



**MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**MAROONDAH CITY COUNCIL**

**MONDAY**

**30 JUNE 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 21 July 2025.**

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

## PRESENT

Cr Kylie Spears (Mayor)	Wombolano Ward
Cr Linda Hancock (Deputy Mayor)	Wonga Ward
Cr Chris Jones	Barangeong 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
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
Emma Hills	Governance Officer
Dan Glass	Multimedia Officer

The Mayor, Cr Spears welcomed all to the June 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 Janet Thomas from TLC Church.

The Councillor Pledge was read by the Mayor.

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Mayor.

The Mayor acknowledged the Kings Birthday held on 9 June 2025 and NAIDOC Week from 6-13 July 2025.

The Mayor also acknowledged the 40 year anniversary of Ringwood U3A.

## APOLOGIES

Nil

## DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cr Catherine Gordon    Director Strategy & Development  
Item 1, Community Grants Program 2025/26  
Reason: *Ringwood North Netball Club. Maroondah Volleyball*

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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

MOVED CR JONES, SECONDED CR MACDONALD

59/25

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 26 MAY 2025 BE CONFIRMED.****CARRIED****PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Resident

Belmont Road East, Croydon

*"For rate payers that fall outside the categories of Indigenous, LGBT and climate and immigration supporters, what value does the rates payment provide other than rubbish pick up services?"*

Chief Financial Officer

*"Council rates go far beyond waste collection, for which there is a service charge.*

*Rates go towards supporting over 120 services and facilities used by a range of people within or external to the Maroondah community - this includes parks and playgrounds, libraries, local roads and footpaths, community safety and sports facilities.*

*All whilst we maintain over \$2.2 billion in community assets, that all require extensive renewal expenditure to help ensure they stay intact and deliver on their purpose.*

*Whether someone uses the library, plays a sport, drives on a local road or visits a park - rates are integral in contributing to the liveability, safety and amenity of the whole community, and not one specific group."*

Resident

*"What is the education plan for Maroondah, given the strain on our local school. With many primary and secondary schools at or near capacity, our growing population exacerbates these issues. Issues such as overcrowding demonstrate that larger schools do not equate to better educational environments. These conditions hinder student wellbeing and academic success. Retaining and rezoning the Croydon South site for educational use could alleviate pressure on existing schools and address the rising demand for quality facilities. Can you provide details on the Maroondah's Education Plan that address these challenges?"*

Director Strategy &amp; Development

*"Victoria's Education Department and the Minister for Education Ben Carroll are responsible for the strategic planning and needs of State Schools and students in Maroondah."*

**OFFICERS' REPORTS****CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

ATTENDANCE REPORT

ITEM 1

MOVED CR MACDONALD, SECONDED CR REX

60/25

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

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

**Cr Spears (Mayor)**

27/05	Women For Election Consortia In-Person Workshop
28/05	Maroondah Arts Advisory Committee Art Space Tour Meeting
29/05	Reconciliation Week Event
29/05	Australian Local Government Women's Association Annual General Meeting and National Board Meeting
29/05	Exhibition Launch "Gugubarra & Something there, I hear"
30/05	Your Library - Audit and Risk Advisory Committee Meeting
30/05	Ringwood Eisteddfod Opening Ceremony Event
31/05	Maroondah Indian Community Biggest Morning Tea Event
02/06	Women in Public Office - Australian Local Government Women's Association and Women For Election Meeting
03/06	Heathmont History Group Station Centenary Planning Meeting
03/06	Meeting with Andrea Haldon - New President of Ringwood Ballet
03/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association National Executive Meeting
03/06	Planning Consultation Meeting - 22-24 Murray Road, Croydon
04/06	'Not In Our Name' Virtual Meet & Greet and Information Session for Mayors and Councillors
05/06	ABC Radio Session with Mayor Cr Kylie Spears
05/06	Croydon Town Park - Extended Lighting Launch - "Walking at night - Let's get moving"
06/06	Meeting with Knox City Council Cr Peter Lockwood
06/06	Meeting with Resident
10/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association President Kylie Spears and Dattner Group CEO Meeting
10/06	Stepping Out Research Meeting
10/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association National Executive Meeting
11/06	Eastern Region Group of Councils - Sonja Terpstra MP, Member for the North-Eastern Metropolitan Region Meeting
11/06	Maroondah Citizenship Ceremony
12/06	Channel 9 News - Glass Advocacy Interview
12/06	Your Library Board Meeting
12/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association Online Masterclass - Overcoming Imposter Syndrome - Fabian Dattner
13/06	Maroondah Business Advisory Committee Meeting
13/06	Eastern Region Group of Councils Chair and Deputy Meeting
16/06	Minister for Local Government Funding Announcement - Croydon Library
16/06	Women in Public Office Meeting
17/06	U3A Ringwood 40th Anniversary Event
17/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association National Executive Meeting
18/06	2025 Maroondah City Council Staff Milestones Event
19/06	Ready2Ride Bike Education Event - Heathmont East Primary School
19/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association Event Meeting
20/06	Yarrunga Deck Formal Opening Event
20/06	Eastern Region Group of Councils Meeting
21/06	Norwood Junior Football Club Life Members Event
21/06	Maroondah Rotary Club Gala Event
23-27/06	Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly
23/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association Event
24/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association National Board Strategic Planning Meeting
24/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association Executive Meeting

