



LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD IN GIPPSLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE,
TRARALGON AND VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK
AT 6:00 PM ON 27 APRIL 2026
CM634**

PRESENT:

Councillors:	Cr Sharon Gibson, Mayor	Newborough Ward
	Cr Dale Harriman, Deputy Mayor	Loy Yang 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:	Steven Piasente	Chief Executive Officer
	James Rouse	General Manager Community Liveability
	Jody Riordan	General Manager Infrastructure & Sustainability
	Tim Ellis	General Manager Investment & Growth
	Nathan Kearsley	General Manager Organisational Performance
	Alba Elling	Manager Governance
	Rebecca Obersby	Council Solicitor
	Kaitlyn Boram	Governance Officer
Apologies:	Cr David Barnes	Boola Boola Ward

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Resolutions in this minutes document should be read in conjunction with the published agenda for the 27 April 2026 Council Meeting.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

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

2. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

The Mayor invited everyone to observe a minute of silence, to reflect on Council's responsibility to the community it serves, and to take this time to consider the impact of Council's decisions and to maintain a spirit of collaboration and respect.

3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr David Barnes, Boola Boola Ward

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION

Moved: Cr Harriman

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council confirms the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 March 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Cr Gibson acknowledged the RSLs in Latrobe City for the ANZAC Day services this week and everyone who attended them, and the organisers of Shredfest for a successful event. Cr Gibson also acknowledged the high number of young people who attended ANZAC Day services.

Cr Harriman acknowledged the Australian Air Force Cadets including Sheryl English and Neil Fitzpatrick, City of Traralgon Band including Lachie Wilson, Lieutenant Colonel Doug Caulfield, Pastor Randall Green, and Sergeant Rob Timmers and Sergeant Brian Soall from Traralgon RSL for the ANZAC Day services in Traralgon and district.

Cr Pugsley acknowledged the Latrobe Valley Aero Club for the flyover at the Moe ANZAC Day service.

Cr Morgan acknowledged the passing of David Davies, Music Director of the Yallourn Madrigal Singers for 25 years, the United Muslim Sisters of Latrobe Valley for hosting a successful Eid Festival, Linda Graham, Yallourn North Urban Fire Brigade, Yallourn North Primary School and Lowanna College for the ANZAC Day service in Yallourn North, the Morwell RSL, Morwell Citizens Band including Joe Bonnici, Morwell Caledonian Pipe Band, Morwell primary schools and Kurnai College for the ANZAC Day service in Morwell, Lazziz Lebanese Bakery for becoming one of the first Breastfeeding is Welcome Everywhere venues in Traralgon, and the Powering Her Pathway initiative for its first round of graduates from the Women in Trades Clean Energy Taster Program.

7. 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 was 1 public question.

Question 1

From: Damian Andrews

Topic: Advocacy for development of Lake Narracan

Question:

Amendment C086 to the Latrobe Planning Scheme approves 3,723 dwellings & infrastructure at Lake Narracan.

For Latrobe City this represents ~\$2.5–\$3 billion in construction and ~\$620 million in ongoing annual economic activity.

What actions has Council taken to advocate for this development and build market confidence to support delivery?

Response:

Council has more than advocated for the development of the Lake Narracan Precinct as it actively works with landowners on the development and this is demonstrated by the following actions.

Approval of four major planning permits that allows for the development of 1,275 residential lots, and a land lease that provides for 282 units. Two further planning permit applications are being considered, which would provide approximately a further 100 residential lots.

In 2025 Council applied the Public Acquisition Overlays to land required for key future infrastructure to meet the needs of the precinct.

To assist with infrastructure delivery Council applied for external federal government funding in 2024 to support the precinct. The application for \$10.5 million was unsuccessful. However, Council will continue to consider external grant programs to support the precinct.

Council has allocated \$1.5 million of its own funding towards the establishment of essential infrastructure in the precinct noting that the majority of the local infrastructure projects identified in the Development Contributions Plan will be delivered by developers.

Public Speakers

There were no public speakers.

NOTICES OF MOTION

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil reports

STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

9. STRATEGIC ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item Number 9.1 27 April 2026

Organisational Performance

DRAFT 2026/27 BUDGET - PRELIMINARY APPROVAL & PUBLIC EXHIBITION

MOTION

Moved: Cr Pugsley

Seconded: Cr Morgan

That Council:

- 1. endorses the draft 2026/27 Budget (including proposed fees and charges) at Attachment 1 to be released for community feedback;**
- 2. gives notice that the draft 2026/27 Budget 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 25 May 2026.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Draft 2026/27 Budget
2. Pre-Budget Community Submissions Received

STATUTORY PLANNING

10. STATUTORY PLANNING

Item Number 10.1

27 April 2026

Investment and Growth

AMENDMENT C150 (TRARALGON GOLF CLUB) - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

MOTION

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Harriman

That Council:

- 1. having formally considered all written submissions received to Amendment C150, endorse Council's response to the issues outlined in Attachment 7;**
- 2. adopts the final Traralgon Golf Club Planning Scheme Amendment Report 2025 and Traralgon Golf Club Socio-Economic Analysis at Attachment 1 and 2;**
- 3. adopts Amendment C150 without post exhibition changes, as outlined in Attachment 5, in accordance with section 29 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*;**
- 4. submits adopted Amendment C150 together with the prescribed information to the Minister for Planning for approval, in accordance with section 31 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*; and**
- 5. advises those persons who made written submissions to Amendment C150 of Council's decision.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Planning Scheme Amendment Report (2025)
2. Socio-Economic Report (2025)
3. Preliminary Site Investigation Report (2025)
4. Morwell Traralgon Employment Corridor Investment Masterplan Bushfire planning considerations report (2018)
5. Amendment C150 - Authorisation Documents
6. Redacted Combined Submissions for Amendment C150 - Traralgon Golf Club Rezoning
7. Redacted Submission and Council Officer Response Table Amendment C150 - Traralgon Golf Club Rezoning

