



MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
MAROONDAH CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY
28 APRIL 2025

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

It should be noted that these minutes are not in their final form until Council has formally resolved to confirm them.

These minutes will be presented to Council for confirmation on 26 May 2025.

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday 28 April 2025 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT

Cr Linda Hancock (Deputy Mayor)	Wonga Ward
Cr Chris Jones	Barneong Ward
Cr Catherine Gordon	Bungalook Ward
Cr Claire Rex	Jubilee Ward
Cr Nathaniel Henderson	McAlpin Ward
Cr Paul Macdonald	Tarralla Ward
Cr Daniella Heatherich	Wicklow Ward
Steve Kozlowski	Chief Executive Officer
Tony Rocca	Chief Financial Officer
Adam Todorov	Director Assets & Leisure
Danielle Butcher	Acting Director People & Places
Grant Meyer	Acting Director Strategy & Development
Emma Hills	Governance Officer
Dan Glass	Multimedia Officer

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Hancock welcomed all to the April 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 Reverend Brian Harvey from Heathmont Presbyterian Church.

The Councillor Pledge was read by the Deputy Mayor.

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Hancock, acknowledged the passing of former Councillor Donald Middleton.

The Deputy Mayor also acknowledged ANZAC Day that was held on 25 April 2025.

APOLOGIES

Cr Kylie Spears (Mayor)	Wombolano Ward
Cr Rob Steane OAM	Yarrunga Ward

*Cr Spears was granted a Leave of Absence at the 17 March 2025 Council Meeting
Cr Steane was granted a Leave of Absence at the 28 April 2025 Council Meeting*

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED CR JONES, SECONDED CR REX 31/25

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 17 MARCH 2025 BE CONFIRMED.**CARRIED****PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

ATTENDANCE REPORT ITEM 1

MOVED CR MACDONALD, SECONDED CR HENDERSON 32/25

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE REPORTS AS PRESENTED BY COUNCILLORS**CARRIED**

Councillors who spoke to their reports - Crs Hancock, Jones, Gordon, Rex, Henderson, Macdonald and Heatherich

Cr Hancock (Deputy Mayor)

18/03 Maroondah Business Group Networking event
21/03 Eastern Region Group of Councils Meeting
23/03 Melbourne Highland Games and Celtic Festival
26/03 Meeting with TLC coffee café in Ringwood
27/03 Art Exhibition opening "Between the Details - Video Art from the ACMI collection"
27/03 Norwood Football Netball Club Launch
28/03 Your Library - Audit and Risk Advisory Committee Meeting
28/03 Meeting with Ballarat Council
30/03 Melbourne Celtic Festival on Tour
31/03 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Quambee Reserve
01/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Ringwood North Reserve
01/04 Inspiro - Celebration Event
01/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Brushy Park Pavilion
02/04 RoadSafe Eastern Metro Meeting
04/04 Former City of Croydon Mayor and Councillor - Donald (Don) Middleton funeral
05/04 Karralyka Event
09/04 Your DNA Creative Arts Dance Collective film screening "Site Spark project"
10/04 Yarrunga Community Centre Annual General Meeting
11/04 Eastern Region Group of Councils Meeting
12/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Mullum Mullum Reserve
12/04 Attended Norwood Friends group at Norwood Reserve
13/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC March and Service
14/04 Your Library CEO update meeting

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- 15/04 Maroondah Business Group "Enhancing your online results" Seminar
 - 16/04 Metropolitan Traffic Education Centre Inc (METEC) - Board Meeting
 - 22/04 Your Library - CEO Review Meeting
 - 23/04 Ringwood and Croydon combined Historical Society meeting
 - 24/04 Heathmont College - Visit to Council
 - 25/04 Ringwood RSL ANZAC Dawn Service
 - 25/04 City Nature Challenge - BJ Hubbard Reserve
 - 26/04 Maroondah Volleyball ANZAC Service

