeline for the next 10 years to achieve connection of all properties to sewerage reticulation.

The Motion was then put to the vote in parts.

Part 1

That Council:

1. Adopts the draft Onsite Wastewater Management Plan 2025-2029.

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

Part 2

2. Reviews the Onsite Wastewater Management Plan 2025-2029 and publishes an Implementation report each year.
3. Considers a regular community advocacy program to have all properties connected to sewerage reticulation.

4.2 (Cont.)

- 4. Produces a timeline for the next 10 years to achieve connection of all properties to sewerage reticulation.**

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

4.3 Community Facility Hire Policy Proposed Amendments**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts the proposed changes to the Community Facility Hire Policy, to be implemented on 1 July 2025.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Allen

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, Cr Roper and Mayor, Cr Marsh

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

CORPORATE STRATEGY & BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT

4.4 Bulk Policy Adoption and Rescission

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the:
 - A. Community Investment Funding Policy.
 - B. Recognition and Achievements Policy.
2. Revokes the Correspondence Commitment Policy.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Roper
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

4.5 Victorian Electoral Commission Report on the 2024 Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Local Government Elections**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the attached Victorian Electoral Commission report titled 'Election Report Mornington Peninsula Shire Council 2024 Local Government Elections April 2025' (Attachment 1).

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

OFFICE OF THE CEO

4.6 2025/2026 Annual Budget - Operating Expenses and Community Investment Funding

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft 2025/26 Financial Performance Statement (Attachment 1) for the purposes of estimating funds available.
2. Notes the draft 2025/26 Annual Budget (Attachment 2).
3. Adopts the deferral of forecast new borrowings from 2024/2025 to 2025/2026.
4. Adopts the proposed Community Investment Funding Program (grants, subsidies and sponsorships) totalling **I & S** for 2025/26 Annual Budget, according to the identified grants and subsidies streams aligned to the Draft Council Plan themes as per below:

Place

- A. Environmental Sustainability Grants and Subsidies (Biolinks, Heritage, Biosphere, Dolphin Research) **I & S**
- B. Climate Action Grants and Subsidies (Climate Action, Energy Support, Repower) **I & S**

People

- C. Cohesive Community Grants (Placemaking, Community Support, Flexi and Community Event Grants) **I & S**
- D. Transport Assist Subsidy **I & S**
- E. Community Houses Subsidy **I & S**
- F. Toy Libraries Subsidy **I & S**
- G. Commemorative Events Subsidy **I & S**
- H. Seniors Festival Subsidy **I & S**
- I. Willum Warrain Inclusion Subsidy **I & S**
- J. Senior Citizens Subsidy **I & S**
- K. Community Support Centres Subsidy **I & S**
- L. Local Essential Safety Services Subsidy (Legal Aid, Food Relief) **I & S**
- M. Community Led Safety Subsidies (Coast guard, State Emergency Service (SES), Lifeguards, Road Safety) **I & S**

4.6 (Cont.)

Prosperity

- N. Sponsorship Program I & S
 - O. Prosperous Community Grants (Creative and Performing Arts and Business Development) I & S
 - P. Prosperous Community Subsidy (Tourism Centres) I & S
5. Allocates I & S subsidy to the Friends of Los Palos in accordance with the Council Decision of 12 July 2022 to continue funding until June 2030.
 6. Ceases the Mayoral Emergency Fund Program.
 7. Authorises, subject to Chief Executive Officer financial delegations, the redistribution of undersubscribed grants and/or subsidies within each theme of Council Plan to support oversubscribed applications.

Part B

That Council resolves that Attachment 3 to this report be retained as a confidential item pursuant to section 3 (1) (a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Pingiaro
Seconded: Cr Williams

That Council:

1. **Endorses the draft 2025/26 Financial Performance Statement (Attachment 1) for the purposes of estimating funds available, with the following changes:**
 - A. **Decreases 'Employee Costs' by I & S**
 - B. **Increases 'Service Planning Efficiencies' by I & S**
 - C. **Updates 'Other Expenses' to reflect the changes to the Community Investment Funding (CIF) program.**
2. **Adopts the deferral of forecast new borrowings from 2024/2025 to 2025/2026.**
3. **Adopts the Community Investment Funding Program (grants, subsidies and sponsorships) totalling I & S for 2025/26 Annual Budget, according to the identified grants and subsidies streams aligned to the draft Council Plan themes as per below:**

Place

- A. **Environmental Sustainability Grants and Subsidies (Total I & S):**
 1. **Biolink Support Grants I & S**
 2. **Biosphere I & S**

4.6 (Cont.)

