



**I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:**

**Date: Wednesday 29 October 2025**

**Time: 9:00 am**

**Location: Corner Djinkiya & Lardil Street  
Gununa**

# **MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting 29 October 2025**

**Gary Uhlmann  
Chief Executive Officer**

To empower our Community – Our people  
To feel solid and strong like the rock in Mundalbe  
To taste and hear the breaking waves of change  
To establish clean, safe, healthy lifestyles togetherness  
Pride and respect for each other in our culture, achievements and successes.  
To see and smell the compassion and peacefulness of our community

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**3 PRESENT****4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE****5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - COUNCILLORS AND STAFF****6 CONDOLENCES AND MEMORIALS**

**7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**7.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting - Wednesday 24 September 2025**

**Author:** Director Corporate & Community

**Attachments:** 1. Mornington Shire Council - Ordinary Council meeting - Unconfirmed minutes - 24 September 2025 [7.1.1 - 9 pages]

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Ordinary Council meeting minutes from 24 September 2025 be received and adopted.

**MINUTES OF MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CORNER DJINKIYA & LARDIL STREET GUNUNA  
ON WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 9:00 AM**

**1 OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting was opened by Mayor Richard Sewter at 9:03am.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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**3 PRESENT**

Mayor Richard Sewter, Deputy Mayor Robert Thompson, Councillor Jane Ah Kit, Councillor Farrah Linden and Councillor Renee Wilson.

Gary Uhlmann (Chief Executive Officer) and Skye Price (Director Corporate and Community),

**4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST - COUNCILLORS AND STAFF**

Mayor Richard Sewter and Councillor Jane Ah Kit declared a conflict of interest for Item 16.3 Community grant application - Sarah Isaacs and Thandabi Community Club. They both abstained from discussion and voting.

**6 CONDOLENCES AND MEMORIALS**

A minute's silence was observed for loved ones.

**7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION 2025/131**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Councillor Renee Wilson

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting - 27 August 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

**CARRIED 5 / 0**

**8 DEPUTATIONS**

10:00am - Hollie Wakefield, Principal Project Officer and Carrie Goldsmith, Program Extension Officer, Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation  
Water, waste and sewage presentation

11:00am – Jika Kangka Gununamanda Limited, Melanie Ah Kit and other representatives

**9 ACTION SCHEDULE**

Resolutions list tabled in the meeting.

Mayor Sewter adjourned the meeting 9:55am

Mayor Sewter reconvened the meeting 10:05am

**10 MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

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Seconded Mayor Richard Sewter

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**CARRIED 5 / 0**

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Liaison has also occurred with Queensland Police Service and education service providers.

**Cr Renee Wilson**

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**11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT  
RESOLUTION 2025/133**

Moved: Councillor Farrah Linden  
Seconded Councillor Jane Ah Kit

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's report for September 2025.

**CARRIED 5 / 0**

Mayor Sewter adjourned the meeting 12:45pm  
Mayor Sewter reconvened the meeting 1:05pm

**12 FINANCE**

**RESOLUTION 2025/134**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson  
Seconded Councillor Farrah Linden

That Council receive and note the Financial Report for September 2025.

**CARRIED 5 / 0**

**RESOLUTION 2025/135**

Moved: Councillor Farrah Linden  
Seconded Mayor Richard Sewter

That Council receive and note the Queensland Audit Office 2024 Final Management Report and 2024 Closing Report.

**CARRIED 5 / 0**

**RESOLUTION 2025/136**

Moved: Councillor Jane Ah Kit  
Seconded Councillor Farrah Linden

That Council endorse Chief Financial Officer, Ms Joanne Gowans be added as an authorised signatory for all Mornington Shire Council Westpac Bank and Queensland Treasury Commission accounts from September 2025.

**CARRIED 5 / 0**

**13 HUMAN RESOURCES**

**RESOLUTION 2025/137**

Moved: Councillor Farrah Linden

Seconded Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

That Council receive and note the Human Resources report for September 2025.

**CARRIED 5 / 0**

**14 HOUSING AND FACILITIES**

Nil

**15 ENGINEERING**

**RESOLUTION 2025/138**

Moved: Councillor Renee Wilson

Seconded Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

That Council receive and note the Engineering report for September 2025.

**CARRIED 5 / 0**

**16 PLANNING AND COMMUNITIES**

**RESOLUTION 2025/139**

Moved: Councillor Farrah Linden

Seconded Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

That Council receive and note the Accommodation and Hospitality report for September 2025.

**CARRIED 5 / 0**

**RESOLUTION 2025/140**

Moved: Councillor Jane Ah Kit

Seconded Mayor Richard Sewter

That Council receive and note the report related to Queensland Government Department of Housing Tenancy Services for September 2025.

**CARRIED 5 / 0**

Mayor Richard Sewter departed the meeting 1:45pm – Declared conflict of interest Item 16.3

Councillor Jane Ah Kit departed the meeting 1:45pm – Declared conflict of interest Item 16.3

Deputy Mayor Robert “Bobby” Thompson Chaired the meeting during Mayor Richard Sewter’s absence

**RESOLUTION 2025/141**

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Seconded Councillor Farrah Linden

That Council support the community grant application to the value of two thousand two hundred dollars (\$2,200) and request that Sarah Isaacs attend a Council deputation after the 13 October 2025 event, providing photos and feedback about the outcome of the Master by research/ PhD research proposal and Thandabi Community Club participation.

**CARRIED 3 / 0**

Mayor Richard Sewter returned to the returned to the meeting 3:05pm

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**RESOLUTION 2025/142**

Moved: Councillor Farrah Linden  
Seconded Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

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**CARRIED 4 / 0**

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That Council endorse the Mirndiyan Gununa Aboriginal Corporation board proposal to formally name the Mornington Island Indigenous Knowledge Centre, "Goobalathaldin Knowledge Centre" as a tribute to the late Dick Roughsey, as well as his contributions towards art, culture and literacy.

**CARRIED 4 / 0**

**RESOLUTION 2025/144**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson  
Seconded Councillor Renee Wilson

- A) That That Council provide support for the 2025 New Year's Eve fireworks display to the value of thirty-one thousand, eight hundred and eighty dollars (\$31,880) and future fireworks events costs will be reviewed as a part of the 2026/27 budget process.

OR

- B) Council resolves not to support the expenditure for New Year's Eve fireworks displays.

**CARRIED 4 / 0**

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Councillor Jane Ah Kit returned to the meeting 3:48pm

**17 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Councillor Jane Ah Kit raised that protocols should exist for staff communication with Councillors. It was agreed that as a part of Human Resources induction processes, all new staff will be introduced to Elected Members.

Information related to Elected Members will also be included on Human Resources staff induction handouts.

It was also agreed that before community meetings, Elected Members will have a collective briefing session.

Advocacy needs to occur for funding related to mortuary improvements at the hospital.

**18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

20.1 Tender outcome report – MSC-VP468374 – Motel expansion comprising four units

**RESOLUTION 2025/145**

Moved: Councillor Jane Ah Kit

Seconded Councillor Farrah Linden

That Council approve the tender of Bay Investments Qld Pty Ltd trading as OLY HOMES (ABN 92103649814) in tender reference MSC-VP468374 (Motel expansion four (4) units, with an option of five (5)), for the lump sum price of \$1,455,023 (excluding GST), and delegate the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all things necessary to sign contracts, pay invoices as and when due, and approve variations (up to and including available grant funding totals for the project).

