

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday 27 April 2026

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 18 May 2026.

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday 27 April 2026 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT

Cr Linda Hancock (Mayor)	Wonga Ward
Cr Paul Macdonald (Deputy Mayor)	Tarralla Ward
Cr Chris Jones	Barngeong 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
Andrew Fuaux	Director City Growth & Precincts
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director Community
Joanne Ellis	Governance Officer
Dan Glass	Multimedia Officer

The Mayor, Cr Hancock, welcomed all to the 27 April 2026 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 Andrew Harris, Senior Pastor, Croydon Hills Baptist Church

The Councillor Pledge was read by the Mayor.

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Mayor.

The Mayor, Cr Hancock, acknowledged ANZAC Day that was held on 25 April 2026.

APOLOGIES

Nil

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED CR STEANE OAM, SECONDED CR SPEARS 19/26

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 MARCH 2026 BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS**DIRECTOR CORPORATE**

ATTENDANCE REPORT ITEM 1

MOVED CR JONES, SECONDED CR GORDON 20/26

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE REPORTS AS PRESENTED BY COUNCILLORS

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Steane, Spears, Heatherich, Henderson, Rex, Gordon, Jones, Macdonald and Hancock.

EXTENSION OF TIME

MOVED CR SPEARS, SECONDED CR JONES 21/26

THAT CR HANCOCK BE GRANTED AN EXTENSION OF TIME

CARRIED

Cr Hancock (Mayor)

17/03 Maroondah Youth Wellbeing Advocates Meeting
18/03 Your Library - Board Planning Day Meeting
19/03 Municipal Association of Victoria Mayors Institute Forum - Leading Healthy Communities: Mayoral Leadership & Legacy
20/03 Eastern Region Group of Councils Meeting
20/03 Maroondah Interfaith Network - Harmony Day Celebration
22/03 Croydon Hills Baptist Church - 20 Year Anniversary of our Karen Community Event
25/03 University of the Third Age Croydon Annual General Meeting
26/03 Maroondah Exhibition launch: Golden Offerings, Aeroplane Jelly and a Dragon's Tale: Karima Baadilla, Pia Johnson and Janelle Low
31/03 Glen Park Community Centre Annual General Meeting
01/04 Croydon Hills Primary School Visit
02/04 Eastern Region Group of Councils Briefing of Members of Parliament Meeting
08/04 Yarrunga Community Centre Annual General Meeting

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- 08/04 Your Library Chief Executive Office Remuneration Committee - Appointment of Chair & Process Discussion Meeting
 - 09/04 Maroondah Exhibition Launch "May We" & "the resonance of place - the Japan Suite"
 - 10/04 Karralyka Event
 - 15/04 Ringwood East Seniors Club Meeting
 - 15/04 Ringwood Spiders 2026 Jumper Presentation Event
 - 16/04 ABC Radio - Meet the Mayor with Raf Epstein
 - 17/04 Ringwood District Cricket Association 2025/26 Senior Men's Presentation Night Event
 - 18/04 Maroondah Volleyball Annual ANZAC Service Event
 - 18/04 Croydon City Soccer Club Senior Men's Season Launch Event
 - 19/04 Ringwood RSL Annual ANZAC Sunday March
 - 21/04 Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee meeting
 - 21/04 Girl Guides Maroondah Olave Baden-Powell Presentation Event
 - 22/04 Heathmont College School Visit to Maroondah City Council
 - 22/04 Ringwood Historical Society meeting
 - 25/04 Ringwood RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service
 - 25/04 Croydon City Soccer Club Season Senior Women's Launch Event
 - 27/04 Meeting with Nick McGowan MP and Ringwood Basketball

Cr Macdonald (Deputy Mayor)

- 19/03 Municipal Association of Victoria Mayors Institute Forum - Leading Healthy Communities: Mayoral Leadership & Legacy
- 22/03 Celebrate Maroondah Dogs Day Out Event
- 25/03 University of the Third Age Croydon Annual General Meeting
- 26/03 Meeting with Parasport Support
- 31/03 Glen Park Community Centre Annual General Meeting
- 02/04 Launch of Annual Maroondah Volleyball Good Friday Tournament and Family Fun Day Event
- 09/04 Maroondah Exhibition Launch "May We" & "the resonance of place - the Japan Suite"
- 22/04 Maroondah Arts Advisory Committee Meeting
- 23/04 Meeting with Croydon Resident
- 25/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Cr Jones