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24/06	Australia Local Government Association Reception and Exhibition Opening Event
25/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association Annual Networking Event
25/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association Mentoring Update Meeting
25/06	Eastern Region Group of Councils Event
26/06	Eastern Region Group of Councils Advocacy Workshop
28/06	Melbourne East Netball Association Grand Final Presentation Event
28/06	Ringwood Football and Netball Club Presidents Event
28/06	Heathmont Football Netball Club Presidents Event
28/06	Stroke A Chord Annual Concert
29/06	Memorial Service for Vale Mick Dexter - Heathmont Bushcare
30/06	State Opposition Meeting with Eastern Region Group of Councils

**Cr Hancock (Deputy Mayor)**

27/05	Central Ringwood Community Centre Annual General Meeting
28/05	BizMonth Workshop - Elevate your social media visual content with Denh Lay Photography
29/05	Reconciliation Week event
29/05	Exhibition Launch "Gugubarra & Something there, I hear"
30/05	Your Library - Audit and Risk Committee Meeting
30/05	Ringwood Eisteddfod Opening Ceremony Event
31/05	Maroondah Indian Community Biggest Morning Tea Event
11/06	Eastern Region Group of Councils - Sonja Terpstra MP Meeting
11/06	Maroondah Citizenship Ceremony
12/06	Your Library Board Meeting
12/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association Online Masterclass - Overcoming Imposter Syndrome
14/06	Karralyka Event
16/06	Minister for Local Government Funding Announcement - Croydon Library
17/06	U3A Ringwood 40th Anniversary Event
17/06	Maroondah Business Group June Networking Event with "Chris Smith from Fair Work Commission"
18/06	2025 Maroondah City Council Staff Milestones Event
19/06	Grand re-opening of Harris Blake and Parsons Optometrists Event
20/06	Eastern Region Group of Councils Meeting
21/06	Norwood Junior Football Club Life Members Event
21/06	Maroondah Rotary Club Gala Event
23/06	Meeting with Your Library CEO and Bridget Vallence MP
23/06	Warrandyte Gardens Care Community - Residents 100th Birthdays Event
24-27/06	2025 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly
24/06	Australian Local Government Association Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening Event
25/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association Event
25/06	Eastern Region Group of Councils Event
26/06	Eastern Region Group of Councils Advocacy Workshop
29/06	Ringwood Spiders Family and Friends Day Event
30/06	Inspiro Lilydale Meeting

**Cr Steane**

28/05	Maroondah Liveability, Safety and Amenity Advisory Committee Meeting
29/05	Reconciliation Week Event
29/05	Exhibition Launch "Gugubarra & Something there, I hear" Event

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30/05	Ringwood Eisteddfod Opening Ceremony Event
02/06	Maroondah Business Advisory Committee Pre-Meeting
11/06	Maroondah Citizenship Ceremony
13/06	Maroondah Business Advisory Committee Meeting
14/06	Karralyka Event
16/06	Minister for Local Government Funding Announcement - Croydon Library
17/06	Maroondah Business Group June Networking Event with "Chris Smith from Fair Work Commission"
18/06	2025 Maroondah City Council Staff Milestones Event
20/06	Yarrunga Deck Formal Opening Event
21/06	Maroondah Rotary Club Gala Event
24-27/06	2025 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly
24/06	Australian Local Government Association Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening Event