**CARRIED 5 / 0**

**19 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 29 October 2025.

**20 CLOSURE**

Mayor Sewter closed the meeting at 4:09pm.

Gary Uhlmann  
Chief Executive Officer

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Minutes Confirmed:

Mayor .....

Date:

Gary Uhlmann  
Chief Executive Officer

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**8 DEPUTATIONS**

10:00am – Luke Bowering, Principal Mornington Island State School. Multi-court playing facility

11:00am – Faisal Mir, Director Engineering and Project Services, Queensland Government Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers and Renee Henry, Principal Engineer, Engineering and Project Services Capital water projects

1:00pm – Daryl Camp, Regional Director and Sandra Wallison Area Controller – Western, State Emergency Service (SES) Presentation of SES Annual Report

**9 ACTION SCHEDULE**

Outstanding resolutions are attached.

Council resolutions report		Printed: 28 October 2025			
TASK NAME	RESOLUTION NUMBER	RESOLUTION DATE	RESOLUTION	ASSIGNED TO	UPDATES
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON ILUA FOR GRAC LAND	<a href="#">2021/07-32</a>	21/07/2021	<p><b>RESOLUTION 2021/07-32</b></p> <p>That Council authorise Acting CEO to commence investigation to establish a Indigenous Land Use Agreement ( ILUA) with Carpentaria Land Council Corporation (CLAC).</p> <p>Moved: Cr. Thompson</p> <p>Seconded: Cr. Barnes</p> <p><b>Carried 3/0</b></p>	Chief Executive Officer	<p><b>16 Feb 2024 10:00am Williams, Rhianne</b> No updates on ILUA with Carpentaria Land Council</p> <p><b>28 Oct 2024 3:06pm Olds, Jacinta</b> - ILUA funding required from DTATSIPCA, - Meeting held with GRAC 03/10/2024 , - Negotiations occurring to formalise ILUA pertaining to all GRAC sites.</p>
GUNANA SWIMMING POOL	<a href="#">2021/</a>	15/09/2021	<p><b>RESOLUTION 2021/56</b></p> <p>That Council seek formal support from Education Queensland for the land and long term undertaking for the operation and maintenance of the swimming pool and associated facilities.</p> <p>Further that Council provide a copy of the swimming pool proposal to the Government Champions seeking their support.</p> <p>Further that Council seek grant funding for the construction of the swimming pool complex, and on receipt of funding Council's consultants undertake stakeholder and community consultation as part of the final design.</p> <p>Moved: Cr Thompson</p> <p>Seconded: Mayor Yanner</p> <p><b>CARRIED 5/0</b></p>	Chief Executive Officer	<p><b>16 Jun 2023 3:34pm Williams, Rhianne</b> A pool funding strategy is being considered. Water availability needs to be considered. An ocean pool and splash park are also potential options.</p> <p><b>04 Oct 2023 2:59pm Hunter, Jan</b> Water security consultancy underway with ARUP. The study will be completed early 2024. In the interim, different funding sources are being considered for potential salt water pool to minimise impact on water demands.</p> <p><b>08 Nov 2023 12:41pm Williams, Rhianne</b> The first tranche of funding is for planning (\$500,000), the second component is for construction/ implementation (\$5m). , All activities must conclude by 30 June 2026., We're working with an imminent planner, to develop a masterplan for recreation, leisure and public open spaces through all of Gununa.</p> <p><b>16 Feb 2024 10:00am Williams, Rhianne</b> Ongoing</p> <p><b>28 Oct 2024 3:13pm Olds, Jacinta</b> Ongoing</p>
Community Development Report - Storyboard	<a href="#">2022/235</a>	23/11/2022	<p><b>RESOLUTION 2022/235</b></p> <p>Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr David Barnes</p>	Community Development Coordinator	<p><b>17 Apr 2024 2:06pm Williams, Rhianne</b> Story board has been manufactured and delivered to island. Awaiting installation of footings and erection of story board sign on site.</p>

<p>Seconded: Mayor Cr Kyle Yanner</p> <p>That Council provide support for the purchase and installation of a Storyboard at the Old Village as set out in the report.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CARRIED 5/0</b></p>			
<p>Local Government Domestic Family Violence Prevention Champions Network</p>	<p><a href="#">2024/64</a></p>	<p>22/05/2024</p>	<p><b>RESOLUTION</b></p> <p>Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter Seconded: Cr Renee Wilson</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. receive and note the May 2024 report related to the Local Government Domestic Family Violence Prevention Champions Network; and</li> <li>2. complete the self-assessment checklist and return to the Local Government Domestic Family Violence Prevention Champions Network; and</li> <li>3. nominate Councillors to partake as a part of the four virtual meetings, each year and be a representative "champion"; and</li> <li>4. that Mayor Sewter extends an invitation to the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Council to have a deputation at an upcoming 2024 Ordinary Council meeting; and</li> <li>5. that Council formally sign the "Not now, not ever" pledge during the deputation; and</li> <li>6. that the Director Corporate and Community ensure periodic distribution of resources for staff</li> </ol>

Director Corporate and Community

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awareness and community  
stakeholder awareness.  
**CARRIED 3/0**

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[7.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting - 27 August 2025](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/131**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Councillor Renee Wilson

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**CARRIED 5 / 0**

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[10.1 Mayor and Councillor Verbal Reports](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/132**

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Seconded Mayor Richard Sewter

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**CARRIED 5 / 0**

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**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 24 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**11.1 Chief Executive Officer Report**

**RESOLUTION 2025/133**

Moved: Councillor Farrah Linden

Seconded Councillor Jane Ah Kit

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's report for September 2025.

**CARRIED 5 / 0**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 24 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**12.1 Financial Report**

**RESOLUTION 2025/134**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Councillor Farrah Linden

That Council receive and note the Financial Report for September 2025.

**CARRIED 5 / 0**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 24 SEPTEMBER 2025

[12.2 Audit 2024 Final Management Report and Closing Report](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/135**

Moved: Councillor Farrah Linden

Seconded Mayor Richard Sewter

That Council receive and note the Queensland Audit Office 2024 Final Management Report and 2024 Closing Report.

**CARRIED 5 / 0**

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[12.3 Banking arrangements - Addition of Chief Financial Officer to accounts](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/136**

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Seconded Councillor Farrah Linden

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**CARRIED 5 / 0**

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[13.1 Human Resources Report](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/137**

Moved: Councillor Farrah Linden

Seconded Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

That Council receive and note the Human Resources report for September 2025.

**CARRIED 5 / 0**

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[15.1 Engineering Report](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/138**

Moved: Councillor Renee Wilson

Seconded Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

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**CARRIED 5 / 0**

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[16.1 Accommodation and Hospitality Report](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/139**

Moved: Councillor Farrah Linden  
Seconded Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

That Council receive and note the Accommodation and Hospitality report for September 2025.