Cr Jones

- 18/03 Maroondah City Council Tree Information and Community Workshop - Golf Links Estate
- 18/03 Maroondah Business Group Networking Event
- 22/03 Celebrate Maroondah - Dogs Day Out Event
- 23/03 Melbourne Highland Games and Celtic Festival
- 24/03 Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action Councils - Online Meeting
- 26/03 Eastern Football League Umpires Association Annual General Meeting and Bowls Night
- 28/03 Municipal Association of Victoria Session "Preventing Fraud and Corruption in Local Government"
- 28/03 Meeting with Ballarat Council
- 31/03 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Quambee Reserve
- 01/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Brushy Park Pavilion
- 10/04 Yarrunga Community Centre - Annual General Meeting
- 10/04 Committee for Economic Development of Australia - AI Community Forum - The responsible AI advantage: Risk, Governance, and the Competitive Edge
- 10/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Proclamation Park
- 11/04 Variety Charity Golf Day
- 13/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC March and Service
- 15/04 Maroondah Business Group - "Enhancing your online results" Seminar
- 17/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC Day Appeal badge sales - Centro Croydon
- 19/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC Day Appeal badge sales - Bunnings Chirnside Park
- 25/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC Dawn Service

Cr Gordon

- 18/03 Meeting with St John's Kindergarten
- 26/03 Municipal Association of Victoria - Session - "Are single member wards worse for women's representation?"
- 27/03 PACCAR Parts Bayswater Open House Event
- 28/03 Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) - Session "Preventing Fraud and Corruption in Local Government"
- 28/03 Meeting with Ballarat Council
- 31/03 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Quambee Reserve
- 01/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Ringwood North Reserve
- 01/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Brushy Park Pavilion
- 03/04 Young Womens Program
- 03/04 Eastern FM broadcast
- 04/04 Former City of Croydon Mayor and Councillor - Donald (Don) Middleton funeral
- 08/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Dorset Recreation Reserve
- 08/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Cheong Park
- 08/04 Glen Park Community House Meeting

08/04 Glen Park Annual General Meeting
09/04 Your DNA Creative Arts Dance Collective film screening "Site Spark project"
10/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Proclamation Park
12/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Mullum Mullum Reserve
13/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC March and Service
25/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC Dawn Service
26/04 Maroondah Volleyball ANZAC Service

Cr Rex

28/03 Meeting with Ballarat Council
31/03 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Quambee Reserve
08/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Cheong Park
10/04 Federal Election Commitment - Proclamation Park
13/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC March and Service
16/04 Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc Ringwood Branch meeting
17/04 Maroondah Volleyball Good Friday Volleyball Tournament/Family Fun Day & Inaugural 24 hour Volley-a-Thon
22/04 Meeting the Reverend Brian Harvey, Heathmont Presbyterian
23/04 Ringwood and Croydon combined Historical Society meeting
25/04 Ringwood RSL ANZAC Dawn Service
26/04 Maroondah Volleyball ANZAC Service

Cr Henderson

22/03 Celebrate Maroondah - Dogs Day Out
23/03 Melbourne Highland Games and Celtic Festival
27/03 Art Exhibition opening "Between the Details - Video Art from the ACMI collection"
28/03 Meeting with Ballarat Council
31/03 Meeting with Maroondah Sports Club
31/03 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Quambee Reserve
01/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Ringwood North Reserve
08/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Brushy Park Pavilion
08/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Cheong Park
09/04 Your DNA Creative Arts Dance Collective film screening "Site Spark project"
10/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Proclamation Park
15/04 Fire Rescue Victoria Community meeting with Mr Nick McGowan MP
15/04 American Football Junior National Championships Event
25/04 Ringwood RSL ANZAC Dawn Service
26/04 U3A Sausage Sizzle
26/04 Maroondah Volleyball ANZAC Service
26/04 Anzac Day Flag Raising - North Ringwood Football Club

Cr Macdonald

23/03 Melbourne Highland Games and Celtic Festival
27/03 Art Exhibition opening "Between the Details - Video Art from the ACMI collection"
28/03 Meeting with Ballarat Council
31/03 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Quambee Reserve
01/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Brushy Park Pavilion
04/04 Former City of Croydon Mayor and Councillor - Donald (Don) Middleton funeral
05/04 Melbourne Water Community Thank You Event
08/04 Glen Park Community Centre Annual General Meeting
08/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Dorset Recreation Reserve

