



**MORNINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Wednesday 24 June 2026**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting opened by Deputy Mayor Robert “Bobby” Thompson at 9:17am

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

Deputy Mayor Robert ‘Bobby’ Thompson, Cr Farrah Linden, Cr Renee Wilson (left meeting at 3.35pm) and Cr Jane Ah Kit.

Gary Uhlmann (Chief Executive Officer), Matthew Fox (Director Corporate & Communications) and Jacinta Olds (Executive Officer).

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor Richard Sewter attending First Nations Delegation meeting with Minister for Indigenous Australians, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy.

RESOLUTION 2026/90

Moved: Cr Robert “Bobby” Thompson

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council accept apology for Mayor Richard Sewter who is attending official business on behalf of council and nominate Cr Farrah Linden as Chair of the ordinary council meeting as requested by Deputy Mayor Robert “Bobby” Thompson.

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

Nil.

6 CONDOLENCES AND MEMORIALS

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

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting - 27 May 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/91

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Bobby Thompson

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting – 27 May 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED 3 / 0

(Cr Renee Wilson was not present for vote)

8 DEPUTATIONS

- Peddlethorpe – Presentation of Recreational Master Plan 10.30AM
(commenced 10.31am – 11.13am)
- RISE Ventures – Update on Services and Activities – 1.30PM
(commenced 1.37pm – 2.13pm)

Cr Farrah Linden left meeting at 2.13pm and returned at 2.18pm.

Cr Jane Ah Kit left meeting at 2.13pm and returned at 2.15pm.

9 ACTION SCHEDULE

The action schedule was tabled at the meeting.

10 Mayor & Councillor Reports

10.1 Mayor and Councillor Verbal Reports

Cr Renee left the meeting at 9.53am and returned 9.56am

RESOLUTION 2026/92

Moved: Cr Robert “Bobby” Thompson

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council receive and note the Mayor and Councillors verbal report for May 2026.

CARRIED 4 / 0

11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

11.1 Chief Executive Officer Report - May 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/93

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer’s report for May 2026.

CARRIED 4 / 0

Meeting recessed for morning tea at 10.12am and recommenced at 10.31am.

12 FINANCE

12.1 Financial Report – May 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/94

Moved: Cr Robert “Bobby” Thompson

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council receive and note the Financial Report for May 2026.

CARRIED 4 / 0

12.2 Projects Office - Masterplan Monthly Update May

RESOLUTION 2026/95

Moved: Cr Robert “Bobby” Thompson

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council receive and note the periodic Capital Projects Office Masterplan overview for May 2026 and that council note the Variation related to Lot 926 to the value of \$303,238 + GST.

CARRIED 4 / 0

12.3 Procurement – Consultants Contracts over \$200,000

RESOLUTION 2026/96

Moved: Cr Bobby Thompson

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That the consultants engaged as per the Procurement Process (in below table) and with the term (in table) noted in Council’s records.

Supplier	Procurement Process	Contract Type	Term	Justification
A-Z Project Management	Local Buy	LB343 Project Management & Superintendency Services	3 Years +2 one-year extensions	Has consistently delivered project management, including QRA reporting and event submissions since 2024. Has local knowledge and TO relationships that assist with the delivery of road works program.
ERSCON	Local Buy	Local Buy LB312 Engineering & Environmental Consultancy Svcs	3 Years +2 one-year extensions	Consistency with works undertaken since 2022. Knowledge of the technicalities / design influences of the Island
Brett Langtree	Local Buy	Local Buy LB312 Engineering &	12 months	Consistency with works undertaken since 2022. Knowledge of the technicalities / design

		Environmental Consultancy Svcs		influences of the Island
Ray Stodart	Local Buy	LB343 Project Management & Superintendency Services	12 months	Currently project managing capital works projects inc. Sea Wall
Brad Pinches	Sole Supplier Exception (MSC Approval)	Ochre Legal Goods and Services Contract	12 months	Has extensive catalogue of surveys undertaken, local knowledge and TO relationships that assist with the delivery of water and sewer projects.

Further that Brad Pinches is approved as a Sole Supplier of Water, Sewerage and Waste consultancy expertise under Local Government Regulation *Qld* Section 235 (b).

CARRIED 3 / 1

(Cr Jane Ah Kit – abstained from vote)

Cr Jane Ah Kit left meeting at 12.31pm and returned 1.39pm.

Cr Renee Wilson left meeting at 12.35pm and returned 12.37pm.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12.38pm – and recommenced at 1.37pm.

13 COMMUNITY

13.1 Community Report – May 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/97

Moved: Cr Bobby Thompson

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That Council receive and note the Community Report for 1-31 May 2026.

CARRIED 4 / 0

Cr Renee Wilson left the meeting at 11.15am and returned 11.17am

- Councillors would like locals to make the benches / seats for community.
- Mindful of monitoring the jetty – erosion can cause issues.
- Laundry has become a popular meeting place for locals – food now getting handed out from there as well.
- Funding applied for showers at Salvation Army – as they have not been finished.
- Gardening will be introduced – vegetable, herbs, fruit etc.