**CARRIED 5 / 0**

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[16.2 Queensland Government Department of Housing Tenancy Services update](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/140**

Moved: Councillor Jane Ah Kit  
Seconded Mayor Richard Sewter

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**CARRIED 5 / 0**

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[16.3 Community grant application - Sarah Isaacs and Thandabi Community Club](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/141**

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**CARRIED 3 / 0**

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[16.4 Selectability - Proposed staff accommodation development](#)

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**CARRIED 4 / 0**

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[16.5 Mornington Island Indigenous Knowledge Centre - Proposed formal name](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/143**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Councillor Farrah Linden

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**CARRIED 4 / 0**

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[16.6 New Year's Eve - Potential fireworks display](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/144**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Councillor Renee Wilson

- A. That That Council provide support for the 2025 New Year's Eve fireworks display to the value of thirty-one thousand, eight hundred and eighty dollars (\$31,880) and future fireworks events costs will be reviewed as a part of the 2026/27 budget process.

OR

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**CARRIED 4 / 0**

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[18.1 Tender outcome report - MSC-VP468374 - Motel expansion comprising four units](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/145**

Moved: Councillor Jane Ah Kit

Seconded Councillor Farrah Linden

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**CARRIED 5 / 0**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2025

[7.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting - 23 July 2025](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/119**

Moved: Councillor Renee Wilson

Seconded Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held Wednesday 23 July 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

**CARRIED 3 / 0**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2025

[7.2 Minutes of the Special Council meeting - 29 July 2025](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/120**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter

Seconded Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

That the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held Wednesday 29 July 2025 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

**CARRIED 3 / 0**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2025

[9.1 Action Schedule](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/120**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter

Seconded Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

That the action schedule as tabled be updated and that completed items be removed.

**CARRIED 3 / 0**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2025

[10.1 Mayor and Councillor Reports](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/121**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter

Seconded Councillor Renee Wilson

That Councillors receive and note the Mayor's written report and Councillors' verbal reports for August 2025.

**CARRIED 3 / 0**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2025

[12.1 Chief Executive Officer Report](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/122**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Councillor Renee Wilson

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer report for August 2025.

**CARRIED 3 / 0**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2025

[13.1 Finance Report](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/123**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Mayor Richard Sewter

That Council receive and note the financial report for July 2025.

**CARRIED 3 / 0**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2025

[14.1 Draft Corporate Plan](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/124**

Moved: Councillor Renee Wilson

Seconded Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

That Council receive and note the report related to the draft Corporate Plan 2025 – 2030.

**CARRIED 3 / 0**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2025

[15.1 Human Resources Report](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/125**

Moved: Councillor Renee Wilson

Seconded Mayor Richard Sewter

That Council receive and note the August 2025 Human Resources Report and adopt the amended Staff Travel Policy.

**CARRIED 3 / 0**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2025

[16.1 Housing Facilities July report](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/126**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Councillor Renee Wilson

That Council receive and note the Housing and Facilities report for August 2025.

**CARRIED 3 / 0**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2025

[17.1 Engineering Report](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/127**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Councillor Renee Wilson

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services report for August 2025.

**CARRIED 3 / 0**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2025

[18.1 Accommodation and Hospitality Report](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/128**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter

Seconded Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

That Council receive and note the report related to accommodation and hospitality for August 2025.

**CARRIED 3 / 0**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2025

[18.2 LifeFlight Foundation - Annual sponsorship request](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/129**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

Seconded Councillor Renee Wilson

That Council endorse LifeFlight Foundation sponsorship to the value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and Royal Flying Doctor Service sponsorship to the value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the 2025/26 financial year, for review in 2026/27 financial year.

**CARRIED 3 / 0**

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2025

[20.1 Tender report - Procurement and installation of commercial refrigerator and freezer for barge shed](#)

**RESOLUTION 2025/130**

Moved: Mayor Richard Sewter

Seconded Deputy Mayor Robert "Bobby" Thompson

That Council:

a) Receive and note the confidential report related to procurement and installation of a commercial grade refrigerator and freezer; and

- b) Endorse procurement of Alpha Cool's services for the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction grant program funded initiative, up to the value of \$343,750; and
- c) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to manage the contractual arrangements.

**CARRIED 3 / 0**

**10 MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS****10.1 Mayor and Councillor Verbal Reports****RECOMMENDATION**

That Councillors receive and note the Mayor and Councillors' verbal reports for MONTH 2025.

**11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT****11.1 Chief Executive Officer Report - October 2025**

**Author:** Director Corporate & Community

**Attachments:** Nil

**PURPOSE (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)**

Chief Executive Officer's Report related to operational activities for October 2025.

**BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS**

- As reported previously, Council is in an excellent position financially and operationally.
- Council's credibility for performance is rapidly improving with all levels of government. This is reflected in increasing grant funding success and high-level visits to island.
- Significant progress has been made on building initiatives, with the recent visit of the Premier and the opening of the new community Indigenous Knowledge Centre.
- Financial Statements and Audit reports for all prior financial years have now been completed.
- Council now has a confirmed forward capital and projects program of \$100m, including \$39m for social housing and \$26m for roadworks.
- The focus for this year is on implementation of our capital works program, the refinement of our internal processes, profitability of our business units, as well as training and development of our local employees.
- Core focus areas will include:
  - The implementation of the RISE partnership that meets the employment needs of community
  - The future Recreation Plan for community that will define the priorities for the next 10 years
  - Reinstatement of the Outstation roads for Traditional Owner lands
  - Better returns for the use of resources from Traditional Owner lands
  - Development of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with GRAC to achieve better representation by GRAC of the Lardil people
  - The thirteen (13) lot social housing development on Lardil Street
  - The 4x2 bedroom young peoples' accommodation
  - The commencement of the building of five (5) in-fill houses and eight (8) granny flats
  - Planning for the redevelopment of the barge landing site
  - Upgrade of the football oval
  - Upgrade of the motel accommodation and opening of the Tavern
  - Refinement of the operations of the Capital Program Office to ensure professional project management and implementation
  - Improved community communication and input into future planning

**FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

All activities are operating within the designated 2025/26 operational budgets. An active campaign for additional grant funding is also underway.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's report for September 2025.

**12 FINANCE****12.1 Financial Report - October 2025**

**Author:** Chief Financial Officer

**Attachments:** 1. September End of Month report [12.1.1 - 7 pages]

**PURPOSE (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)**

The purpose of this report is to present Elected Members with a monthly consolidated financial snapshot of key information regarding the financial position of Council.

**BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS**

Finance reports provide Elected Members with essential insights to monitor financial performance, uphold fiscal responsibility, identify and manage risks, ensure efficient resource allocation, and support long-term financial sustainability.

All figures are year to date until 30 September 2025.

Key items to note:

- Debtors continue to be our focus, to ensure that goods and services provided by council are paid for.
- Annual rates have now been issued, and we will be ensuring the collection of these to support the operations of council services.
- Cash holdings are slowly improving to levels that are expected by a council our size. We should have reserves of four (4) months; this month we have increased to just over two (2) months. With a balanced approach to managing revenue with expenses, we should achieve our incremental target of 2.5 months on hand at the end of the 2025/26 financial year.
- An ongoing review of commercial operations is occurring to ensure that they are profitable and providing the standard of service expected.
- Employee benefits are higher than anticipated, reflecting the higher level of overtime being claimed by employees due to reliable staff shortages.

**FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

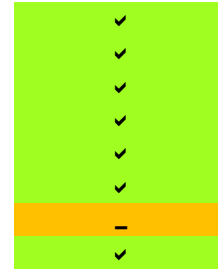
Council is typically operating within 2025/26 budget allocations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Financial Report for September 2025.

