

**MINUTES OF MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MISSION ROAD, GUNUNA
ON WEDNESDAY, 19 APRIL 2023 AT 9:00AM**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was opened by Deputy Mayor David Barnes at 9.08am.

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the Lardil people of Mornington Island and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We would also like to acknowledge the Kaiadilt, Yangkaal, Waanyi, Gangalidda and Garawa people who share our homelands.

3 PRESENT

Deputy Mayor Cr David Barnes, Cr Dwayne Rogers, Cr Roxanne Thomas, Cr Robert Thompson
Mr Gary Uhlmann, Chief Executive Officer; Ms Skye Price, Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services; Mr Brett De Chastel, Independent Council Advisor; Mrs Rae Burton Executive Assistant

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**RESOLUTION 2023/50**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr David Barnes

Seconded: Cr Robert Thompson

That the apology received from Mayor Kyle Yanner be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Mayor Kyle Yanner; Mr Daniel Dixon, Group Manager Technical & Infrastructure Services; Mr Geoff Rewald Executive Manager Housing and Facilities.

CARRIED 4/0

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

Nil

6 CONDOLENCES AND MEMORIALS

A minute's silence was undertaken for the late Mrs. Felton.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**7.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - COUNCIL MEETING - 22 MARCH 2023****RESOLUTION 2023/51**

Moved: Cr Dwayne Rogers
Seconded: Cr Robert Thompson

That the Minutes of the Council held on Wednesday 22 March 2023 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED 4/0

8 DEPUTATIONS

Nil

9 ACTION SCHEDULE

Nil

RESOLUTION 2023/52

Moved: Cr Robert Thompson
Seconded: Cr Dwayne Rogers

Chief Executive Officer is currently reviewing the Action Sheet and That Council agree the Action Sheet be reviewed and tabled at the next informal meeting.

CARRIED 4/0

RECEPTION & CONSIDERATION OF OFFICERS REPORTS**10 MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS****10.1 COUNCILLOR VERBAL REPORTS****RESOLUTION 2023/53**

Moved: Cr Roxanne Thomas

Seconded: Cr Robert Thompson

Verbal report given by Councillor Rogers, he has been advocating for a radiographer at the Mornington Island Hospital to operate the x-ray machine, so community members do not have to travel for x-rays.

Councillor Thomas met with the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy to advocate for better living conditions.

Councillor Thompson continues to work with youth in the community.

That Council note and receive their reports

CARRIED 4/0

Meeting adjourned at 10:18am by Deputy Mayor for morning tea.

Meeting recommenced at 10:38am by Deputy Mayor.

11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**11.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER VERBAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 2023/54**

Moved: Cr Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Dwayne Rogers

Verbal report given to Council by Chief Executive Officer on the teams meeting with our Government Champions on 22 and 23 March, 2023.

Working with Robyn Littlewood on market garden.

Minister Crawford is progressing the Mornington Island Alcohol Carriage Limit increase through Government.

Alsplume survey is sought related to water, sewerage and waste. Council has received in-principle support.

Other discussions included advocacy for a swimming pool, splash park, realignment of airport, development of one hundred and eighty (180) residential blocks; and reviewing Mornington Island health care model.

Discussions moving forward for reactive programs and update of all action items;

That Council note and receive this report.

CARRIED 4/0

12 STAFF REPORTS - WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

Nil

13 STAFF REPORTS - TECHNICAL SERVICES

Nil

14 STAFF REPORTS - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**14.1 TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT****RESOLUTION 2023/55**

Moved: Cr Robert Thompson

Seconded: Cr Dwayne Rogers

The Chief Executive Officer provided a verbal update.

CARRIED 4/0**15 STAFF REPORTS - HOUSING REPORT**

Nil

16 STAFF REPORTS - FACILITIES**FACILITIES REPORT****RESOLUTION 2023/56**

Moved: Cr Roxanne Thomas

Seconded: Cr Dwayne Rogers

That Council note and accept the Facilities report for March 2023.

CARRIED 4/0**17 STAFF REPORTS - FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Nil

Meeting adjourned at 12:14pm by Deputy Mayor for Lunch.

Meeting recommenced at 12:41pm by Deputy Mayor.

18 STAFF REPORTS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**18.1 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION SURVEY****RESOLUTION 2023/57**

Moved: Cr Dwayne Rogers
Seconded: Cr Roxanne Thomas

That Council receives and notes the report related to Queensland Human Rights Act 2019 obligations and the upcoming mandatory 2023 Human Rights Survey.