**Cr Heatherich**

27/05	Croydon Main Street Traders Association May Meeting
28/05	Maroondah Liveability, Safety and Amenity Advisory Committee Meeting
29/05	Reconciliation Week Event
29/05	Meeting with Resident
30/05	Ringwood Eisteddfod Opening Ceremony Event
31/05	Maroondah Indian Community Biggest Morning Tea Event
05/06	Eastern United Soccer Club Meeting
05/06	Croydon Town Park Extended Lighting Launch - "Walking at night - Let's get moving" Event
10/06	U3A Croydon - Wicklow Ward Site Visit Meeting
11/06	Maroondah Citizenship Ceremony
17/06	Maroondah Community Assist Meeting
18/06	Maroondah City Council Staff Milestones Event
19/06	Croydon Main Street Revitalisation - Community engagement 'pop-up Event
19/06	Grand re-opening of Harris Blake and Parsons Optometrists Event
24-27/06	2025 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly
24/06	Australian Local Government Association Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening Event
25/06	Eastern Region Group of Councils Event

**Cr Macdonald**

29/05	Reconciliation Week Event
29/05	Exhibition Launch "Gugubarra & Something there, I hear"
03/06	Eastern Region, Division 2 Victoria Police 2025 Medal Ceremony Event
04/06	Communities of Wellbeing - "Weaving Strength through Story and Stillness" Event
05/06	Croydon Town Park Extended Lighting Launch - "Walking at night - Let's get moving"
11/06	Maroondah Citizenship Ceremony
12/06	Meeting with Resident
16/06	Minister for Local Government Funding Announcement - Croydon Library
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| 24/06 | Australian Local Government Association Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening Event |
| 25/06 | Australian Local Government Women's Association Event                                  |
| 25/06 | Eastern Region Group of Councils Event   |

**Cr Henderson**

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| 29/04    | Maroondah Access, Inclusion and Equity Advisory Committee Meeting                      |
| 01/05    | Eastern FM Broadcast   |
| 01/05    | BizHub Coworking Open Day Event  |
| 01/05    | Arts Activators Launch Event   |
| 02/05    | Discussion with Ringwood Horse & Pony Club   |
| 02/05    | Maroondah Night Run 2025 Event   |
| 05/05    | Ringwood Toastmasters 50th Event   |
| 08/05    | Jen's Biggest Evening Event -Supporting Cancer Council                                 |
| 17/06    | U3A Ringwood 40th Anniversary Event  |
| 18/06    | 2025 Maroondah City Council Staff Milestones Event                                     |
| 20/06    | Yarrunga Deck Formal Opening Event   |
| 21/06    | Burnt Bridge Tennis Club Trivia Night  |
| 24-27/06 | 2025 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly                 |
| 24/06    | Australian Local Government Association Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening Event |
| 25/06    | Eastern Region Group of Councils Event   |

*Due to a Leave of Absence, Cr Henderson's attendance report includes attendances from 28 April to 30 June 2025*

**Cr Rex**

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| 28/05 | Maroondah Liveability, Safety and Amenity Advisory Committee Meeting              |
| 29/05 | Reconciliation Week Event   |
| 29/05 | Exhibition Launch "Gugubarra & Something there, I hear"                           |
| 30/05 | Ringwood Eisteddfod Opening Ceremony Event  |
| 31/05 | Maroondah Indian Community Biggest Morning Tea - Event                            |
| 04/06 | Meeting with Waldreas Village   |
| 05/06 | Eastern FM Broadcast  |
| 06/06 | Meeting with Ringwood Croquet   |
| 06/06 | Meeting with Melbourne East Netball Association President                         |
| 11/06 | Maroondah Citizenship Ceremony  |
| 18/06 | 2025 Maroondah City Council Staff Milestones Event                                |
| 21/06 | Maroondah Rotary Club Gala Event  |
| 26/06 | Ringwood Saints Baseball Club Meeting   |
| 28/06 | 2025 Melbourne East Netball Association - Autumn Season Grand Final Presentations |
| 28/06 | Ringwood Football and Netball Club Presidents Event                               |
| 29/06 | Ringwood Spiders Family and Friends Day Event                                     |