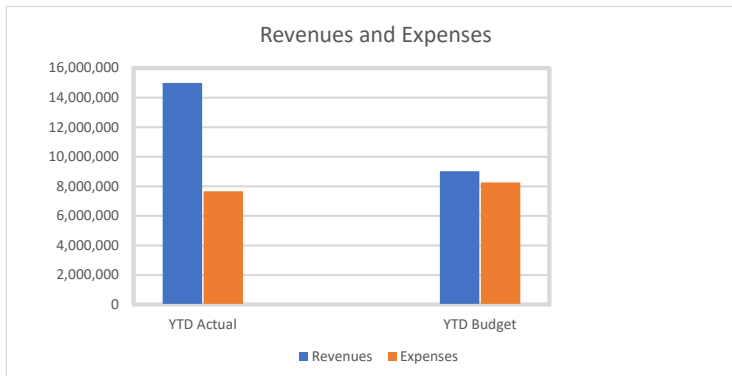
## This month Story

Cashflow was positive. Council has \$23m invested with Queensland Treasury Corporation, earning interest.  
Cash holding last year was less than a month. Currently, this year over two months. Target is four months  
Desktop Revaluations of Assets have commenced.  
QBuild Invoicing at minimal outstanding levels and processes improving.  
Grants are well ahead of budget  
2025 Financial statement have been well progressed. Audit to be commenced November 2025  
**Accounts Receivables Increased to over \$6m due to annual fees being issued.**  
60+ day account receivables continue to decrease. Australia Post has paid \$100k of old invoices



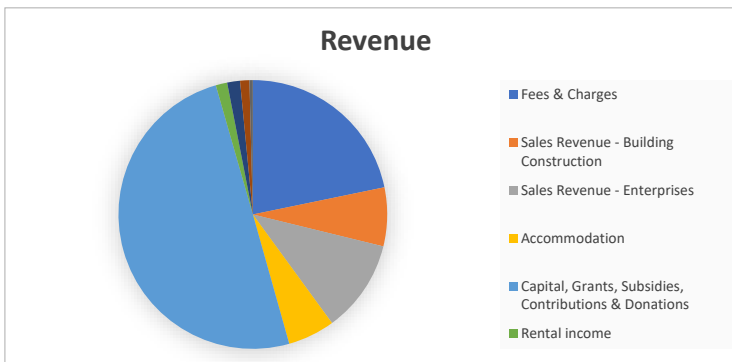
## Revenues and Expenses

All numbers are year to date up until 30-September-2025

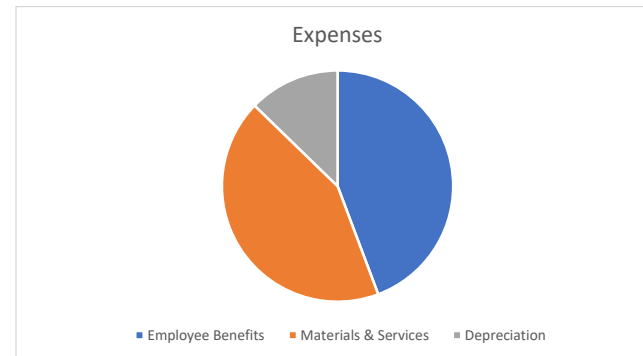


**Did we make a profit ?**

Where did the Money come from?



Where do we spend our money?



Details in the numbers

Statement of comprehensive Income Year to date up 30-September-2025

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Actual</u> \$	<u>Budget</u> \$	<u>Variance</u> \$		<u>Year to Date Last Year</u> \$	
<b>Recurrent Revenue</b>						
Fees & Charges	3,262,382	803,844	2,458,538	✓	3,097,459	✓
Sales Revenue - Building Construction	1,059,154	1,537,678	-478,524	✗	1,053,335	✓
Sales Revenue - Enterprises	1,671,469	1,330,685	340,784	✓	1,238,076	✓
Accommodation	849,173	969,275	-120,102	✗	1,226,970	✗
<b>Total Recurrent Revenue</b>	<u>6,842,178</u>	<u>4,641,482</u>	<u>2,200,695</u>		<u>6,615,840</u>	✓
<b>Grant Revenue</b>						
Capital, Grants, Subsidies, Contributions & Donations	7,484,500	3,869,471	3,615,029	✓	6,415,951	✓
<b>Total Grant Revenue</b>	<u>7,484,500</u>	<u>3,869,471</u>	<u>3,615,029</u>		<u>6,415,951</u>	✓
Rental income	206,329	202,500	3,829	✓	524,234	✗
Interest received	231,489	90,000	141,489	✓	75,948	✓
Airport Landing & Passenger fees	167,742	172,700	-4,958	✓	155,718	✓
Other income	60,897	38,875	22,022	✓	50,783	✓
	<u>666,456</u>	<u>504,075</u>	<u>162,381</u>		<u>806,683</u>	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>14,993,134</u>	<u>9,015,028</u>	<u>5,978,106</u>	✓	<u>13,838,473</u>	✗
<b>Expenses</b>						
<b>Recurrent Expenses</b>						
Employee Benefits	3,393,541	3,279,112	114,429	✗	3,079,016	✗
Materials & Services	3,294,357	3,663,724	-369,367	✓	4,032,707	✓
<b>Total Recurrent Expenses</b>	<u>6,687,899</u>	<u>6,942,836</u>	<u>-254,937</u>		<u>7,111,724</u>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>6,687,899</u>	<u>6,942,836</u>	<u>-254,937</u>	✓	<u>7,111,724</u>	✓
<b>Net Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Depreciation</b>	<u>8,305,235</u>	<u>2,072,192</u>	<u>6,233,043</u>	✓	<u>6,726,750</u>	✓
<b>Less: Non Cash Expenditure</b>						
Depreciation	975,828	1,320,937	-345,109	✓	1,466,819	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>7,663,727</u>	<u>8,263,773</u>	<u>-600,046</u>		<u>8,578,542</u>	✓
<b>Net Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<u>7,329,407</u>	<u>751,255</u>	<u>6,578,152</u>	✓	<u>5,259,931</u>	✓