CARRIED 4/0

18.2 PROPOSED CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY**RESOLUTION 2023/58**

Moved: Cr Roxanne Thomas
Seconded: Cr Robert Thompson

That Council formally endorse the hosting of a Citizenship Ceremony for the candidate that has applied to the Department of Home Affairs to become an Australian citizen; and that suitable scheduling of a citizenship ceremony occur with due consideration for Mayor Yanner's calendar appointments and commitments.

CARRIED 4/0

18.3 CAMPAIGN FOR A PUBLICLY OWNED POST OFFICE BANK**RESOLUTION 2023/59**

Moved: Cr Dwayne Rogers
Seconded: Cr Robert Thompson

That Mornington Shire Council make a submission to the Senate inquiry Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee, by the 28 April 2023 deadline. The submission should advocate for establishment of a post office bank approach across Australia to compensate for traditional bank branch closures. The submission should also highlight a need for a Mornington Island community post office bank enabling provision of a full suite of banking services.

CARRIED 4/0

18.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**RESOLUTION 2023/60**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr David Barnes

Seconded: Cr Dwayne Rogers

1. That Council note and accept the March 2023 Community Development report.
2. That Council provide in principle support for submission of seven (7) applications (comprising 29 April, 31 May, 21 June, 5 July, 8 July and 12 July 2023) for Community Liquor Permits.

CARRIED 4/0

18.5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**RESOLUTION 2023/61**

Moved: Cr Roxanne Thomas

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr David Barnes

That Council provide support for the 2023 New Year's Eve fireworks display to the value of thirty-one thousand, eight hundred and eighty dollars (\$31,880) and future fireworks events costs will be reviewed as a part of the 2023/24 budget process.

CARRIED 4/0

18.6 DELEGATIONS - CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**RESOLUTION 2023/62**

Moved: Cr Roxanne Thomas

Seconded: Cr Dwayne Rogers

That Council receive and note the report related to the Chief Financial Officer operational expenditure, capital expenditure and asset control financial delegation, up to the value of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) excluding GST; in keeping with section 259(1) of the Local Government Act, related to Chief Executive Officer powers.

CARRIED 4/0

18.7 COUNCIL ADVISOR PRESENTATION: WHAT MAKES A SUCCESSFUL COUNCIL?**RESOLUTION 2023/63**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr David Barnes

Seconded: Cr Dwayne Rogers

Council advisor Brett De Chasel provided a presentation for the Councillors.

CARRIED 4/0

19 STAFF REPORTS - HUMAN RESOURCES

Nil

Councillor Thomas left meeting 1.52pm

Councillor Thomas returned to meeting 1.54pm

20 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**RESOLUTION 2023/64**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr David Barnes

Seconded: Cr Roxanne Thomas

Deputy Mayor Barnes moved into Closed Business 1:55pm.

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 254J of the Local Government Regulations 2012:

20.1 REMOTE AIRSTRIP UPGRADE - TENDER EVALUATIONS

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J3(g) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;.

20.2 RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECTS

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 254J3(g) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;.

CARRIED 4/0

RESOLUTION 2023/65

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr David Barnes

Seconded: Cr Dwayne Rogers

That Council moves out of Closed business into Open Business 2:04pm.

CARRIED 4/0

20.1 REMOTE AIRSTRIP UPGRADE - TENDER EVALUATIONS

RESOLUTION 2023/66

Moved: Cr Dwayne Rogers
Seconded: Cr Robert Thompson

The panel has detailed the findings of the evaluation of submissions for RFT no. VP337187 in the attached evaluation report and seeks resolution from Council to award both short-listed respondents separable portion of works or project(s) as outlined below;

Permission to award all three projects, subject to funding availability. Award project one to FB Luke and award project three to Gulf civil.

CARRIED 4/0

20.2 RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECTS

RESOLUTION 2023/67

Moved: Cr Robert Thompson
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr David Barnes

That Council note and receive this report and write a letter of acknowledgement and thanks to Minister Scanlon for the \$1.6 million funding from the Department of Environment and Science for resource recovery projects.

CARRIED 4/0

21 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 17 May 2023.

22 CLOSURE

Deputy Mayor Barnes closed the meeting at 2:11pm.

Minutes Confirmed:

Mayor

Date: 19th April 2023

Gary Uhlmann
Chief Executive Officer

Initial: _____