



MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

MAROONDAH CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY

16 SEPTEMBER 2024

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Realm, on Monday 16 September 2024 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT

Cr Kylie Spears (Mayor)	Wombolano Ward
Cr Paul Macdonald (Deputy Mayor)	Tarralla Ward
Cr Chris Jones	Barneong Ward
Cr Tony Dib OAM JP	Bungalook Ward
Cr Mike Symon	Jubilee Ward
Cr Suzy Stojanovic	McAlpin Ward
Cr Tasa Damante	Wicklow Ward
Cr Linda Hancock	Wonga Ward
Cr Rob Steane OAM	Yarrunga Ward
Steve Kozlowski	Chief Executive Officer
Tony Rocca	Chief Financial Officer
Adam Todorov	Director Assets & Leisure
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director People & Places
Andrew Fuaux	Director Strategy & Development
Chloe Messerle	Senior Governance Officer
Dan Glass	Multimedia Officer

The Mayor, Cr Spears welcomed all to the September Council meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer read the following Statement of Recording -

“Please note that this meeting is being recorded and streamed live on the internet. All care is taken to maintain your privacy; however, as a visitor in the public gallery, your presence may be recorded.”

A prayer was read by Kevin McKenna from Maroondah Interfaith Network.

The Councillor Pledge was read by the Mayor.

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Mayor.

APOLOGIES

Nil

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED CR DAMANTE, SECONDED CR STOJANOVIC

107/24

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 19 AUGUST 2024 BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**ATTENDANCE REPORT ITEM 1MOVED CR DIB OAM JP, SECONDED CR JONES 108/24**THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE REPORTS AS PRESENTED BY COUNCILLORS****CARRIED**

Councillors who spoke to their reports - Crs Spears, Jones, Dib, Symon, Stojanovic, Damante, Hancock and Steane

Cr Spears (Mayor)

20/08 Your Library CEO recruitment
21/08 Australian Local Government Women's Association and Deakin University 'Stepping Out' research meeting
21/08 Maroondah Audit & Risk Committee Meeting
21/08 Your Library Book Week Event
22/08 Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee Meeting
22/08 Victorian Local Government Mayors, CEOs and MAV Delegates Networking Event
23/08 Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Annual Conference
24/08 ArtSpace exhibition opening 'Labours of Love'
26/08 Australian Local Government Women's Association Queensland Annual General Meeting
27/08 Friends of Heathmont Village Green Meeting with Council
27/08 Your Library ARAC Meeting - Auditors Report
29/08 Your Library Board Meeting
29/08 Australian Local Government Women's Association National Board Meeting
29/08 Maroondah Business Excellence Awards Gala Event
30/08 Women in Public Office Program - First Nations Cultural Competency Training
03/09 Eastern Regional Mayors Meeting
03/09 Australian Local Government Women's Association Executive Meeting
03/09 Mayoral Video Filming
05/09 Eastern FM Broadcast
05/09 Your Library CEO recruitment
05/09 Winter Shelter 2024 Volunteer Thank You Event
06/09 Meeting with Resident
06/09 Eastern Region Group of Councils Meeting
10/09 Maroondah Business Group - A Night with Wilbur Wild Event
11/09 Maroondah Business Advisory Committee Meeting
12/09 Municipal Association of Victoria Annual Conference and Gala Event
12/09 Your Library Board Meeting
14/09 Ringwood Croquet Club Official Opening Day 2024-2025 Season Event

Cr Macdonald (Deputy Mayor)

- 28/08 Maroondah Arts Advisory Committee meeting
- 29/08 Maroondah Business Excellence Awards Gala Event
- 30/08 Mountain District Horse and Pony Club 80th Anniversary
- 03/09 Arrabri Community House Annual General Meeting
- 04/09 Communities of Wellbeing - My Manifesto with Justin Robinson
- 05/09 Winter Shelter 2024 Volunteer Thank You Event
- 06/09 Eastern Region Group of Councils Meeting
- 06/09 2024 Maroondah Volleyball Awards Night Event
- 10/09 Maroondah Environment Advisory Committee meeting
- 12/09 Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Annual Conference and Gala Event