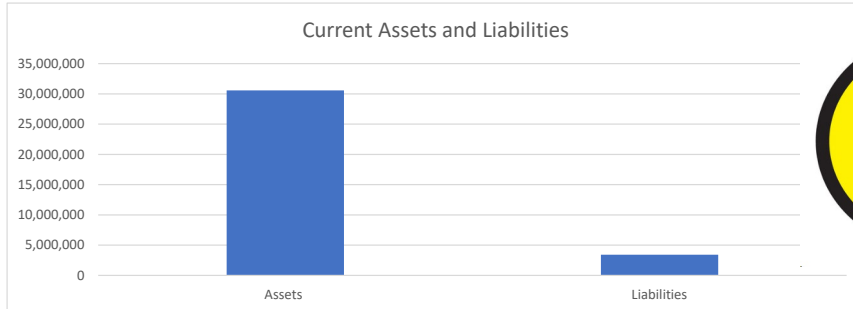
Details in the numbers



Statement of Financial Position	30-September-2025	30-June-2025	30-June-2024	30-June-2023	
	YTD				
	2025	2025	2024	2023	2022
	\$		\$	\$	\$
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents Unrestricted	4,520,221	3,667,556	1,078,595	4,178,129	1,023,954
Cash and cash equivalents Restricted	<b>19,471,938</b>	11,654,846	4,656,687	8,566,408	7,612,193
Receivables	4,870,001	2,323,845	3,893,009	3,783,665	3,375,253
Inventories	1,423,177	970,442	1,155,677	1,022,378	563,998
Contract assets	1,429,807	947,684	2,558,710	2,059,882	1,046,819
Lease receivable	0	275,371	267,079	252,355	235,948
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>31,715,145</b>	<b>19,839,743</b>	<b>13,609,757</b>	<b>19,862,817</b>	<b>13,858,165</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>					
Lease receivable	5,663,952	5,663,952	5,653,371	6,127,168	6,964,127
Property, plant and equipment	184,949,057	182,986,277	179,642,405	162,049,859	114,489,387
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>190,613,009</b>	<b>188,650,230</b>	<b>185,295,776</b>	<b>168,177,027</b>	<b>121,453,514</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>222,328,154</b>	<b>208,489,973</b>	<b>198,905,533</b>	<b>188,039,844</b>	<b>135,311,679</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Payables	3,390,284	3,763,196	8,018,553	4,995,172	3,927,004
Contract liabilities	<b>17,645,110</b>	10,881,241	4,656,687	8,566,408	4,906,589
Provisions	100,445	90,432	90,432	60,860	46,125
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>21,135,840</b>	<b>14,734,869</b>	<b>12,765,672</b>	<b>13,622,439</b>	<b>8,879,718</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>					
Provisions	1,701,552	1,701,552	1,667,518	1,611,620	1,545,187
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>1,701,552</b>	<b>1,701,552</b>	<b>1,667,518</b>	<b>1,611,620</b>	<b>1,545,187</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>22,837,392</b>	<b>16,436,421</b>	<b>14,433,190</b>	<b>15,234,059</b>	<b>10,424,905</b>
<b>Net community assets</b>	<b>199,490,762</b>	<b>192,053,552</b>	<b>184,472,343</b>	<b>172,805,785</b>	<b>124,886,774</b>
<b>Community equity</b>					
Asset revaluation surplus	158,459,155	158,459,155	158,459,155	149,526,017	105,443,563
Retained surplus	41,031,607	33,594,397	26,013,188	23,279,768	19,443,211
<b>Total community equity</b>	<b>199,490,762</b>	<b>192,053,552</b>	<b>184,472,343</b>	<b>172,805,785</b>	<b>124,886,774</b>

### Cash Position

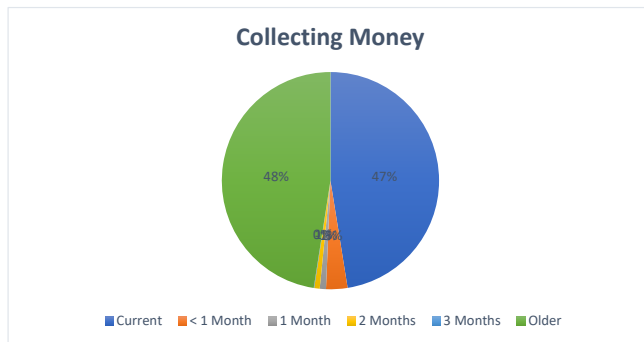
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<b>Assets</b>		<b>Liabilities</b>	
Cash at bank Unrestricted	5,183,034	Creditors	2,850,855
Cash at bank Restricted	18,809,126	GST	-166,975
Debtors	6,588,745	<b>PAYG</b>	<b>54,407</b>
	<u>30,580,904</u>	Employee entitlements	693,221
			<u>3,431,508</u>

<u>Receivables</u>						
Current	< 1 Month	1 Month	2 Months	3 Months	Older	Total
3,043,515.94	204,239.26	(59,356.16)	52,079.53	4,748.88	3,047,522.16	6,292,749.61
30%	8%	2%	2%	2%	56%	100%

<u>Payables</u>						
Current	< 1 Month	1 Month	2 Months	3 Months	Older	Total
1,261,492.95	86,539.59	1,796.00	0.00	0.00	1,501,026.33	2,850,854.87
44%	3%	0%	0%	0%	53%	100%



Who owes us money (Debtors) But hasn't paid soon enough	Over 90 days	Total	Comments
AISS (Australian Indigenous Security Service Pty Ltd)	1,347,188	1,445,648	In discussions
GRAC (Gulf Regional Aboriginal Corporation)	173,112	173,112	
GUNUNAMANDA LIMITED T/A Gununamanda Store	389,479	422,731	In discussions
HC Building and Construction	174,803	174,803	
James Construction Queensland Pty Ltd	494,596	494,596	Referred
N & J Building & Construction	92,191	92,191	
Rex Airlines	174,585	174,586	Administrators appointed 21/10
<b>Total of above and others</b>	<b>\$3,047,522</b>	<b>\$6,292,750</b>	

AISS (Australian Indigenous Security)	1,402,824	1,478,190
This amount is payable		-55,636

Cashflow

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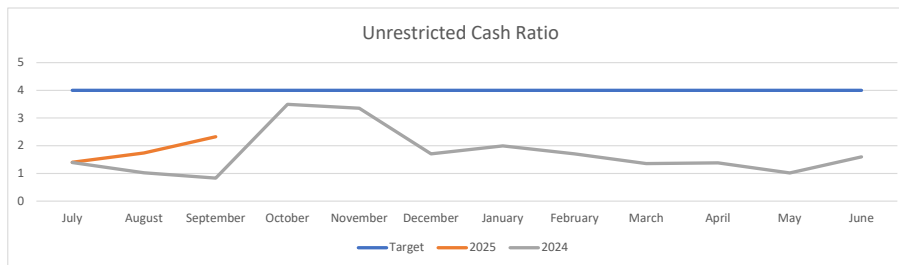
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Account	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sept 2025
<b>Normal Business</b>				
Money in	2,708,613.17	2,405,480.60	2,002,088.42	2,404,656.64
Money Out	(2,353,366.06)	(1,824,792.77)	(3,125,180.13)	(2,468,843.66)
<b>Difference</b>	<b>355,247.11</b>	<b>580,687.83</b>	<b>(1,123,091.71)</b>	<b>(64,187.02)</b>
<b>Capital Grants</b>				
Money in	852,404.29	0.00	576,666.59	1,448,753.00
Money Out	(409,602.05)	(533,825.62)	(438,986.27)	(791,907.88)
<b>Difference</b>	<b>442,802.24</b>	<b>(533,825.62)</b>	<b>137,680.32</b>	<b>656,845.12</b>
Other (Super BAS)	490,217.46	4,441,146.52	(2,057,379.89)	(517,480.34)
	<b>490,217.46</b>	<b>4,441,146.52</b>	<b>(2,057,379.89)</b>	<b>(517,480.34)</b>
	<b>1,288,266.81</b>	<b>4,488,008.73</b>	<b>(3,042,791.28)</b>	<b>75,177.76</b>
<b>Bank</b>				
Start	2,241,692.08	3,662,639.00	8,150,647.73	5,107,856.45
Difference	1,288,266.81	4,488,008.73	(3,042,791.28)	75,177.76
End	<b>3,529,958.89</b>	4,120,809.52	5,107,856.45	5,183,034.21

This year

Unrestricted Cash Expense Ratio		
Month	Target	Actual
July	4	1.40
August	4	1.74
September	4	2.32
October	4	
November	4	
December	4	
January	4	
February	4	
March	4	
April	4	
May	4	
June	4	



