



**MORNINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting

**Special Council Meeting
Wednesday 17 June 2026**

To empower our Community – Our people

To feel solid and strong like the rock in Mundalbe To taste and hear the breaking waves of
change

To establish clean, safe, healthy lifestyles togetherness

Pride and respect for each other in our culture, achievements and successes

To see and smell the compassion and peacefulness of our community

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1 OPENING OF MEETING

11:05AM.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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 Garrawa people who share our homelands.

3 PRESENT

Mayor Richard Sewter, Deputy Mayor Robert 'Bobby' Thompson, Cr Farrah Linden, Cr Renee Wilson and Cr Jane Ah Kit.

Gary Uhlmann (Chief Executive Officer) Jo Gowans (Chief Financial Officer) Matthew Fox (Director Corporate and Communications).

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

Nil.

6 CONDOLENCES AND MEMORIALS

A minute's silence was held for lost loved ones.

7 FINANCIAL REPORTS

7.1 2026-27 FEES & CHARGES

RESOLUTION 2026/79

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

CARRIED 5 / 0

That in accordance with Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009, the council adopt Fees and Charges for the 2026-27 financial year as tabled.

7.2 DEBT POLICY

RESOLUTION 2026/80

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

CARRIED 5 / 0

That in accordance with s192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the Debt Policy 2026-27 as tabled.

7.3 INVESTMENT POLICY

RESOLUTION 2026/81

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded Cr Renee Wilson

CARRIED 5 / 0

That in accordance with s191 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the Investment Policy 2026-27 as tabled.

7.4 STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION 2025-26

RESOLUTION 2026/82

Moved: Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Cr Jane Ah Kit

CARRIED 5 / 0

That in accordance with Section 205 of the Local Government Regulations 2012, the Statement of Estimated Financial Position 2025-26 be received and the contents noted.

7.5 BUDGET 2026-27 and RATES and CHARGES

RESOLUTION 2026/83

Moved: Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Cr Renee Wilson

CARRIED 5 / 0

Pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's budget for the 2026-27 financial year be adopted as tabled, incorporating:

- o The Statement of Comprehensive Income.
- o The Statement of Financial Position.
- o The Statement of Cash Flow.
- o The Statement of Change in Equity.

- o The Long-Term Financial Forecast.
- o The Revenue Statement.
- o The Revenue Policy.
- o The relevant measures of financial sustainability.
- o The total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget, 4.5%.

7.6 SEWERAGE UTILITY CHARGES

RESOLUTION 2026/84

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter

Seconded Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

CARRIED 5 / 0

1. In accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, make and levy sewerage utility charges, for the supply of sewerage services by the Council as per the Revenue Statement is **\$1,973.00 per pedestal per year.**
2. That Council Applies the above levied sewerage utility charges be in accordance with the further detail provided in Council's adopted Revenue Statement 2026-27.

7.7 WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES 2026-27

RESOLUTION 2026/85

Moved: Cr Renee Wilson

Seconded: Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

CARRIED 5 / 0

1. In accordance with s94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and s99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, make and levy waste collection utility charges, for the supply of waste collection services by the Council as per the Revenue Statement at **\$2,337 per bin.**
2. That Council applies the above levied waste management charges in accordance with the further detail provided in Council's adopted Revenue Statement 2026-27.

7.8 WATER CHARGES 2026-27

RESOLUTION 2026/86

Moved: Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Cr Renee Wilson

CARRIED 5 / 0

That Council:

1. In accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council make and levy water utility charges, for the supply of water services by the Council at **\$4,627 per unit**.
2. In addition to the utility charge, a separate water usage charge will also be levied to recover the cost of treating water and will cover water consumption charges. For the 2025/26 financial year, the water consumption charge is **\$3.00 per KL**.
3. Applies the above levied water utility charges in accordance with the further detail provided in Council's adopted Revenue Statement 2026-27.

7.9 SEPARATE CHARGES 2026-27

RESOLUTION 2026/87

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

CARRIED 5 / 0

That Council:

1. In accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, make and levy a separate charge for each leased or occupied commercial property (including vacant land) by the Council as per the Revenue Statement and at **\$12,216 per property per year**.
2. Applies the above levied separate charge be in accordance with the further detail provided in Council's adopted Revenue Statement 2026-27.

7.10 LEVY and PAYMENTS 2026-27

RESOLUTION 2026/88

Moved: Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Cr Farrah Linden

CARRIED 5 / 0

That Council adopt levy and payments as per below:

1. In accordance with Section 107 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's rates and charges be levied:
 - o For the year 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027 the levies will be rated and charged in August 2026.
2. In accordance with Section 118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that Council's rates and charges be paid within 30 days after the date of issue of the rate notice.

7.11 INTEREST 2026-27

RESOLUTION 2026/89

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded Cr Robert "Bobby" Thompson

CARRIED 5 / 0

That Council: In accordance with Section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* daily compound interest on outstanding rates and charges be charged at a rate of **12.19% per annum**.

8 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil.

9 CLOSURE

11:58AM.