**Cr Gordon**

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| 29/05 | Reconciliation Week Event   |
| 29/05 | Exhibition Launch "Gugubarra & Something there, I hear"           |
| 30/05 | Ringwood Eisteddfod Opening Ceremony Event                        |
| 02/06 | Roger O'Brien - Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Funeral |
| 02/06 | Meeting with Resident   |

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05/06	Croydon Town Park Extended Lighting Launch - "Walking at night - Let's get moving"
11/06	Maroondah Citizenship Ceremony
12/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association June Online Masterclass - Overcoming Imposter Syndrome
13/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association Mentoring Meeting
16/06	Minister for Local Government Funding Announcement - Croydon Library
17/06	Maroondah Access, Inclusion and Equity Advisory Committee Meeting
17/06	Meeting with Right To Buy Croydon
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**Cr Jones**

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18/06	Eastern Alliance Greenhouse Action Combined Executive and Steering Committee Meeting
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**Cr Gordon**

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25/06	Australian Local Government Women's Association Event
25/06	Eastern Region Group of Councils Event

## REPORTS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS

ITEM 2

MOVED CR HENDERSON, SECONDED CR JONES

61/25

**THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS HELD ON 26 MAY 2025 AND 2 JUNE 2025**

**CARRIED**

## COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION REPORTS

ITEM 3

MOVED CR REX, SECONDED CR JONES

62/25

**THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING BODIES**

- 1. MAROONDAH ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 MAY 2025**
- 2. MAROONDAH ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 MAY 2025**

**CARRIED**

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Jones and Spears

## MODEL COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT - INTERNAL RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

ITEM 4

MOVED CR GORDON, SECONDED CR MACDONALD

63/25

**THAT COUNCIL**

- 1. ADOPTS THE MODEL COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT - INTERNAL RESOLUTION PROCEDURE PURSUANT TO SECTION 140 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY) ACT 2024 AND REGULATION 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY) REGULATIONS 2020**

**CARRIED**

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Cr Steane

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COUNCIL PLAN 2025-2029, FINANCIAL PLAN 2025/26-2034/35, REVENUE  
AND RATING PLAN 2025/26-2028/29 AND 2025/26 ANNUAL BUDGET

ITEM 5

MOVED CR STEANE, SECONDED CR HANCOCK

64/25

**A. COUNCIL PLAN**

THAT COUNCIL

1. ADOPTS THE COUNCIL PLAN 2025-2029
2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 57 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020 AND COUNCIL'S PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY POLICY 2020 AUTHORISE OFFICERS TO MAKE THE COUNCIL PLAN AVAILABLE ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE AND AT COUNCIL OFFICES
3. AUTHORISES OFFICERS TO ARRANGE FOR THE SUITABLE PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE COUNCIL PLAN TO COMMUNITY GROUPS AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

**B. FINANCIAL PLAN**

THAT COUNCIL

1. ADOPTS THE FINANCIAL PLAN 2025/26 - 2034/35
2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 57 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020 AND COUNCIL'S PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY POLICY 2020 AUTHORISE OFFICERS TO MAKE THE FINANCIAL PLAN AVAILABLE ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE AND AT COUNCIL OFFICES

**C. REVENUE AND RATING PLAN**

THAT COUNCIL

1. ADOPTS THE REVENUE AND RATING PLAN 2025/26 - 2028/29
2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 57 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020 AND COUNCIL'S PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY POLICY 2020 AUTHORISE OFFICERS TO MAKE THE REVENUE AND RATING PLAN AVAILABLE ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE AND AT COUNCIL OFFICES

**D. BUDGET**

THAT COUNCIL

1. ADOPTS THE ANNUAL BUDGET 2025/26, AS PRESENTED
2. ADOPTS THE SCHEDULE OF USER FEES AND CHARGES, AS DETAILED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET 2025/26, TO BE EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JULY 2025 (EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE INDICATED)
3. APPLIES DIFFERENTIAL RATING USING CAPITAL IMPROVED VALUE (CIV) AS THE BASIS OF VALUATION TO ALL RATEABLE LAND TO RAISE RATES BY 3.00 PER CENT IN 2025/26