- 22/03 Celebrate Maroondah Dogs Day Out Event
- 25/03 University of the Third Age Croydon Annual General Meeting
- 31/03 Glen Park Community Centre Annual General Meeting
- 02/04 Eastern FM broadcast
- 02/04 Launch of Annual Maroondah Volleyball Good Friday Tournament and Family Fun Day Event
- 04/04 2026 Chin Community Victoria Community Clubs Victoria Education Awards Event
- 08/04 Yarrunga Annual General Meeting
- 15/04 Planning Consultation Meeting M/2025/980 49 Holloway Road, Croydon North
- 16/04 Free from Family Violence - Seen Safe Supported Launch Event
- 18/04 Maroondah Volleyball Annual ANZAC Service Event
- 19/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC Day March and Service
- 25/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service
- 26/04 Croydon North Kindergarten's 70th Anniversary Event

Cr Gordon

- 17/03 Meeting with Heathmont Historical Group
- 26/03 Meeting with Parasport Support
- 09/04 Australian Local Government Women's Association Online - Election Winning Tips and Tricks!
- 16/04 Free from Family Violence - Seen Safe Supported Launch Event
- 18/04 Maroondah Volleyball Annual ANZAC Service Event
- 19/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC Day March and Service
- 21/04 Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee Meeting
- 22/04 Meeting with Satria at Realm
- 22/04 Planning Consultation Meeting - 15-17 Chandlers Lane, Kilsyth South
- 24/04 Meeting with Winchester Drive Resident
- 25/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Cr Rex

- 18/03 Maroondah Liveability, Safety and Amenity Committee Meeting
- 22/03 Celebrate Maroondah Dogs Day Out Event
- 31/03 Planning Consultation Meeting 142 Wantirna Road, Ringwood
- 02/04 Launch of Annual Maroondah Volleyball Good Friday Tournament and Family Fun Day Event
- 03/04 Good Friday - Church at Ringwood Salvos Event
- 05/04 Easter Sunday Church - Heathmont Presbyterian Service
- 09/04 Maroondah Exhibition Launch "May We & making place - the Japan Suite"
- 15/04 Orange Door Croydon Tour
- 15/04 Ringwood Spiders Jumper Presentation Event
- 18/04 Maroondah Volleyball Annual ANZAC Service
- 25/04 Ringwood RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service
- 26/04 Heathmont Tennis Club Open Day

Cr Henderson

- 22/03 Celebrate Maroondah Dogs Day Out Event
- 25/03 Metropolitan Traffic Education Centre Board Meeting
- 26/03 Maroondah Exhibition launch: Golden Offerings, Aeroplane Jelly and a Dragon's Tale: Karima Baadilla, Pia Johnson and Janelle Low
- 02/04 Launch of Annual Maroondah Volleyball Good Friday Tournament and Family Fun Day Event
- 09/04 Exhibition Launch "May We" & "the resonance of place - the Japan Suite"
- 18/04 North Ringwood Football Club - First Home Game Presentation Event
- 19/04 Ringwood RSL Annual ANZAC Sunday March
- 21/04 Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee Meeting
- 22/04 Maroondah Arts Advisory Committee Meeting
- 25/04 Ringwood RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service
- 27/04 David Hodgett MP and Metropolitan Traffic Education Centre Meeting

Cr Heatherich

- 17/03 Karralyka Event
- 18/03 Maroondah Liveability, Safety and Amenity Committee Meeting
- 18/03 Meeting with Croydon Men's Shed
- 18/03 Meeting with Croydon Football Club President
- 22/03 Celebrate Maroondah Dogs Day Out Event

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- 30/03 Planning Consultation Meeting M/2025/867 - 11 Lindisfarne Avenue, Croydon
04/04 2026 Chin Community Victoria Community Clubs Victoria Education Awards
Event
15/04 Orange Door Croydon Tour
16/04 Free from Family Violence - Seen Safe Supported Launch Event
19/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC Day March and Service
25/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Cr Spears