Are we up to date with all the numbers and ticking the boxes

Task	Traffic Light	Due	Due next	Notes
ATO Reporting	✓		21/10/2025	FBT return due in May
Workcover	✓		15/09/2026	
Insurance	✓		21/03/2026	All reported on time resulting in a discount
Audit 2024	✓			Completed
Audit 2025			31/03/2026	Extention of time granted
Grant reporting	✓		11/10/2025	
Paying Invoices	✓	Ongoing		With the exception of AISS up-to-date and cleaned up
5 Year Plan	✓	Ongoing		
QTC 10 Year forecast	–	Ongoing		
Policies	–	Over		To be reviewed and adopted
Budget 2027	✓		1/06/2026	
Debt Recovery	✗			Progress is being made and remains a focus
Contracts Register \$200k+	✓			Minutes to commence for preferred suppliers
Contracts Register All	✗			

Measures of Financial Sustainability

Operating Surplus Ratio

Target: NA

*Net operating result divided by total operating revenue*

37%



Operating Cash Ratio

Target: Greater than 0%

*Net operating result add Depreciation Amortisation add Finance Costs divided by total operating revenue*

45%



**13 HUMAN RESOURCES****13.1 Human Resources Report - October 2025**

**Author:** Director Corporate & Community

**Attachments:** Nil

**PURPOSE (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)**

The purpose of this report is to provide Elected Members with an update related to Human Resources Management operations for the month of September 2025.

**BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS****Human Resources (HR) Strategic Actions 2025**

During the reporting period the following actions were undertaken in respect to the strategies detailed below.

**People and Culture – Attract, Develop and Retain**

There have been sixteen (16) resignations /terminations of full-time / part time employees, with two (2) casual employees being removed from the casual employee register.

Three administration employees and four field staff abandoned employment and were provided with an opportunity to respond to council's request to return to work. To date there has been no response.

During the reporting period the following positions have been filled:

- Environmental control officer
- Hospitality Officer
- Bakery Assistant
- Try a Trade

The following positions are currently advertised at key locations throughout the community and on Seek inviting interested candidates from on island and when deemed necessary, from off island:

- Senior Carriage Officer
- Director Housing and Facilities
- Building Supervisor
- Construction Manager Housing & Facilities
- Bakery Apprentice
- PR & Communications Officer
- Store Person
- Administration Officer

Despite the opportunities available difficulties are still being experienced in relation to receiving suitable / interested applicants from on island.

## HR Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Work continues with the development and implementation of MSC's Human Resources Information System. The core HR module has now been activated. Work has now commenced on the configuration of the Recruitment and Onboarding modules.

## Investing in our Employees and Community - Training & Development

### Training:

- Three (3) plumbing apprentices (Elijah Joe, Travis Link & William Bonner) are booked for a TAFE block from mid-October to mid-November
- Finalisation of enrolment for another (mature aged) plumbing apprentice (Noel Retchford)
- Travis Willetts enrolment in Certificate III in Gas Fitting is being finalised by TAFE
- Pro-Lift training – Scaffolding, Telehandler and Working at Heights completed
- Pro-Lift training – Elijah Joe completed EWP, Telehandler and Working at Heights
- Pro-Lift training – Dane Toby currently undertaking EWP, Telehandler and Working at Heights
- Pro-Lift Training – Travis Willetts will be attending EWP – 22 to 24 October
- White card training – completed for 7 staff completed – 4 received their White Card and 3 to follow up with their ID to finalise White Card
- Traffic Control Training to commence November

Each apprentice and trainee who have enrolled into a course and who have registered have access to this entitlement. Council is supporting staff with these claims as to ensure all claims are complete and finalised for each apprentice and trainee with this eligibility.

### Trainee and Apprentice Progress Reports

- Three (3) Administration Trainees have been de-registered due to abandonment of their employment.

## HR Metrics and Workforce Analytics

The organisations resourcing at the time of the writing of this report totals 165 employees consisting of 130 full-time, 7 part-time and 28 casual employees.

## Workforce Planning and Performance

Full time employees are still not completing timesheets and recording their attendance. A briefing was held with all supervisors, and a second briefing was conducted for parks and gardens staff.

Staff were advised of Council's concerns regarding the falsification of records (timesheets) or fraudulent clocking on and off for other employees.

Records and reviews of weekly attendance are being conducted with several staff receiving written warnings. This monitoring activity will continue. Employees who continue to fail to attend as fulltime employees will be invited to attend a show cause meeting in the presence of their supervisor.

## Funded training projects

### *Try A Trade*

This Program has been successful, and we now have three (3) Try a Trade employees who will commence this role in Council. The four (4) staff selected for this program have a chance to undertake four different trades in a twelve-month cycle.

### *Traffic Controller*

Four Traffic Controller positions have now been filled and in final process of employment to commence and attend training in November.

A fully equipped vehicle for traffic control work has been purchased and will be on island by the end of October 2025.

## **Employee Workplace Health and Safety**

### **General Safety Issues**

- Asbestos removal is now being arranged by Engineering Department and DES
- Staff Briefings being conducted in relation to the implementation of Drug and Alcohol policy have now been finalised with testing to commence in October.
- Hearing test for staff being investigated.
- New hoists and overhead crane for the workshop purchased and installed NQ Cranes inspection on overhead crane at workshop.
- The overhead crane is due for 25-year assessment. NQ Cranes is sending through a quote
- Waiting on Asset list for Fire extinguisher inspection of vehicles.

### **New Building Projects**

Sheds for the workshop yard and Youth Hub have been completed.

### **Future Works**

Council seeks to meet gas storage and delivery compliance requirements

Eight audit issues are currently being addressed by the Senior WHS officer and will be complete by the end of October.

A requirement for hearing testing is being investigated.

### **Workers Compensation**

There is still one active claim for workers compensation (knee injury). The employee has since resigned and is now being managed and supported by the insurer.

## **FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

All Human Resources Management projects are operating within 2025/26 allocated budgets.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Human Resources report for October 2025.

**14 HOUSING AND FACILITIES**

**14.1 Housing and Facilities Report - October 2025**

**Author:** {position-do-not-remove}

**Attachments:** Nil

**PURPOSE (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update of Housing and Facilities directorate activities for the month of SEPTEMBER 2025.

**BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS**

September figures

	<i>Invoiced</i>	<i>New jobs</i>	<i>Open jobs</i>
<b>Q Build</b>	40	62	96
<b>Private</b>	2	12	22
<b>Facilities</b>	7	55	25
<b>CPO</b>	-	-	7

**Q Build Do & Charge Program for September**

86 - jobs currently open  
 57 - work orders received into portal  
 38 - invoiced to Q Build

**2025/26 FY – Days to action Q Build jobs**

	<i># of jobs</i>	<i>Average days to schedule</i>	<i>Average days to invoice</i>
<b>July</b>	77	4	8
<b>August</b>	59	3	9
<b>September</b>	8	0	5

**FUNDED PROGRAMS**

***\$2.35 MILLION INTERIM CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM***

The scope of this project is to deliver one duplex and one plug-in, funded by the Department of Community, Housing and Digital Economy (DCHDE).

This project has suffered significant delays due to adjudication instigated by the contractor and the project is at a standstill. Council requested James Construction provide access to the sites because the Department of Housing & Public Works (DoH) were visiting the island 9 and 10 September to gain insight related to the scope of works outstanding – this was officially denied.