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4. **APPLIES THE FINAL CONFIRMATION TO THE VALUATION DATA PROVIDED BY THE VALUER GENERAL AND SIGNED BY THE MINISTER IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE MINISTER'S RATE CAP DETERMINATION**
  5. **APPLIES A SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE AS DETAILED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET 2025/26**
  6. **ENDORSES THAT THE RATES WILL BE SEPARATELY LEVIED IN RESPECT TO EACH PORTION OF RATEABLE LAND FOR WHICH COUNCIL HAS AS A SEPARATE VALUATION (UNLESS COUNCIL HAS DETERMINED A CHARGE IN LIEU OF RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL LANDS ACT 1963)**
  7. **IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 167 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989, DECLARES THE RATES AND CHARGES MUST BE PAID:**
    - 7.1 **IN A LUMP SUM ON OR BEFORE 16 FEBRUARY 2026 OR**
    - 7.2 **BY FOUR INSTALMENTS ON OR BEFORE:**
      - **30 SEPTEMBER 2025**
      - **01 DECEMBER 2025**
      - **02 MARCH 2026**
      - **1 JUNE 2026 OR**
    - 7.3 **BY NINE MONTHLY DIRECT DEBIT INSTALMENTS DUE:**
      - **30 SEPTEMBER 2025**
      - **31 OCTOBER 2025**
      - **30 NOVEMBER 2025**
      - **31 DECEMBER 2025**
      - **31 JANUARY 2026**
      - **28 FEBRUARY 2026**
      - **31 MARCH 2026**
      - **30 APRIL 2026**
  8. **IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 57 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020 AND COUNCIL'S PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY POLICY 2020 AUTHORISE OFFICERS TO MAKE THE ADOPTED BUDGET 2025/26 AVAILABLE ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE AND AT COUNCIL OFFICES**

9. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4 (4) OF THE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL LANDS ACT 1963, THE AMOUNTS IN LIEU OF RATES PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF EACH RATEABLE LAND TO WHICH THAT ACT APPLIES BE THE AMOUNTS RESPECTIVELY SET OUT BELOW:

Land	\$
Heathmont Club Inc.	4,623.25
Bayswater North Tennis Club	1,583.30
Eastwood Golf Club	12,159.85
TOTAL	18,366.40

10. WILL APPLY INTEREST TO OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 172 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989, NOTING THAT THE RATE OF INTEREST IS PAYABLE ON THE RATES AND CHARGES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN PAID BY THE DATES DECLARED, IS FIXED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2 OF THE PENALTY INTEREST RATES ACT 1983

E. GENERAL

THAT COUNCIL

1. AUTHORISES THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO MAKE ANY IMMATERIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REVISIONS AS REQUIRED TO ALL STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS

**CARRIED**

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Steane, Macdonald, Jones, Heatherich, Rex, Hancock, Steane (right of reply) and Spears

EXTENSION OF TIME

MOVED CR JONES, SECONDED CR REX

65/25

THAT CR HANCOCK BE GRANTED AN EXTENSION OF TIME

**CARRIED**

**DIVISION ON MOTION**

For: Cr Steane, Cr Macdonald, Cr Spears, Cr Hancock, Cr Jones, Cr Gordon, Cr Henderson

Against: Cr Rex, Cr Heatherich

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**EASTERN REGION GROUP OF COUNCILS (ERG) AND REGION SHARED SERVICE PROVISIONS****ITEM 6****MOVED CR HANCOCK, SECONDED CR REX****66/25****THAT COUNCIL**

- 1. ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SECTION 9 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020 EXPRESSLY PROVIDES FOR OVERARCHING PRINCIPLES THAT INCLUDE THE DESIRE FOR COUNCILS TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER COUNCILS, GOVERNMENTS AND STATUTORY BODIES**
- 2. ENDORSE COLLABORATION BY THE EASTERN REGION GROUP OF COUNCILS (ERG) TO:**
  - i. AMPLIFY EACH COUNCIL'S VOICE AND IMPACT,**
  - ii. IMPROVE EACH COUNCIL'S EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS, AND**
  - iii. IMPROVE COMMUNITY ACCESS TO INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES ACROSS THE REGION**
- 3. ENDORSE ERG'S FOUR-YEAR PLAN AND SUPPORT THE PRIORITY ACTIONS THEREIN WHICH INCLUDE AN EMPHASIS ON JOINT PROCUREMENT AND SHARED SERVICE PROVISION ACROSS MEMBER COUNCILS AND IN SO DOING:**
  - i. COMMIT TO EXPLORE, DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT APPROPRIATE SHARED SERVICE PROVISION WITH ERG PARTNER COUNCILS WITH SHORT, MEDIUM AND LONGER TERM OBJECTIVES;**
  - ii. EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR INNOVATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, DIRECT SERVICE PROVISION, PARTNERED SERVICES WITH OTHER AGENCIES OR OUTSOURCED SERVICE PROVISION;**
  - iii. ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE SHARED SERVICES OUTCOMES; AND**
  - iv. ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL SHARED SERVICES BEST PRACTICE MODEL AS AN EXEMPLAR FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR MORE BROADLY**