13.2 Community Strategic Vision

RESOLUTION 2026/98

Moved: Cr Bobby Thompson

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council receive and note the Community Strategic Update Report for its key service areas.

CARRIED 4 / 0

14 CORPORATE AND COMMUNICATIONS

14.1 Corporate & Communications Report – May 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/99

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council receive and note the Corporate and Communications report for May 2026.

CARRIED 4 / 0

14.2 Entertainment & Hospitality Policy

RESOLUTION 2026/100

Moved: Cr Bobby Thompson

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council adopts the Entertainment & Hospitality policy as tabled.

CARRIED 4 / 0

14.3 Local Law-Making Policy

RESOLUTION 2026/101

Moved: Cr Bobby Thompson

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council adopts the Local Law-Making policy as tabled.

CARRIED 4 / 0

14.4 Enforcement Policy

RESOLUTION 2026/102

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded: Cr Bobby Thompson

That Council adopts the Enforcement policy as tabled.

CARRIED 4 / 0

14.5 Council to CEO Delegations Register Update

RESOLUTION 2026/103

Moved: Cr Bobby Thompson

Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

Pursuant to sections 257 and 260 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld), Council resolves to adopt the updated Delegations Register – Council to CEO, as presented.

CARRIED 4 / 0

14.6 Mornington Shire Special Holidays 2027**RESOLUTION 2026/104**

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit
Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council approve the suggested special holidays for 2027 to enable submission of formal request to the Office of Industrial Relations for Ministerial approval and to be published in the Queensland Government Gazette.

CARRIED 4 / 0**14.7 Child Safety and Wellbeing Statement of Commitment****RESOLUTION 2026/105**

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden
Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council:

- (1) Endorse the Child Safety and Wellbeing Statement of Commitment attached to this report.
- (2) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to publish the Child Safety and Wellbeing Statement of Commitment on Council's website and through other appropriate communication channels.
- (3) Note that Council is progressively implementing the Child Safe Standards and Reportable Conduct Scheme in accordance with the Child Safe Organisations Act 2024 (Qld).

CARRIED 4 / 0

Cr Bobby Thompson left the meeting at 2.57pm and returned 2.58pm

Cr Farrah Linden left meeting room at 3.04pm and returned 3.08pm

15 HUMAN RESOURCES**15.1 Human Resources & Payroll Services Report - May 2026****RESOLUTION 2026/106**

Moved: Cr Bobby Thompson
Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council receive and note the Human Resources report for May 2026.

CARRIED 4 / 0

16 HOUSING AND FACILITIES

16.1 Housing and Facilities Report – May 2026

Cr Renee Wilson left meeting room at 3.22pm and returned at 3.24pm

Cr Renee Wilson left the meeting at 3.35pm

RESOLUTION 2026/107

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden

Seconded: Cr Bobby Thompson

That Council receive and note the Housing and Facilities report for May 2026.

CARRIED 3 / 0

17 ENGINEERING

17.1 Engineering and Infrastructure Report - May 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/108

Moved: Cr Bobby Thompson

Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

That Council receive and note the Engineering and Infrastructure report for May 2026.

CARRIED 3 / 0

18 Hospitality and Accommodation

18.1 Hospitality and Accommodation Report – May 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/109

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit

Seconded: Cr Farrah Linden

That Council receive and note the Hospitality and Accommodation report for May 2026.

CARRIED 3 / 0

19 CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and Water and Fire Disaster Recovery and Volunteers – RE: Stop Canberra's Disaster Recovery Funding Cuts – 1 Page.

20 GENERAL BUSINESS

20.1 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting – 17 June 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/

Moved: Cr Jane Ah Kit
 Seconded: Cr Bobby Thompson

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting – 17 June 2026 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED 3 / 0

(Cr Renee Wilson was not present for vote)

21 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

21.1 Finance Write Offs over \$1000

RESOLUTION 2026/110

Moved: Cr Bobby Thompson
 Seconded: Cr Jane Ah Kit

CARRIED 4 / 0

In accordance with Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld) Section 254J, (3) (i) it is recommended that this report be presented in closed session as it contains personal information.

(Closed - 2.18pm - Reopened - 2.35pm)

Cr Jane Ah Kit declared a conflict of interest in accordance with Local Government ACT 2009 150EN and left the meeting at 2.22pm.

RESOLUTION 2026/111

Moved: Cr Farrah Linden
 Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson

That Council receive and resolve to Write off the Bad Debts over \$1,000 as tabled with the exception of bad debts relating to invoices; 4604, 2682, 501, 217940, 217939 as tabled.

Total value of Bad Debts write off is \$209,366.71.

CARRIED 3 / 0

Cr Jane Ah Kit returned to meeting 2.35pm.

22 NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled ordinary council meeting will be held on 22 July 2026.

23 CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 4.05pm.