



LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN KERNOT HALL AND VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK
AT 7:00 PM - MAYORAL ELECTION ON
27 NOVEMBER 2025

CM630

PRESENT:

Councillors:	Cr Dale Harriman	Loy Yang Ward
	Cr Sharon Gibson	Newborough Ward
	Cr David Barnes	Boola Boola Ward
	Cr Leanne Potter	Budgerie Ward
	Cr Joanne Campbell	Jeeralang Ward
	Cr Adele Pugsley	Moe Ward
	Cr Darren Howe	Tyers Ward
	Cr Steph Morgan	Yallourn Ward
	Cr Tracie Lund (attended online)	Morwell River Ward

Officers:	Steven Piasente	Chief Executive Officer
	James Rouse	Acting General Manager Community Liveability
	Jody Riordan	General Manager Infrastructure & Sustainability
	Nathan Kearsley	General Manager Organisational Performance
	Alba Elling	Manager Governance
	Rebecca Obersby	Council Solicitor
	Kaitlyn Boram	Governance Officer

Apologies: Nil

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Resolutions in this minutes document should be read in conjunction with the published agenda for the 27 November 2025 Council Meeting.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

The Chief Executive Officer read the acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land.

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

ORDER OF EVENTS

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Item Number 4.1

27 November 2025

Organisational Performance

OUTGOING MAYOR SPEECH

Outgoing Mayor, Councillor Harriman, reflected on his Mayoral Term.

TERM OF OFFICE AND ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Morgan

That Council:

- a) determines that the term for the Office of Mayor will be one year;**
- b) proceeds to elect the Mayor in accordance with the Governance Rules for one year, to serve for the 2025/2026 Mayoral term; and**
- c) determines that candidates may speak to their nomination.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nominations for the Office of Mayor:

Cr Harriman nominated Cr Gibson for the office of Mayor. Cr Gibson accepted.
Seconded Cr Pugsley.

Cr Potter nominated Cr Morgan for the office of Mayor. Cr Morgan accepted.
Seconded Cr Howe.

Cr Gibson and Cr Morgan did not speak to their nominations.

In favour of Cr Gibson

For Crs Pugsley, Gibson, Barnes, Campbell and Harriman.

In favour of Cr Morgan

For Crs Potter, Morgan, Lund and Howe.

Cr Gibson, having received the absolute majority of votes in favour, was elected as Mayor.

TERM OF OFFICE AND ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

Outgoing Deputy Mayor, Councillor Gibson, reflected on her term as Deputy Mayor.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Pugsley

Seconded: Cr Morgan

That Council:

- a) establishes an office of Deputy Mayor for a one-year term;
- b) proceeds to elect the Deputy Mayor in accordance with the Governance Rules for one year to serve for the 2025/2026 Deputy Mayoral term; and
- c) determines that candidates may speak to their nomination.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor:

Cr Pugsley nominated Cr Harriman for the office of Deputy Mayor. Cr Harriman accepted.

Seconded Cr Campbell.

Cr Potter nominated Cr Morgan for the office of Deputy Mayor. Cr Morgan accepted. Seconded Cr Howe.

Cr Morgan nominated Cr Campbell for the office of Deputy Mayor. Cr Campbell did not accept.

Cr Harriman and Cr Morgan spoke to their nominations.

In favour of Cr Harriman

For Crs Pugsley, Barnes, Campbell, Harriman and Gibson.

In favour of Cr Morgan

For Crs Potter, Morgan, Lund and Howe.

Cr Harriman, having received an absolute majority of votes in favour, was elected as Deputy Mayor.

PRESENTATIONS

The newly elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor spoke about their incoming terms.

Procedural note:

Cr Lund left the meeting at 7.24pm and did not return.

MEETING CLOSE

At the close of the meeting, the newly elected Mayor thanked those present for attending, including those who viewed the live stream of the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.26 pm.

I certify that these minutes have been confirmed.

Mayor: _____

Date: _____