People

- B. Cohesive Community Grants (Total I & S
 - 1. Placemaking Grants I & S
 - 2. Community Support Grants I & S
 - 3. Flexi Grants I & S
 - 4. Community Event Grants I & S
- C. Transport Assist Subsidy I & S
- D. Community Houses Subsidy I & S
- E. Toy Libraries Subsidy I & S
- F. Commemorative Events Subsidy I & S
- G. Seniors Festival Subsidy I & S
- H. Senior Citizens Subsidy I & S
- I. Community Support Centres Subsidy I & S
- J. Local Essential Safety Services Subsidy I & S
 - 1. Legal Aid I & S
 - 2. Food Relief I & S
- K. Community Safety Subsidies (Emergency Services, Lifeguards, Road Safety) I & S

Prosperity

- L. Sponsorship Program I & S
 - M. Local Area Community Capital Infrastructure Grants I & S
 - N. Prosperous Community Subsidy (Tourism Centres) I & S
 - O. Visitor Economy Partnership (VEP) Subsidy I & S
4. Must adopt the new Grant, Subsidy and Sponsorship Program Guidelines before opening applications for Grant, Subsidy and Sponsorship funding.
 5. Ceases the Friends of Los Palos Subsidy.
 6. Ceases the Mayoral Emergency Fund Program.

Part B

That Council resolves that Attachment 3 to this report be retained as a confidential item pursuant to section 3 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 2020 as it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

4.6 (Cont.)

The Motion was then put to the vote in parts.

Part 1

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the draft 2025/26 Financial Performance Statement (Attachment 1) for the purposes of estimating funds available, with the following changes:**

A. Decreases 'Employee Costs' by I & S

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

Against: Cr Roper

Carried

Part 2

B. Increases 'Service Planning Efficiencies' by I & S

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

Part 3

- 2. Adopts the deferral of forecast new borrowings from 2024/2025 to 2025/2026.**

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

Part 4

- 3. Adopts the Community t Funding Program (grants, subsidies and sponsorships) totalling I & S for 2025/26 Annual Budget, according to the identified grants and subsidies streams aligned to the draft council plan themes as per below:**

Place

A. Environmental Sustainability Grants and Subsidies I & S

1. Biolink Support Grants I & S

2. Biosphere I & S

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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

Part 5

People**B. Cohesive Community Grants (Total I & S :**

- 1. Placemaking Grants I & S**
- 2. Community Support Grants I & S**
- 3. Flexi Grants I & S**
- 4. Community Event Grants I & S**

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

Against: Cr Binyon

Carried

Part 6

C. Transport Assist Subsidy I & S

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

Part 7

D. Community Houses Subsidy I & S

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 (Cont.)

Part 8

E. Toy Libraries Subsidy I & S

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

Part 9

F. Commemorative Events Subsidy I & S

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

Part 10

G. Seniors Festival Subsidy I & S

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

Part 11

H. Senior Citizens Subsidy I & S

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

Part 12

I. Community Support Centres Subsidy I & S

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 (Cont.)

Part 13

J. Local Essential Safety Services Subsidy (Total I & S :**1. Legal Aid I & S****2. Food Relief I & S**

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

Part 14

K. Community Led Safety Subsidies (Emergency Services, Lifeguards, Road Safety) I & S

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

Part 15

Prosperity**L. Sponsorship Program I & S**

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

Part 16

M. Local Area Community Capital Infrastructure Grants I & S

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 (Cont.)

Part 17

N. Prosperous Community Subsidy (Tourism Centres) I & S

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

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

Carried

Part 18

O. Visitor Economy Partnership (VEP) Subsidy I & S

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

Part 19

4. Must adopt the new Grant, Subsidy and Sponsorship Program Guidelines before opening applications for Grant, Subsidy and Sponsorship funding.