Cr Jones

- 24/08 ArtSpace exhibition opening 'Labours of Love'
- 28/08 Maroondah Community Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee meeting
- 29/08 Maroondah Business Excellence Awards Gala Event
- 12/09 Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Annual Conference and Gala Event
- 27/08 Meeting with Resident

Cr Dib

- 03/09 Arrabri Community House Annual General Meeting
- 05/09 Winter Shelter 2024 Volunteer Thank You Event
- 12/09 Community Tree Planting - Glen Park Community Centre

Cr Symon

- 21/08 Maroondah Audit and Risk Advisory Committee meeting
- 23/08 Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting
- 24/08 ArtSpace exhibition opening 'Labours of Love'

Cr Stojanovic

- 21/08 Maroondah Audit and Risk Advisory Committee meeting
- 22/08 Eastern Alliance Greenhouse Action (EAGA) - Executive Committee meeting
- 26/08 Meeting with Friends of Ainslie Park
- 26/08 Sod turning at Karralyka
- 28/08 Maroondah Arts Advisory Committee meeting
- 28/08 Meeting with Burnt Bridge Tennis Club
- 29/08 Maroondah Business Excellence Awards Gala Event
- 30/08 Victorian Greenhouse Alliances Conference 2024
- 04/09 Communities of Wellbeing - My Manifesto with Justin Robinson
- 10/09 Maroondah Environment Advisory Committee meeting
- 11/09 Community function at North Ringwood Community House
- 14/09 Friends of Ainslie Parklands Planting Day
- 15/09 Community Sustainability Day at Central Ringwood Community Centre
- 15/09 Burnt Bridge Tennis Club Annual General Meeting and working bee

Cr Damante

28/08 Maroondah Community Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee meeting
29/08 Maroondah Business Excellence Awards Gala Event
04/09 1st Mooroolbark Scout Group Awards Presentation Event
06/09 2024 Maroondah Volleyball Awards Night Event
10/09 Maroondah Business Group - A Night with Wilbur Wild Event

Cr Hancock

20/08 Your Library CEO recruitment
22/08 Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee meeting
22/08 Norwood Football Club Presidents Event
24/08 ArtSpace exhibition opening 'Labours of Love'
27/08 Your Library ARAC Meeting - Auditors Report
28/08 Your Library CEO recruitment
29/08 Your Library Board Meeting
29/08 Your Library CEO recruitment
29/08 Maroondah Business Excellence Awards Gala Event
31/08 Ringwood Bowls Club Opening Season Event
03/09 Arrabri Community House Annual General Meeting
05/09 Winter Shelter 2024 Volunteer Thank You Event
06/09 2024 Maroondah Volleyball Awards Night Event
10/09 Maroondah Business Group - A Night with Wilbur Wild Event
12/09 Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Annual Conference and Gala Event
12/09 Your Library Board Meeting

Cr Steane

29/08 Maroondah Business Excellence Awards Gala Event
05/09 Winter Shelter 2024 Volunteer Thank You Event
10/09 Maroondah Business Group - A Night with Wilbur Wild Event
11/09 Maroondah Business Advisory Committee Meeting
12/09 Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Annual Conference

EXTENSION OF TIME

MOVED CR SYMON, SECONDED CR DAMANTE 109/24

CR STOJANOVIC REQUESTED AN EXTENSION OF TIME**CARRIED****SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

MOVED CR STEANE OAM, SECONDED CR MACDONALD 110/24

THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO PROVIDE COUNCILLORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON THE PAST 4 YEAR COUNCIL TERM**CARRIED**

Cr Spears advised that all Councillors had an opportunity to reflect on the past four year Council term.

