



LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD IN GIPPSLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE,
TRARALGON
AT 6:00 PM ON 25 AUGUST 2025
CM624**

PRESENT:

Councillors:	Cr Dale Harriman, Mayor	Loy Yang Ward
	Cr Sharon Gibson, Deputy Mayor	Newborough 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

Officers:	James Rouse	Acting Chief Executive Officer
	Kate Kerslake	Acting General Manager Community Health & Wellbeing
	Jody Riordan	General Manager Regional City Planning & Assets
	Tim Ellis	General Manager Regional City Strategy & Transition
	Nathan Kearsley	General Manager Organisational Performance
	Alba Elling	Manager Governance
	Andrea Stanlake	Acting Coordinator Council Business
	Kaitlyn Boram	Governance Officer

Apologies: Cr Tracie Lund (Leave of Absence)
Cr David Barnes
Steven Piasente Chief Executive Officer

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Resolutions in this minutes document should be read in conjunction with the published agenda for the 25 August 2025 Council Meeting.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

The Mayor read the acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land.

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Barnes

Cr Lund (leave of absence)

Steven Piasente

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council confirms the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 July 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- Cr Gibson – Conflict of Interest on agenda item 10.2
- Cr Pugsley - Conflict of Interest on agenda item 10.2

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Cr Gibson made the following acknowledgements:

- Latrobe Theatre Company for their show Mamma Mia.
- Gippsland United Basketball Club with both men's and women's teams making it into the finals, and the men's team winning.

Cr Morgan made the following acknowledgements:

- The passing of Ian Spriggs, Volunteer of the Morwell Rose Garden and accomplished rose expert throughout the world.
- Class Act Productions for their award winning performance of Singin' in the Rain Jr.

Cr Potter made the following acknowledgement:

- Retirement of long-term volunteer Margaret Guthrie from the Churchill and District Community Association following 23 years on the committee.

Cr Harriman made the following acknowledgement:

- The recent passing of Morwell Fire Brigade Life Member Ken McMeekan.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

Public Questions on Notice

In accordance with the Governance Rules, members of the public can lodge a question on notice by no later than midday one business day before the Council meeting in order for the question to be answered at the meeting. There were zero (0) public questions.

Public Speakers

Members of the public who registered by no later than midday on the day of the Council Meeting were invited to speak to an item on the agenda. There were two (2) public speakers.

- Rhonda O'Dea spoke to item 8.8 (Petition – Sealing of Rocla Road and Upgrade of Dranes Road T-intersection, Traralgon East).
- Dan Caffrey spoke to item 91. (Endorsement of Baldwin Road Development Plan).

NOTICES OF MOTION

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Item Number 7.1 25 August 2025

Community Health and Wellbeing

2025/10 FIRE RESCUE VICTORIA STATION IN MOE

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council writes to Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) seeking information about the timeline for the development of the new FRV station at 201-209 Lloyd Street, Moe.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments

Nil

2025/11 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT VC282

MOTION

Moved: Cr Pugsley

Seconded: Cr Howe

That Council:

1. writes to the Minister for Planning identifying concerns about the impacts VC282 may have on the character of existing residential neighbourhoods in Latrobe City and regional Victoria more generally; and
2. writes to the Municipal Association of Victoria, Regional Cities Victoria and One Gippsland identifying concerns about the impacts VC282 may have on the character of existing residential neighbourhoods in regional Victoria, requesting support with advocating to enable regional councils apply local standards in residential zones.

For: Cr Campbell, Cr Harriman, Cr Pugsley, Cr Gibson, Cr Howe and Cr Morgan

Against: Cr Potter

CARRIED

Attachments

Nil

Procedural Note:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

The meeting resumed at 6:51 pm

2025/12 LLOYD STREET RAIL CROSSING IN MOE

MOTION

Moved: Cr Pugsley

Seconded: Cr Gibson

That Council writes to the Department of Transport and Planning seeking a detailed update on the Lloyd Street Rail Crossing Intersection Improvements project, and what the next steps are for the delivery of the project, including timelines for key milestones to be completed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments

Nil

STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

8. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item Number 8.1

25 August 2025

Organisational Performance

DRAFT FINANCIAL PLAN 2025-2035 - PRELIMINARY APPROVAL & PUBLIC EXHIBITION

MOTION

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Gibson

That Council:

- 1. endorses the draft 2025-2035 Financial Plan at Attachment 1 to be released for community feedback;**
- 2. gives notice that the draft 2025-2035 Financial Plan will be made available for review at Council Headquarters, Service Centres and on Council's website; and**
- 3. invites written submissions from the public to be received by no later than 5pm 23 September 2025.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

- 1. Draft Financial Plan 2025-2035**

DRAFT ASSET PLAN 2025-35- PUBLIC EXHIBITION

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council:

- 1. endorses the draft Asset Plan 2025-35 at Attachment 1 to be released for community feedback;**
- 2. gives notice that the draft Asset Plan 2025-35 will be made available for review at Council Headquarters, Service Centres and on Council's website; and**
- 3. invites written submissions from the public to be received by no later than 5pm 23 September 2025.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

- 1. Draft LCC Asset Plan 2025-35**

DRAFT ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025-29- PUBLIC EXHIBITION

MOTION

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Gibson

That Council:

- 1. endorses the draft Road Management Plan 2025-29 at Attachment 1 to be released for community feedback;**
- 2. gives notice that the draft Road Management Plan 2025-29 will be made available for review at Council Headquarters, Service Centres and on Council's website; and**
- 3. invites written submissions from the public to be received by no later than 5pm 23 September 2025.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Draft Road Management Plan 2025-29
2. RMP 2025-29 Comparison to RMP 2021-25

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL'S SUBMISSIONS TO: THE DECLARED MINE REHABILITATION PLANS FOR HAZELWOOD AND YALLOURN MINE

MOTION

Moved: Cr Morgan

Seconded: Cr Potter

That Council:

- 1. endorses the submission to Energy Australia's Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan for Yallourn W;**
- 2. endorses the submission to ENGIE's Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan for Hazelwood; and**
- 3. approves the inclusion of both submissions in the formal consultation processes being led by the mining providers.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Latrobe City Council's Submission to: Yallourn Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan
2. Latrobe City Council's Submission to: ENGIEs Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan

LATROBE CITY COUNCIL'S SUBMISSION TO: PAYMENT IN LIEU OF RATES SCHEME FOR ENERGY STORAGE

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Morgan

That Council endorses the submission to: Payment in lieu of rates scheme for energy storage systems.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Latrobe City Council Submission to: Payment in Lieu of Rates Scheme for Energy Storage Systems.

BLACK SPOT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS 2026/2027

MOTION

Moved: Cr Pugsley

Seconded: Cr Howe

That Council endorses applications to the 2026/2027 Black Spot Program to include:

- 1. Seymour Street, Hotham Street, and Post Office Place, Traralgon;**
- 2. Grubb Avenue and Wirilda Crescent, Traralgon;**
- 3. Old Sale Road, Newborough;**
- 4. Bridle Road, Morwell; and**
- 5. Shakespeare Street, Traralgon.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION UPDATE - PROPOSED SALE LOT 2, MOUNTAIN GLEN DRIVE, MOE

MOTION

Moved: Cr Potter

Seconded: Cr Gibson

That Council, having considered the submissions received and having complied with sections 55 and 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

- 1. resolves to sell the land parcel known as Lot 2 Mountain Glen Drive, Moe (Parent Title Volume 10123 Folio 598);**
- 2. supports the public sale process of Lot 2 Mountain Glen Drive (Parent Title Volume 10123 Folio 598) being led by the Department of Treasury and Finance; and**
- 3. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute all documents necessary to offer the property for sale and to complete a sale at a price no less than 90% of the valuation amount in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Site Map
2. Public Notice
3. Community Engagement Submissions (Published Separately)

This attachment is designated as confidential under subsection (f) of the definition of confidential information contained in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, as it relates to personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs. The community engagement submissions include the personal details of the submitters.

4. Valuations (Published Separately)

This attachment is designated as confidential under subsection (a) of the definition of confidential information contained in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, as it relates to Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released. The release of the valuations would prematurely disclose Council's valuation of these land parcels.

5. Social Media Posts

PETITION- SEALING OF ROCLA ROAD AND UPGRADE OF DRANES ROAD T-INTERSECTION, TRARALGON EAST

MOTION

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Potter

That Council:

1. **notes the report, that no further works be undertaken in relation to the sealing of Rocla Road and upgrading of the Rocla Road - Dranes Road T-intersection; and**
2. **advises the head petitioner of this resolution.**

For: Cr Potter, Cr Campbell, Cr Pugsley, Cr Gibson, Cr Howe and Cr Morgan

Against: Cr Harriman

CARRIED

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Petition for the Sealing of Rocla Road and Dranes Road T-Intersection Upgrade, Traralgon East (Published Separately)

This attachment is designated as confidential under subsection (l) of the definition of confidential information contained in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, as it relates to information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989. Contains names and addresses of signatories.

2. Petition for the Sealing of Rocla Road and Dranes Road T-Intersection Upgrade, Traralgon East - Travel Times

LEASE UPDATE - OLD METHODIST CHURCH (41 PRINCES STREET, TRARALGON)

MOTION

Moved: Cr Potter

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council resolves to undertake final community engagement regarding the Old Methodist Church building located at 41 Princes Street, Traralgon, and seeks written submissions from the public as to the future use and/or location of the building (including funding options) by no later than 5pm, 31 October 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Price Estimate for Essential Building Works (Published Separately)

This attachment is designated as confidential under subsection (g) of the definition of confidential information contained in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, as it relates to private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—

(i) relates to trade secrets; or

(ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage. The price estimate has been completed by a qualified estimator, and the report is designated for decision making.

