

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 16 February 2026

Realm - Council Chamber
Level 2, 179 Maroondah Highway
Ringwood

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday 16 February 2026 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT

Cr Linda Hancock (Mayor)	Wonga Ward
Cr Paul Macdonald (Deputy Mayor)	Tarralla Ward
Cr Chris Jones	Barneong Ward
Cr Catherine Gordon	Bungalook Ward
Cr Claire Rex	Jubilee Ward
Cr Nathaniel Henderson	McAlpin Ward
Cr Daniella Heatherich	Wicklow Ward
Cr Kylie Spears	Wombolano Ward
Cr Rob Steane OAM	Yarrunga Ward
Steve Kozlowski	Chief Executive Officer
Tony Rocca	Director Corporate
Adam Todorov	Director Assets & Leisure
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director Community
Andrew Fuaux	Director City Growth & Precincts
Chloe Messerle	Senior Governance Officer
Joanne Ellis	Governance Officer
Dan Glass	Multimedia Officer

The Mayor, Cr Hancock welcomed all to the February 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 Lucas Taylor from Ringwood and Heathmont Uniting Church.

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 JONES, SECONDED CR HENDERSON 1/26

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 2025 BE CONFIRMED.**CARRIED****PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS**DIRECTOR CORPORATE**

ATTENDANCE REPORT ITEM 1

MOVED CR STEANE OAM, SECONDED CR JONES 2/26

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

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

Cr Hancock (Mayor)

16/12 Croydon North Community Meals Program 2025 Christmas Celebration Event
16/12 David Hodgett MP 2025 Community Christmas Celebration Event
26/01 Maroondah Australia Day Event
27/01 Stakeholder Meeting
05/02 Exhibition Launch "The Water Carriers & Flos + Legere"
07/02 South Croydon Cricket Club Pink Stumps Day Ladies Event
09/02 Eastern FM interview on Wyreena
11/02 Maroondah City Council and Knox Council Meeting
12/02 Australian Local Government Women's Association Online Masterclass
13/02 Karralyka Event

Cr Macdonald (Deputy Mayor)

16/12 David Hodgett MP 2025 Community Christmas Celebration Event
26/01 Maroondah Australia Day Event
27/01 Stakeholder Meeting
05/02 Eastern FM Broadcast
05/02 Exhibition Launch "The Water Carriers & Flos + Legere"
07/02 South Croydon Cricket Club Pink Stumps Day Ladies Event
11/02 Maroondah City Council and Knox City Council Meeting
12/02 Meeting with Will Fowles MP
15/02 Maroondah Summer Sundays at Croydon Memorial Pool Event

Cr Jones

- 16/12 Croydon North Community Meals Program 2025 Christmas Celebration Event
- 16/12 David Hodgett MP 2025 Community Christmas Celebration Event
- 18/01 Maroondah Summer Sundays at Aquanation Event
- 26/01 Maroondah Australia Day Event

Cr Gordon

- 16/12 David Hodgett MP 2025 Community Christmas Celebration Event
- 26/01 Maroondah Australia Day Event
- 03/02 Meeting with Heathmont Historical Group
- 07/02 South Croydon Cricket Club Pink Stumps Day Ladies Event
- 09/02 Maroondah Foundation Meeting
- 10/02 Outer Eastern Communities of Burma / Myanmar Support & Collaboration Forum
- 13/02 Maroondah Foundation Meeting
- 12/02 Australian Local Government Women's Association Online Masterclass
- 15/02 Maroondah Summer Sundays at Croydon Memorial Pool Event
- 16/02 Maroondah Foundation Meeting

Cr Rex

- 18/01 Maroondah Summer Sundays at Aquanation Event
- 26/01 Maroondah Australia Day Event
- 08/02 Ringwood Central Tennis Club Open Day Event
- 13/02 Meeting with Resident - Beekeeper
- 16/2 Meeting with Ringwood Salvos

Cr Henderson

- 16/12 David Hodgett MP 2025 Community Christmas Celebration Event
- 21/01 U3A Welcome Day Event
- 26/01 Maroondah Australia Day Event
- 05/02 Exhibition Launch "The Water Carriers & Flos + Legere"
- 11/02 Metropolitan Traffic Education Centre Board Meeting

Cr Heatherich

- 16/12 David Hodgett MP 2025 Community Christmas Celebration Event
- 26/01 Maroondah Australia Day Event
- 15/02 Maroondah Summer Sundays at Croydon Memorial Pool Event