Councillors Symon, Jones, Dib, Stojanovic, Damante, Hancock and Steane reflected on the four year term, thanking the community, Councillors, the Corporate Management Team and Council officers.

During Cr Symon's speech he advised that he would not be nominating for the upcoming Council Elections and therefore would be stepping down as Councillor at the end of the term.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOVED CR SYMON, SECONDED CR JONES 111/24

THAT STANDING ORDERS BE RESUMED

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS ITEM 2

MOVED CR STOJANOVIC, SECONDED CR SYMON 112/24

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS HELD ON 19 AUGUST 2024 AND 2 SEPTEMBER 2024

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION REPORTS ITEM 3

MOVED CR STEANE OAM, SECONDED CR DIB OAM JP 113/24

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING BODIES

1. **MAROONDAH LIVEABILITY, SAFETY AND AMENITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 24 JULY 2024**
2. **MAROONDAH ACCESS, INCLUSION AND EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 AUGUST 2024**
3. **MAROONDAH COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2024**
4. **MAROONDAH ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2024**

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Stojanovic and Symon

LAND EXCHANGE - PART PALMERSTON ROAD WEST RINGWOOD ITEM 4

MOVED CR SYMON, SECONDED CR HANCOCK 114/24

THAT COUNCIL

1. HAVING FOLLOWED ALL THE REQUIRED STATUTORY PROCEDURES UNDER SECTION 112 AND 114 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020 (ACT) IN RELATION TO ITS PROPOSAL OF A LAND EXCHANGE, RESOLVES TO

i. TRANSFER THE LAND SHOWN COLOURED GREEN ON THE PLAN CONTAINED IN SCHEDULE 1 TO THIS REPORT, BEING THE LAND CONTAINED IN LOT 1 AND 2 ON TITLE PLAN TP 965746 (SCHEDULE 3), KNOWN AS THE FORMER ROAD ADJOINING 24 PALMERSTON ROAD WEST, RINGWOOD (COUNCIL LAND) TO THE ADJOINING OWNER; AND

ii. ACQUIRE THE LAND SHOWN COLOURED BLUE ON THE PLAN CONTAINED IN SCHEDULE 1 AND SCHEDULE 2 TO THIS REPORT, BEING PART OF THE LAND CONTAINED IN LOT 2 ON PLAN OF SUBDIVISION PS 413267, KNOWN AS PART OF 24 PALMERSTON ROAD WEST, RINGWOOD (OWNER'S LAND)

2. AUTHORISES COUNCIL'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR ANY OFFICER WITH DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO ENABLE COUNCIL TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS UNDER THE ACT IN RELATION TO THIS MATTER

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Cr Stojanovic

OUTCOMES - MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA (MAV) STATE COUNCIL - 23 AUGUST 2024 ITEM 5

MOVED CR SYMON, SECONDED CR JONES 115/24

THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE TWO (2) MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MAROONDAH CITY COUNCIL TO THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 AUGUST 2024

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Cr Symon

REPORT OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING - 21 AUGUST 2024 ITEM 6

MOVED CR SYMON, SECONDED CR JONES 116/24

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE REPORT FROM THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 AUGUST 2024

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Symon, Hancock and Stojanovic

Cr Dib left the Council Chamber at 9:20pm whilst Councillors were speaking to the motion.

Cr Dib returned to the Council Chamber at 9:22pm in time for Council's determination.