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- 08/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Cheong Park
 - 10/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Proclamation Park
 - 13/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC March and Service
 - 17/04 IOOB Charity Crown Event
 - 18/04 Maroondah Volleyball Good Friday Volleyball Tournament/Family Fun Day & Inaugural 24 hour Volley-a-Thon
 - 25/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC Dawn Service
 - 26/04 Maroondah Volleyball ANZAC Service

Cr Heatherich

- 18/03 Maroondah Business Group Networking Event
- 23/03 Melbourne Highland Games and Celtic Festival
- 24/03 Meeting with Helping Hands
- 27/03 Art Exhibition opening "Between the Details - Video Art from the ACMI collection"
- 31/03 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Quambee Reserve
- 01/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Brushy Park Pavilion
- 08/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Dorset Recreation Reserve
- 08/04 Federal Election Candidate Funding Announcement - Cheong Park
- 09/04 Your DNA Creative Arts Dance Collective film screening "Site Spark project"
- 10/04 Meeting with Alwyn Avenue resident
- 13/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC March and Service
- 15/04 Croydon Ranges American Football Event
- 15/04 Fire Rescue Victoria Community meeting with Mr Nick McGowan MP
- 16/04 Meeting with 94-96 Maroondah Hwy residents
- 17/04 Maroondah Volleyball Good Friday Volleyball Tournament/Family Fun Day & Inaugural 24 hour Volley-a-Thon
- 25/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC Dawn Service
- 26/04 Visit to Croydon Football Club

Cr Steane

- 18/03 Maroondah Business Group Networking Event
- 25/03 Meeting with Maroondah Business Group representative
- 27/03 Art Exhibition opening "Between the Details - Video Art from the ACMI collection"
- 28/03 Meeting with Ballarat Council
- 25/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC Dawn Service

REPORTS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS

ITEM 2

MOVED CR REX, SECONDED CR GORDON

33/25

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS HELD ON 17 MARCH 2025, 28-30 MARCH 2025 AND 7 APRIL 2025

CARRIED

MAROONDAH FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS ITEM 3

MOVED CR JONES, SECONDED CR MACDONALD 34/25

THAT COUNCIL APPOINTS COUNCILLORS CHRIS JONES, CATHERINE GORDON, NATHANIEL HENDERSON AND DANIELLA HEATHERICH AS DIRECTORS OF THE MAROONDAH FOUNDATION TRUSTEE LIMITED

CARRIED

ACTING DIRECTOR STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT

MAROONDAH TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2025 - 2035 ITEM 1

MOVED CR JONES, SECONDED CR MACDONALD 35/25

THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE MAROONDAH TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2025 - 2035

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Jones and Macdonald

DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Nil

MOTIONS TO REVIEW

Nil

LATE ITEMS

Nil

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE - CR ROB STEANE

MOVED CR MACDONALD, SECONDED CR JONES 36/25

THAT CR ROB STEANE BE GRANTED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR THE 28 APRIL 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE - CR NATHANIEL HENDERSON

MOVED CR REX, SECONDED CR GORDON 37/25

THAT CR NATHANIEL HENDERSON BE GRANTED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR THE 26 MAY 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

MOVED CR REX, SECONDED CR MACDONALD

38/25

THAT THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BE DEALT WITH IN CAMERA PURSUANT TO S66(1) AND S66(2)(A) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020, BECAUSE THE REPORTS CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH S3(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM 1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT AND REVIEW 2025

Reason: This report contains personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs. This information is confidential in accordance with s3(1)(f) of the Act. This matter may prejudice Council or some other person.

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS BE REFLECTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN FORUM.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT AND REVIEW 2025

ITEM 1

DETERMINES THAT THIS RESOLUTION AND REPORT ARE TO REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL INDEFINITELY AND THAT THIS DECISION BE REFLECTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN FORUM OF THIS MEETING

The open forum closed at 8:12pm.

Confirmed

Date