2. Site Visit Images

Administration Note:

The following error was identified in the agenda (page 201):

*In the preparation for the November 2021 Council report, community consultation with the **Traralgon Chamber of Commerce** and the Traralgon Historical Society was undertaken.*

The sentence should read (correction in bold):

*In the preparation for the November 2021 Council report, community consultation with the **Traralgon Community Development Association Inc** and the Traralgon Historical Society was undertaken.*

This has been reflected in both the agenda and these minutes.

STATUTORY PLANNING

9. STATUTORY PLANNING

Item Number 9.1

25 August 2025

Regional City Planning and Assets

ENDORSEMENT OF BALDWIN ROAD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

MOTION

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Morgan

That Council, having considered all written submissions received in relation to the draft Baldwin Road Development Plan:

- 1. endorses Attachments 1 to 4 as follows:**
 - a) Report;**
 - b) Map (Appendix 3);**
 - c) Streetscape Cross Sections Plan (Appendix 4);**
 - d) Conceptual Landscape Masterplan (Appendix 9);**
- 2. updates Council's website to include the endorsed documents; and**
- 3. advises those persons who made written submissions to the draft Baldwin Road Development Plan of Council's decision.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. BRDP - Report
2. BRDP - Map (Appendix 3)
3. BRDP - Streetscape Cross Sections Plan (Appendix 4)
4. BRDP - Conceptual Landscape Masterplan (Appendix 9)
5. Development Plan Overlay - Schedule 11
6. Summary of submissions and response provided
7. Redacted submissions
8. Redacted responses
9. Appendix 2 - Site & Context Description
10. Appendix 13 - Traffic Impact Assessment
11. Appendix 18 - Acoustic Engineering Report

PROPOSED PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C150LATR - TRARALGON GOLF CLUB

MOTION

Moved: Cr Pugsley

Seconded: Cr Howe

That Council:

- 1. endorses the draft Socio-Economic Report (Attachment) 1 for public exhibition as part of Amendment C150;**
- 2. endorses the draft Planning Scheme Amendment Report provided at Attachment 2 for public exhibition as part of Amendment C150;**
- 3. requests authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit Amendment C150 to the Latrobe Planning Scheme, in accordance with section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*;**
- 4. prepares Amendment C150 to the Latrobe Planning Scheme to rezone the Traralgon Golf Club to a Special Use Zone (SUZ) to support the ongoing operation of the Club at 280A and 280B Princes Street, Traralgon, generally in accordance with the documentation provided at Attachment 1 & 2, subject to Ministerial Authorisation; and**
- 5. places Amendment C150 on exhibition in accordance with the requirements of section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, subject to Ministerial Authorisation.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Traralgon Golf Club Socio-Economic Report
2. Traralgon Golf Club Planning Scheme Amendment Report

CORPORATE ITEMS FOR DECISION

10. CORPORATE ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item Number 10.1 25 August 2025

Organisational Performance

CONTRACT VARIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2025 - 30 JUNE 2025

MOTION

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council receives and notes the report on contract variations for the period 1 April 2025 – 30 June 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Variation Summary
2. Variation Detail

COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEES - APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES FOR BUSHLAND RESERVES

Procedural Note:

This item was considered in the confidential portion of the meeting in accordance with subsection (f) of the definition of confidential information contained in section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020, as it relates to personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs. Private names included.

URGENT BUSINESS

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil reports

REPORTS FOR NOTING

12. REPORTS FOR NOTING

Nil reports

13. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil reports

ITEMS FOR TABLING

14. ITEMS FOR TABLING

Nil reports

**MEETING CLOSED TO
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CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION**

15. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC TO CONSIDER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Section 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020* enables Council to close the meeting to the public to consider *confidential information* as defined in that Act.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Gibson

Seconded: Cr Morgan

That Council pursuant to section 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) close the Council Meeting to the public to consider the following items containing confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Act:

15.1 LCC-876 Provision of Servicing & Maintenance for Plant & Equipment

This item is confidential as it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released (section 3(1)(a)) and private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—

(i) relates to trade secrets; or

(ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage (section 3(1)(g)). These grounds apply because Releasing this information publicly and/or prematurely may prejudice the undertaking of this process and would release private commercial information of the tenderers that may cause disadvantage.

15.2 LCC-881 Landslip Remediation Works at Summerfield Track and Traralgon Creek Road

This item is confidential as it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released (section 3(1)(a)) and private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—

(i) relates to trade secrets; or

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Meeting closed to the public at 7:44 pm.

Procedural Note:

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm

The meeting resumed at 7:55 pm

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.08 pm.

I certify that these minutes have been confirmed.

Mayor: _____

Date: _____