Cr Steane left the Council Chamber at 9:24pm and returned at 9:24pm, in time for Council's determination.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - FURTHER TERM APPOINTMENT FOR
CURRENT MEMBER AND CHAIR ITEM 7

MOVED CR SYMON, SECONDED CR JONES 117/24

**THAT MR. JOHN WATSON BE APPOINTED AS AN INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE
MEMBER (CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE) FOR A FURTHER THREE-YEAR TERM**

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Symon, Steane and Stojanovic

DIRECTOR STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSED SUBMISSION TO STATE GOVERNMENT ON RINGWOOD
ACTIVITY CENTRE ITEM 1

MOVED CR HANCOCK, SECONDED CR STOJANOVIC 118/24

THAT

- 1. COUNCIL NOTES THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS REPORT IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RINGWOOD METROPOLITAN ACTIVITY CENTRE MASTERPLAN AND SURROUNDING CATCHMENT**
- 2. COUNCIL AUTHORISES THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO LODGE A SUBMISSION TO STATE GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MATTERS RAISED IN THIS REPORT**

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Hancock, Stojanovic, Macdonald, Steane, Jones, Damante, Symon and Spears

EXTENSION OF TIME

MOVED CR DAMANTE, SECONDED CR STEANE OAM 119/24

CR JONES REQUESTED AN EXTENSION OF TIME

CARRIED

EXTENSION OF TIME - COUNCIL MEETING TIME

MOVED CR JONES, SECONDED CR MACDONALD 120/24

THE CEO ADVISED THAT COUNCIL'S GOVERNANCE RULES ALLOWS FOR A COUNCIL MEETING TO EITHER FINISH AT 10PM OR BE EXTENDED BY 30 MINUTES ONLY

CR SPEARS REQUESTED AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNTIL 10:30PM

CARRIED

DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

LETTER UNDER SEAL - CR ROB STEANE OAM ITEM 1

MOVED CR DIB OAM JP, SECONDED CR DAMANTE 121/24

THAT COUNCIL SIGNS AND SEALS A LETTER UNDER SEAL TO CR ROB STEANE OAM IN RECOGNITION OF HIS 15 YEARS OF SERVICE TO MAROONDAH CITY COUNCIL, INCLUDING THREE TERMS AS MAYOR

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Stojanovic, Macdonald, Jones and Hancock

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOVED CR SYMON, SECONDED CR STOJANOVIC 122/24

THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO PRESENT CR STEANE OAM WITH A LETTER UNDER SEAL

CARRIED

Cr Spears presented Cr Steane OAM with a Letter Under Seal which recognises the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Mayor Emeritus and Councillor Service Award presented at an event on the 12 September 2024. Cr Steane received the honorary title of Mayor Emeritus for completing three terms as Mayor of Maroondah City Council in 2011/12, 2018/19 and 2022/23.

Cr Spears congratulated Cr Steane on achieving 15 years of service for the Maroondah community as Councillor for the former Wyreana Ward and the current Yarrunga Ward.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOVED CR DAMANTE, SECONDED CR JONES 123/24

THAT STANDING ORDERS BE RESUMED

CARRIED

MOTIONS TO REVIEW

Nil

LATE ITEMS

Nil

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOVED CR DAMANTE, SECONDED CR STOJANOVIC 124/24

THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO REFLECT ON THE PAST COUNCIL YEAR

CARRIED

Cr Steane spoke on behalf of the Councillors and thanked Cr Spears for the past year as Mayor. Cr Steane presented Cr Spears a gift.

Cr Damante spoke on behalf of the Councillors and thanked Cr Macdonald for the past year as Deputy Mayor. Cr Damante presented Cr Macdonald a gift.

Councillors Jones, Dib, Symon, Stojanovic, Damante, Hancock and Steane thanked the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their contribution over the past year.

The CEO thanked Cr Spears and Cr Macdonald for the past year as Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Cr Macdonald thanked Cr Spears, the community, Councillors, CMT, staff and his family for the past year as Deputy Mayor of the City of Maroondah.

Cr Spears thanked Cr Macdonald, the community, Councillors, CMT, staff and her family for the past year as Mayor of the City of Maroondah.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOVED CR STEANE OAM, SECONDED CR JONES 125/24

THAT STANDING ORDERS BE RESUMED

CARRIED

The open forum closed at 10:28pm.

Confirmed

Date