CORPORATE ITEMS FOR DECISION

11. CORPORATE ITEMS FOR DECISION

Item Number 11.1 27 April 2026

Investment and Growth

TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE

MOTION

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Morgan

That Council:

1. **endorses the name change of this Committee from Tourism and Major Events Advisory Committee to Visitor Economy Advisory Committee;**
2. **endorses the draft Terms of Reference for the Visitor Economy Advisory Committee, as at Attachment 1;**
2. **requests Officers undertake a public expression of interest process for Committee nominations, to occur by June 2026, and present a future report to Council with recommendations for Committee members;**
3. **notes the conclusion of the Tourism and Major Events Advisory Committee: Major Events Selection and Funding Framework, as at Attachment 2; and**
4. **writes to the Tourism and Major Events Advisory Committee members to thank them for their service and contributions to the Committee.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Draft Visitor Economy Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
2. Tourism & Major Events Advisory Committee: Major Events Selection and Funding Framework

LATROBE CITY SUBMISSION TO DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING OF WIND AND TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE

MOTION

Moved: Cr Potter

Seconded: Cr Morgan

That Council endorses the submission to the Federal Government consultation on Domestic Manufacturing of Wind and Transmission Infrastructure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Consultation Terms of Reference Domestic Manufacturing of Wind and Transmission infrastructure
2. Latrobe City Submission to Domestic Manufacturing of Wind and Transmission Infrastructure

REVIEW OF COUNCIL DELEGATIONS

MOTION

Moved: Cr Howe

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council:

- 1. in the exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the S6 Instrument of Delegation to Members of Staff at Attachment 1, resolves that:**
 - a. there be delegated to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the officers or positions referred to in the attached *S6 Instrument of Delegation to Members of Staff*, the powers, duties and functions set out in that Instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument;**
 - b. this Instrument comes into force immediately after the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument;**
 - c. on the coming into force of the Instrument, all previous delegations to members of Council officers (other than the Chief Executive Officer) are revoked; and**
 - d. the duties and functions set out in the Instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the Instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. S6 Delegations

REVISED WAIVER, REBATE AND REFUND OF PLANNING FEES POLICY

MOTION

Moved: Cr Pugsley

Seconded: Cr Morgan

That Council:

- 1. endorses the Waiver, Rebate and Refund of Planning Fees Policy at Attachment 1; and**
- 2. ceases the current Waiver and Refund of Planning Fees Policy.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Proposed Waiver, Rebate and Refund of Planning Fees Policy
2. Current Waiver and Refund of Planning Fees Policy tracked change (AI Generated from current to revised)
3. Benchmark of LGA Waiver Rebate Delegation
4. Extract of relevant Regulations

ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY 2026–30- ADOPTION

MOTION

Moved: Cr Harriman

Seconded: Cr Pugsley

That Council:

- 1. endorses the Asset Management Policy 2026–30 as per Attachment 1;
and**
- 2. publishes the Asset Management Policy 2026–30 on Council’s website.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Asset Management Policy 2026-30

ELECTION PERIOD POLICY - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MOTION

Moved: Cr Morgan

Seconded: Cr Howe

That Council:

- 1. approves the release of the draft Election Period Policy for a four-week community consultation period, commencing on Tuesday 28 April 2026, to 25 May 2026, pursuant to section 60(4) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Community Engagement Policy; and**
- 2. notes that a further report will be presented to a future Council Meeting to consider any feedback received from the community regarding the draft Election Period Policy and adopt the final Election Period Policy under section 60 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Draft Election Period Policy

URGENT BUSINESS

12. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil reports.

REPORTS FOR NOTING

13. REPORTS FOR NOTING

Item Number 13.1 27 April 2026

Investment and Growth

CANBERRA DELEGATION

MOTION

Moved: Cr Harriman

Seconded: Cr Morgan

That Council notes the Canberra Delegation report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments

Nil

TABLING OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL REPORT

MOTION

Moved: Cr Potter

Seconded: Cr Campbell

That Council receives and notes the Audit and Risk Committee Bi-Annual Report for the period of 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. ARC Bi-annual Report July - Dec 2025

PRESENTATION OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES -11 MARCH 2026

MOTION

Moved: Cr Campbell

Seconded: Cr Potter

That Council receives and notes the Audit and Risk Committee Minutes for the 11 March 2026 meeting at Attachment 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 11 March 2026

14. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil reports

ITEMS FOR TABLING

15. ITEMS FOR TABLING

Item Number 15.1 27 April 2026

Organisational Performance

TABLING OF PETITION - REDUCTION OF SPEED LIMIT ON OLD SALE ROAD, NEWBOROUGH

MOTION

Moved: Cr Pugsley

Seconded: Cr Campbell

That Council:

1. in accordance with the Governance Rules, agrees to lay on the table the petition requesting that Council:
 - a. reduce the speed limit on 'Old Sale Road, Newborough from 60km/h to 50 km/h': and
2. advises the head petitioner of this decision in relation to the petition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachments - Refer to Council Meeting Agenda

1. Petition - Old Sale Road (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 attached petition includes names and addresses of those that have signed it.

**MEETING CLOSED TO
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CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION**

16. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC TO CONSIDER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

There were no confidential business items to consider for this meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.04PM.

I certify that these minutes have been confirmed.

Mayor: _____

Date: _____