- 17/03 Australian Local Government Women's Association National Executive Team
Meeting
18/03 Your Library - Board Planning Day Meeting
19/03 Australian Local Government Women's Association National Board Meeting
20/03 Eastern Region Group of Councils Meeting
23/03 Australian Local Government Women's Association 75th Bold Beginnings Panel
Meeting
24/03 Australian Local Government Women's Association National Executive Team
Meeting - 75th Conference
24/03 Australian Local Government Women's Association 75th Conference Panel
Briefing Bold Beginnings Meeting
24/03 Australian Local Government Women's Association Finance Meeting
26/03 Your Library - Chief Executive Officer Meeting
26/03 Your Library - Audit and Risk Committee Meeting
26/03 Maroondah Exhibition launch: Golden Offerings, Aeroplane Jelly and a
Dragon's Tale: Karima Baadilla, Pia Johnson and Janelle Low
30/03 Meeting with the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal
31/03 Australian Local Government Women's Association National Executive Team
Meeting
02/04 Eastern Region Group of Councils Briefing of Members of Parliament Meeting
02/04 Australian Local Government Women's Association Victoria Committee Meeting
09/04 Australian Local Government Women's Association National Executive Team
Meeting
09/04 Australian Local Government Women's Association New Women on Boards
Panel Briefing Meeting
09/04 Australian Local Government Women's Association Online Seminar - Election
Winning Tips and Tricks!
10/04 Your Library Chief Executive Officer Catch up Meeting
13/04 Australian Local Government Women's Association Executive Meeting
13/04 Australian Local Government Women's Association President & Victoria
President Meeting
14/04 Australian Local Government Women's Association National Executive Team
Meeting
14/04 Australian Local Government Women's Association President & New South
Wales President Meeting
16/04 Your Library Knox Draft Budget Discussion Meeting
16/04 Research Project on Gendered Political Incivility Seminar
19/04 Ringwood RSL Annual ANZAC Sunday March
21/04 Australian Local Government Women's Association National Executive Team
Meeting - 75th Conference
21/04 Australian Local Government Women's Association and Northern Beaches
Meeting
21/04 Australian Local Government Women's Association Northern Territory Branch
Establishment Follow Up Meeting

22/04 Maroondah Arts Advisory Committee Meeting
25/04 Ringwood RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Cr Steane

18/03 Maroondah Liveability, Safety and Amenity Committee Meeting
19/03 Hungry 4 Success Retail Graduation Event
25/03 University of the Third Age Croydon Annual General Meeting
26/03 Maroondah Exhibition Launch: Golden Offerings, Aeroplane Jelly and a Dragon's Tale: Karima Baadilla, Pia Johnson and Janelle Low
09/04 Maroondah Exhibition Launch "May We" & "the resonance of place - the Japan Suite"
10/04 Karralyka Event
15/04 Orange Door Croydon Tour
19/04 Croydon RSL ANZAC Day March and Service

REPORTS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS ITEM 2

MOVED CR REX, SECONDED CR HEATHERICH 22/26

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS HELD ON 16 MARCH 2026, 27-29 MARCH 2026 AND 13 APRIL 2026

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Cr Henderson

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION REPORTS ITEM 3

MOVED CR SPEARS, SECONDED CR HENDERSON 23/26

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING BODIES

- 1. MAROONDAH BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2026**
- 2. MAROONDAH ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 MARCH 2026**
- 3. MAROONDAH LIVEABILITY, SAFETY AND AMENITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 MARCH 2026**

CARRIED

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

DIRECTOR CITY GROWTH & PRECINCTS

ADOPTION OF THE CREATIVE MAROONDAH STRATEGY 2026-2030 ITEM 1

MOVED CR HENDERSON, SECONDED CR JONES 24/26

THAT COUNCIL ADOPT THE CREATIVE MAROONDAH STRATEGY 2026-2030.

CARRIED

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

ADOPTION OF THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN 2026-2031

ITEM 2

MOVED CR GORDON, SECONDED CR JONES

25/26

THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN 2026-2031.

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Jones, Steane, Rex, Macdonald and Heatherich

EXTENSION OF TIME

MOVED CR STEANE OAM, SECONDED CR SPEARS

26/26

THAT CR JONES BE GRANTED AN EXTENSION OF TIME

CARRIED

EXTENSION OF TIME

MOVED CR MACDONALD, SECONDED CR HENDERSON

27/26

THAT CR HEATHERICH BE GRANTED AN EXTENSION OF TIME

CARRIED

DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

Nil

MOTIONS TO REVIEW

Nil

LATE ITEMS

Nil

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

IN CAMERA

MOVED CR MACDONALD, SECONDED CR SPEARS 28/26

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.

DIRECTOR ASSETS & LEISURE

ITEM 1 TENDER EVALUATION REPORT - CONTRACT 21103 DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF BOWLING GREEN CANOPY

Reason: This report contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released. This information is confidential in accordance with s3(1)(a) of the Act. This ground is applied because the information, if publicly released at the time, is likely to be inappropriately detrimental to the Council or any person.

CARRIED

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

DIRECTOR ASSETS & LEISURE

TENDER EVALUATION REPORT - CONTRACT 21103 DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF BOWLING GREEN CANOPY ITEM 1

THIS REPORT AND ALL DISCUSSIONS IN RELATION TO IT REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL INDEFINITELY AND THIS RESOLUTION REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL THE EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT AT WHICH TIME THE RESOLUTION BE MADE PUBLIC

The open forum closed at 8:35pm.

Confirmed

Date