Cr Spears

- 19/12 Chisholm Christmas Breakup Event
- 12/01 Your Library Meeting
- 13/01 Australian Local Government Women's Association National Executive Team Meeting - 75th Conference
- 13/01 Australian Local Government Women's Association / NBC Meeting
- 13/01 Australian Local Government Women's Association Executive Team meeting
- 14/01 Australian Local Government Women's Association 75th Conference - Sponsorship and Video Project

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- 20/01 Australian Local Government Women's Association Executive Team meeting
20/01 Australian Local Government Women's Association Conference Subcommittee meeting
26/01 Maroondah Australia Day Event
27/01 Australian Local Government Women's Association Executive Team meeting
27/01 Australian Local Government Women's Association Conference Subcommittee meeting
28/01 Municipal Association of Victoria Delegates Induction Briefing Meeting
29/01 Australian Local Government Women's Association National - Northern Territory Branch Establishment Meeting
30/01 Your Library Audit and Risk Committee Meeting
30/01 Your Library Board Chair & CEO Meeting
02/02 Maroondah Foundation Long Lunch Subcommittee Meeting
05/02 Australian Local Government Women's Association National Executive Meeting
05/02 Australian Local Government Women's Association National Board Meeting
05/02 Exhibition Launch "The Water Carriers & Flos + Legere"
07/02 Heathmont Cricket Club Pink Stumps Ladies Day Fundraiser Event
10/02 Australian Local Government Women's Association Executive Team meeting
10/02 Australian Local Government Women's Association Conference Subcommittee meeting
12/02 Australian Local Government Women's Association Online Masterclass
13/02 Your Library Meeting
13/02 Maroondah Foundation Long Lunch Subcommittee Meeting
16/02 Maroondah Foundation Long Lunch Subcommittee Meeting

Cr Steane

- 16/12 David Hodgett MP 2025 Community Christmas Celebration Event
26/01 Maroondah Australia Day Event
05/02 Exhibition Launch "The Water Carriers & Flos + Legere"
07/02 South Croydon Cricket Club Pink Stumps Day Ladies Event
13/02 Karralyka Event

REPORTS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS

ITEM 2

MOVED CR SPEARS, SECONDED CR MACDONALD

3/26

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2025, 2 FEBRUARY, 4 FEBRUARY AND 9 FEBRUARY 2026

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2025 ITEM 3

MOVED CR HENDERSON, SECONDED CR JONES 4/26

THAT COUNCIL NOTES COMPLETION OF THE COUNCILLOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2025 ALONG WITH MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR MANDATORY TRAINING AS OUTLINED WITHIN THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 27A AND 33A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GOVERNANCE & INTEGRITY) REGULATIONS 2020 AS AMENDED IN OCTOBER 2024

CARRIED

COUNCIL PLAN 2025-2029 (YEAR 1: 2025/26) PRIORITY ACTION PROGRESS REPORT - QUARTER 2, 2025/26 ITEM 4

MOVED CR JONES, SECONDED CR REX 5/26

THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS THE DELIVERY OF THE 2025/26 PRIORITY ACTIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE COUNCIL PLAN 2025-2029, AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025.

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Jones and Spears

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE REPORTING FRAMEWORK - SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT - QUARTER 2, 2025/26 ITEM 5

MOVED CR STEANE OAM, SECONDED CR REX 6/26

THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE REPORTING FRAMEWORK SERVICE PERFORMANCE RESULTS FOR THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR, AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Steane, Spears and Jones

DIRECTOR ASSETS & LEISURE

CAPITAL WORKS REPORT: SECOND QUARTER 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR ITEM 1

MOVED CR HENDERSON, SECONDED CR JONES 7/26

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM FOR THE SECOND QUARTER FOR 2025/26

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Cr Henderson

DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

LETTERS UNDER SEAL - RECOGNITION OF 2026 AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS ITEM 1

MOVED CR STEANE OAM, SECONDED CR GORDON 8/26

THAT COUNCIL SIGNS AND SEALS A LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2026 AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS AWARDED TO:

- 1. THE REVEREND JOHN WALDRON TAYLOR OAM - RECIPIENT OF THE MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA
- 2. MR ROBERT JAMES EDWARDS OAM - RECIPIENT OF THE MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA
- 3. MR LIONEL HASTINGS PARROTT OAM - RECIPIENT OF THE MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Cr Steane

MOTIONS TO REVIEW

Nil

LATE ITEMS

Nil

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

The open forum closed at 8:17pm

Confirmed

Date