



# LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES FOR THE UNSCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN KERNOT HALL, MORWELL AT 4:00 PM ON 02 JUNE 2025 CM620

### **PRESENT:**

<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr Dale Harriman, Mayor	Loy Yang Ward
	Cr Sharon Gibson, Deputy Mayor	Newborough Ward
	Cr David Barnes	Boola Boola Ward
	Cr Leanne Potter	Budgerie Ward
	Cr Adele Pugsley	Moe Ward
	Cr Darren Howe	Tyers Ward (Virtual)
<b>Officers:</b>	Steven Piasente	Chief Executive Officer
	James Rouse	Acting General Manager Community Health & Wellbeing
	Jody Riordan	General Manager Regional City Planning & Assets
	Tim Ellis	General Manager Regional City Strategy & Transition
	Josh Wilson	Acting Executive Manager Sports Legacy & Activation
	Nathan Kearsley	General Manager Organisational Performance
	Alba Elling	Manager Governance
	Courtney Aquilina	Coordinator Council Business
	Kaitlyn Boram	Governance Officer

**Apologies:** Cr Joanne Campbell, Cr Steph Morgan and Cr Tracie Lund (Leave of Absence)

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Resolutions in this minutes document should be read in conjunction with the published agenda for the 02 June 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**

Apologies: Cr Campbell and Cr Morgan.

Leave of Absence: Cr Lund.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil.

**4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Nil.

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME**

**Public Questions on Notice**

In accordance with the Governance rules, members of the public can lodge a question on notice before 12 noon on the Friday before the day of the Council meeting in order for the question to be answered at the meeting. There were no public questions received.

**Public Speakers**

Members of the public who registered before 12 noon were invited to speak to an item on the agenda. There was 1 public speaker.

- Ric Nicolson spoke to item 6.1.

# **NOTICES OF MOTION**

## 6. NOTICES OF MOTION

Item Number 6.1

02 June 2025

Regional City Strategy & Transition

# EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS FUND

## **MOTION**

**Moved: Cr Potter**

**Seconded: Cr Barnes**

**That Council:**

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  - a. request the Victoria State Government:**
    - i. abandon the new Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) and not proceed from 1 July 2025 in its current form, given the significant financial impact the levy will have on Latrobe City community;**
    - ii. publicly release the details of the amount of revenue the Victorian State Government will receive through this charge, that will be reinvested in Latrobe City community;**
    - iii. provide details of the support mechanisms the Victorian State Government is putting in place, for those who may not be able to pay the charge, given the current cost of living crisis;**
    - iv. publicly release the details of the consultation plan the Victorian State Government intends to utilise to engage with our community and to inform them of the increase in the ESVF;**
  - b. re- confirm Council's decision calling on the Victorian State Government to be responsible for the collection of the ESVF by the State Revenue Office; and**
- 2. notes that a report will be presented to a future Council Meeting on the implications of not collecting the ESVF.**

## **AMENDMENT**

**Moved: Cr Pugsley**

**Seconded: Cr Gibson**

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- 3. notes that the State Government has delayed the implementation of the levy for farming properties only for twelve months.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**The Amendment became the substantive Motion.**

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## **Attachments**

Nil

**There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 4.29 pm.**

**I certify that these minutes have been confirmed.**

**Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_