The last record of James Construction attending a weekly meeting with the Capital Project Office was Wednesday 3 September 2025. No representatives of JC have attended any meetings since that date.

Brett Langtree is working with Council's legal team on providing documentation as part of the ongoing legal proceedings. As part of these proceedings, Council received a Suspension of Works notice

from James Construction on 10 September. On 11 September Superintendent Brett Langtree sent JC an updated Progress Claim #15, Progress Certificate #15 and Progress Claim Assessment.

### **2 x 5 bedroom Duplex, 152 Lardil Street**

James Construction had a tentative accommodation booking from mid-September. However, the builders did not commute to site or complete necessary works. An updated program was promised by 4 September 2025 for works due to be completed by the end of October 2025. Again, this was not received.

Council's Engineering division have installed a new stormwater pit and connection line to property.

### **Plug-in 30 Lardil Street**

Queensland Government Department of Housing conducted a formal inspection of 30 Lardil Street to assess what needs to be finalised for Practical Completion. DoH have since sent back a defect list and will accept photo proof of completion instead of having to return to island to hand the building over to the tenant.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES (LGGSP)

### **Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC - Library)**

Water tests for the faulty Zip Boil tap were done through Cairns Regional Council. Total Dissolved Solids is under the required 80 parts/million. Langtree followed up with Roxanne from HC Construction to advise them the Zip Boil tap is under their warranty and they are to rectify it.

HC Construction were followed up regarding the quote that Council previously provided to rectify the defects list.

Capital Projects Office is waiting on all air conditioning unit protective cages to be made by the Engineering division, which should be ready for installation in October 2025. Carpentaria Electrical to fix all broken air con units so cages can be fitted.

### **Motel expansion**

Request For Information was sent out to top two tenderers, HC Construction and Oly Homes, to respond to questions regarding Indigenous & local opportunity, and program & resourcing. Oly Homes were then advised by Langtree as Superintendent that they were the successful tenderer.

Council endorsed Oly Homes to build four (4) units, due to budgetary constraints.

## FORWARD REMOTE CAPITAL PROGRAM \$7,328,042

### **Lot 926 Lardil Street 4 x 2 bedroom houses**

Plans were received of asbestos pipe location from CA Architects, quotes were requested for external contractors to remove the pipe

Qld Kit Homes provided their contract variations on 10 September 2025 for Langtree to add into the final suite of contract documents.

OSE Geotech confirmed 10 September 2025 that the acid sulphate and chromium levels on site are acceptable. This meant that all DA issues have been addressed including firefighting capabilities on island, stormwater to be controlled via Enviropod pit liner, and soil testing.

Department of Housing confirmed that Council is required to change the housing cladding from metal to fibre cement sheeting, CA Architects were then asked if there are any changes required to drawings to fulfil this requirement.

## RESILIENCE FUNDING

### **Barge coolroom/freezer**

A purchase order was raised and tender awarded to Alpha Cool, discussions on design and height of slab and features of the structure ensued. Carpentaria Electrical quoted for the electrical upgrade including installation of isolators and circuits, PO was raised for CE to commence work.

**Seawall and barge landing**

Capital Projects Office was advised 23 September 2025 that Erscon Consulting Engineers have been engaged to devise a design, to reinforce the seawall and tamarind tree. Council's Engineering department provided the government two-year study that was recently undertaken, to get an idea of the project.

**OTHER PROJECTS**

**Q**

**Build**

**Shed**

Confirmation was received from Q Build Superintendent that the tender was approved and CPO can move forward with an indicative program.

**Tavern**

**Laundry**

Parts for the plumber to complete the ducting finally arrived on island, but the senior plumber was not on island to install. Continuation of installation of hot water cylinders and lines, including pipe work in the ceiling space was completed.

**FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Housing and Facilities projects are being undertaken within 2025/26 operational budget and funding program parameters.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Housing and Facilities report for October 2025.

**15 ENGINEERING****15.1 Engineering Report - October 2025**

**Author:** Director Corporate & Community

**Attachments:** Nil

**PURPOSE (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)**

This report provides an overview of the Engineering division activities for October 2025.

**BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS*****Airport***

Allan and David are going over the airport and repairing all the outstanding items, for our annual review. It looks like REX has found a buyer Air T a US based company, hope fully this will help the REX to be more reliable.

***Town Amenities / Parks and Gardens***

Chris and Ezra always are busy with funerals, barge and general clean up around the streets, Julie is co-ordinating the works with the crew, and it is all getting done.

***Fencing***

Shannon is busy as usual, doing his own work and helping others where needed.

***Roads & Civil***

The Civil team is currently working under the 2025 QRA Road Works Program. Erscon visited again two weeks ago to inspect the completed works and expressed satisfaction with the current progress, hopefully the wet season hold out, so we can keep progressing the way we are.

***Batching Plant***

Ross and his team are busy with works at the moment, the batching plant will be going through an up-grade shortly, new parts will turn up next week

***Workshop***

The workshop remains busy with ongoing routine maintenance, servicing, and repairs to Council vehicles and machinery. The hoist are installed and they are certified

We will now start with,

- A heavy machinery maintenance schedule
- A fleet maintenance schedule for light vehicles

***Personnel updates***

- Mark, Sophie and Luke are doing a great job in the workshop office, there organisational skill are showing.

New shed photos at the depot:





Thanks to Kieza Constructions and his team, Frank and his son.

Workshop hoists have arrived and have been successfully installed. They are now in use:





### ***Water & Waste***

Water quality testing and regular maintenance of the water plant is still going ahead, new chlorination system, pup 1 replaced and new analyser will be installed next week, we also have new jetty to be at dam site for ease of retrieving the filter box which floats 2m below surface.

### ***Waste management facility***

Efforts to tidy the waste management facility are underway, with the equipment on hand.

The workshop team has been rebuilding the bulldozer.

### ***Health & animal management***

- Responded to reports of dogs around problem areas
- Reunited lost dogs with owners where possible
- Rehomed four (4) surrendered animals
- Administered medications and treatments to various animals
- Hannah Burton has begun as our new visiting veterinarian

### ***Upcoming Projects***

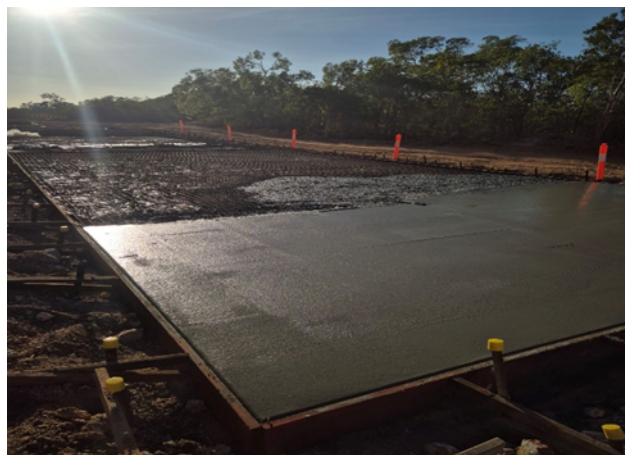
- Water Plant Upgrades: Designs and specifications are being finalised; awaiting Council approval before proceeding to tender
- Dump & Recycling Precinct Upgrades: Awaiting feedback from the Department of Environment and Science (D.E.S.I)
- Football Oval Upgrade: Compiling necessary materials, machinery, and chemicals to support the grant, hopefully we will have the upgrades completed before wet season.
- New Shed (60m x 15m): completed
- Pathways & Housing Access Works: started completed half back on the first of november to complete the works



- Shed Slab & Erection (10m x 10m) completed



- Causeway: Ballaleah Road works completed



**FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

All Engineering projects are operating within allocated 2025/2026 budgets.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services report for October 2025.