**CARRIED**

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Hancock, Rex and Spears

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**DIRECTOR ASSETS & LEISURE**

CAPITAL FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS 2025/26 ITEM 1

MOVED CR GORDON, SECONDED CR HENDERSON 67/25

**THAT COUNCIL**

1. **APPROVES THE RECOMMENDED ALLOCATIONS FOR PROJECTS THROUGH THE CAPITAL FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS 2025/2026 PROGRAM TOTALLING \$190,300 (EXCLUSIVE OF GST) AS OUTLINED IN ATTACHMENT 1 TO THIS REPORT**
2. **APPROVES THESE ALLOCATIONS BASED ON ONE-YEAR FUNDING AND SERVICE AGREEMENTS**
3. **ADVISES ALL ORGANISATIONS OF THE OUTCOME OF THEIR APPLICATION**

**CARRIED**

ASSET PLAN 2025-2035 ITEM 2

MOVED CR JONES, SECONDED CR MACDONALD 68/25

**THAT COUNCIL ENDORSES THE ASSET PLAN 2025-2035**

**CARRIED**

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Cr Jones

ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025-2029 ITEM 3

MOVED CR STEANE, SECONDED CR HENDERSON 69/25

**THAT COUNCIL ENDORSES THE ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025-2029**

**CARRIED**

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**DIRECTOR STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT**

Cr Gordon left the Council Chamber at 8:47pm prior to commencement of Item 1 due a Conflict of Interest that was declared at the beginning of the meeting.

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2025/26 ITEM 1

MOVED CR HANCOCK, SECONDED CR HEATHERICH 70/25

**THAT COUNCIL**

1. **APPROVES THE RECOMMENDED FUNDING ALLOCATIONS TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS (AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHMENTS TO THIS REPORT) THROUGH THE MAROONDAH COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2025/26, TOTALLING \$199,937**
2. **ADVISES ALL ORGANISATIONS OF THE OUTCOME OF THEIR GRANT SUBMISSIONS**

**CARRIED**

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Hancock and Steane

Cr Gordon returned to the Council Chamber at 8:51pm once Item 1 had concluded.

**DIRECTOR PEOPLE & PLACES**

ARTS AND CULTURAL GRANTS 2025/26 ITEM 1

MOVED CR GORDON, SECONDED CR JONES 71/25

**THAT COUNCIL**

1. **APPROVES THE RECOMMENDED FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THIS REPORT, THROUGH THE ARTS AND CULTURAL GRANTS PROGRAM, TOTALLING THE FULL BUDGETED AMOUNT OF \$26,728**
2. **ADVISES ALL ORGANISATIONS OF THE OUTCOME OF THEIR GRANT SUBMISSIONS**

**CARRIED**

**DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING**

LETTER UNDER SEAL - NORTH RINGWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSE 50  
YEAR ANNIVERSARY ITEM 1

MOVED CR HANCOCK, SECONDED CR REX 72/25

**THAT COUNCIL SIGNS AND SEALS A LETTER RECOGNISING THE 50 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH RINGWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSE**

**CARRIED**

LETTERS UNDER SEAL - RECOGNITION OF 2025 KING'S BIRTHDAY  
HONOURS

ITEM 2

MOVED CR STEANE, SECONDED CR JONES

73/25

**THAT COUNCIL SIGNS AND SEALS A LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS IN  
RECOGNITION OF THE 2025 KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS AWARDED TO**

- 1. MS KAREN MICHELLE MILWARD AM - APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF THE  
ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**
- 2. MRS WENDY ROWE OAM - RECIPIENT OF THE MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF  
AUSTRALIA**

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTIONS TO REVIEW**

Nil

#### **LATE ITEMS**

Nil

#### **REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

The open forum closed at 8:54pm.

Confirmed .....

Date .....