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

Part 20

5. Ceases the Friends of Los Palos Subsidy.

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

Part 21

6. Ceases the Mayoral Emergency Fund Program.

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 (Cont.)

Part 22

Part B

That Council resolves that Attachment 3 to this report be retained as a confidential item pursuant to section 3 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 2020 as it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

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

Part 23

1. Endorses the draft 2025/26 Financial Performance Statement (Attachment 1) for the purposes of estimating funds available, with the following changes:

C. Updates 'Other Expenses' to reflect the changes to the Community Investment Funding (CIF) program.

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

For clarity the Council Decision is repeated below.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Pingiaro

Seconded: Cr Williams

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft 2025/26 Financial Performance Statement (Attachment 1) for the purposes of estimating funds available, with the following changes:

A. Decreases 'Employee Costs' by I & S .

B. Increases 'Service Planning Efficiencies' by I & S

C. Updates 'Other Expenses' to reflect the changes to the Community Investment Funding (CIF) program.

2. Adopts the deferral of forecast new borrowings from 2024/2025 to 2025/2026.

3. Adopts the Community Funding Program (grants, subsidies and sponsorships) totalling I & S for 2025/26 Annual Budget, according to the identified grants and subsidies streams aligned to the draft council plan themes as per below:

4.6 (Cont.)**Place****A. Environmental Sustainability Grants and Subsidies (Total I & S):**

1. Biolink Support Grants I & S
2. Biosphere I & S

People**B. Cohesive Community Grants (Total I & S):**

1. Placemaking Grants I & S
2. Community Support Grants I & S
3. Flexi Grants I & S
4. Community Event Grants I & S .

C. Transport Assist Subsidy I & S**D. Community Houses Subsidy I & S****E. Toy Libraries Subsidy I & S****F. Commemorative Events Subsidy I & S****G. Seniors Festival Subsidy I & S****H. Senior Citizens Subsidy I & S****I. Community Support Centres Subsidy I & S****J. Local Essential Safety Services Subsidy (Total I & S):**

1. Legal Aid I & S
2. Food Relief I & S

K. Community Safety Subsidies (Emergency Services, Lifeguards, Road Safety I & S**Prosperity****L. Sponsorship Program I & S****M. Local Area Community Capital Infrastructure Grants I & S****N. Prosperous Community Subsidy (Tourism Centres) I & S****O. Visitor Economy Partnership (VEP) Subsidy I & S**

4. Must adopt the new Grant, Subsidy and Sponsorship Program Guidelines before opening applications for Grant, Subsidy and Sponsorship funding.
5. Ceases the Friends of Los Palos Subsidy.

4.6 (Cont.)**6. Ceases the Mayoral Emergency Fund Program.****Part B**

That Council resolves that Attachment 3 to this report be retained as a confidential item pursuant to section 3 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 2020 as it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

Carried

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

4.7 Review of Planning and Environment Act 1987 - MAV Submission and Submission to the Victorian Legislative Council Select Committee on Victorian Planning Provisions Amendments VC257, VC267 and VC274

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the Reforming Victoria's Planning System Local Government Submission, Municipal Association of Victoria, April 2025 as per Attachment 1.
2. Endorses the submission to the Victorian Legislative Council Select Committee on Victorian Planning Provisions Amendments VC257, VC267 and VC274 as per Attachment 2.

MOTION

That Council:

1. **Endorses the Reforming Victoria's Planning System Local Government Submission, Municipal Association of Victoria, April 2025 as per Attachment 1.**
2. **Endorses the submission to the Victorian Legislative Council Select Committee on Victorian Planning Provisions Amendments VC257, VC267 and VC274 as per Attachment 2.**
3. **That Council brings to public attention all unilateral VC Ministerial Amendments to the Planning Scheme that affect the Mornington Peninsula.**

Moved: Cr Gill

Seconded: Cr Pingiaro

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

5 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

6 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

8 MEETING CLOSE

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 8.21pm.

Confirmed this 20th day of May 2025

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Mayor, Cr Anthony Marsh, Chairperson - Council