**16 PLANNING AND COMMUNITIES****16.1 Potential citizenship ceremony**

**Author:** Director Corporate & Community

**Attachments:** Nil

**PURPOSE (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)**

Director Corporate and Community received advice from the Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs Division of the Queensland Department of Home Affairs dated Wednesday 24 September 2025. The e-mail advised that there is one candidate waiting to become an official Australian citizen in the Mornington Shire Council region.

**BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS**

When Councils receive an enquiry from the Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs Division, they typically schedule a ceremony where the mayor presides over formal proceedings including a formal introduction, welcome message, address to conferee(s), the conferee taking a pledge, singing the National Anthem and repeating the Australian citizenship pledge.

The Citizenship Program Delivery Branch of the Department of Home Affairs has been contacted seeking advice about the candidate awaiting a citizenship ceremony and whether the candidate seeks a private ceremony, or a public ceremony. At the time of writing the Council report, feedback had not been forthcoming from the Department of Home Affairs with additional information.

**FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct costs related to hosting a citizenship ceremony. However, indirect costs related to Community Development and administrative support for event coordination and rollout. It is typical for Councils to provide a small gift for conferees, too. This might comprise of native seeds, or a native sapling tree, to celebrate the conferee's transition to becoming an Australian citizen. Council will be purchasing additional Citizenship coins stock from the Perth Mint, at the value of \$17.50 offered for local governments at \$5.30 excluding GST.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council formally endorse the hosting of a Citizenship Ceremony for the candidate that has applied to the Department of Home Affairs to become an Australian citizen; and that the department be advised that Council's preference is to host either a public or private ceremony, Wednesday 10 December 2025.

**16.2 Rex Airlines update**

**Author:** Director Corporate & Community

**Attachments:** Nil

**PURPOSE (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)**

The intention of this report is to provide Elected Members with an update related to the status of Rex Airlines.

**BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS**

Council received e-mail advice Wednesday 22 October 2025 from Mr Sam Freeman Joint & Several Voluntary Administrator that Air T, a US-based holding company, has signed a Sale and Implementation deed which will result in the sale and recapitalisation of the business operations conducted by the Rex Group.

These business operations include the Regional Express business focused on the regional routes that service our remote and rural communities.

The most important thing to know is that there will be no changes to flight routes, schedules, or customer experience through the final stages of the process.

Regional Express is still flying, and the team is hard at work connecting our remote and rural communities.

Air T will work to ensure Rex will continue to operate on a sustainable basis, thereby providing critical services to regional Australians.

Council also received a separate e-mail Wednesday 22 October 2025, comprising a formal Circular to creditors – s447A Application with legal advice related to the ongoing processes for Justin Walsh, Adam Nikitins and Sam Freeman as Joint and Several Voluntary Administrators to the Company.

**FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial nor resourcing implications as a result of the pending Rex Airlines company sale. Council's aspiration is to ensure a reliable service, with competitively priced airline tickets for community, Elected Members and staff.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the report related to the formal sale of Rex Airlines to Air T, a US-based holding company.

**16.3 Christmas 2025 & New Year 2026 Council operating hours & shutdown****Author:** Director Corporate & Community**Attachments:** 1. Christmas Shutdown 2025-2 (002) [16.3.1 - 1 page]**PURPOSE (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)**

The intention of this report is to make recommendation to Council about a proposed closure period for the 2025 – 2026 festive season and new year holiday season.

**BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS**

It is recommended that a formally endorsed shutdown period be set for calendar dates from close of business Friday 19 December 2025, until commencement of business hours, Monday 5 January 2026.

Clause 3.2 of the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) stipulates an annual shutdown, to accommodate the Christmas and new year period.

Staff utilise accumulated leave entitlements for the nominated shutdown period. There are no special entitlements. “Employees who do not have enough Recreational Leave accrued to cover the period of close down (or any period thereof) shall take unpaid leave”.

The Executive team will liaise with all departments to arrange for minimum staff and on-call staff to address any unscheduled works and emergencies during the shutdown period. “If Council’s operational requirements require work to be performed during this period, Council may direct employees to work during the close down period”.

Council will ensure marketing and promotion of the shutdown period, as well as advertising of an emergency/ urgent contact number which has been the Director Corporate and Community for the past two years. Council will also ensure provision of essential services including fuel bowser availability and waste collection services. Please see a draft flyer attached.

Public holidays during the proposed shutdown period include Thursday 25 December, Friday 26 December 2025, and Thursday 1 January 2026.

**FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Council makes provision for payment of leave entitlements as a part of employment contracts.

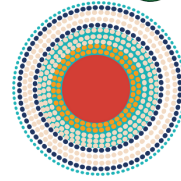
**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse a 2025-2026 festive and new year holiday season shutdown, from close of business Friday 19 December 2025, until Sunday 4 January 2026, inclusive. Council operations will recommence Monday 5 January 2026.



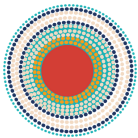
# COMMUNITY NOTICE

# CHRISTMAS CLOSURE



## COUNCIL OPERATIONS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD

Mornington Shire Council wishes to advise all residents that Council services will cease during the following period:



### CLOSING

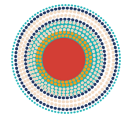
Close of business

**Friday 19 December 2025**



### REOPENING

**Monday 5 January 2026**



### Need urgent assistance during this time?

For any urgent enquiries during this period please contact:



**[m] 0447 672 995**

Non-urgent matters will be responded to on recommencement of services 5 January 2026.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable festive period.



**MORNINGTON  
SHIRE COUNCIL**



**16.4 Accommodation and Hospitality Report - October 2025**

**Author:** Director Corporate & Community

**Attachments:** Nil

**PURPOSE (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)**

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**BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS**

**September Overview**

***Carriage limit***

**Carriage Limit**

For the Month ended	31/08/2025	30/09/2025
Total People ( Sales #)	1970	1764
Total Sales \$	161,005	146,005
Trading Days	31	30
Average Price Per Person	82	82

During September, carriage limit transactions recorded another notable decrease in both customer numbers and sales revenue.

There were 206 less sales than during August which also had a notable decline from July.

Mandatory pre-ordering is the most likely the reason for the change in transactions.

There are also concerns that pre-ordering causes additional home brew problems.

Further discussions have taken place with liquor licensing to advocate for an Alcohol Management Plan change and a potential Director General visit to Mornington Island.

All issues with the current license, location and AMP have been discussed at length this month with relevant Queensland Government representatives.

Preparations for Christmas and New Year will begin during the coming weeks. Flyers and social media posts will be promoted about carriage limit opening days and hours.

There will be no carriage limit operations on public holidays moving forward and this notice will be released so community has plenty of time to prepare.

**Tavern and Laundry**

The Laundry is in its final stages of electrical work. Current work is being done to onboard the new supplier of the chemicals needed to run the new machines and the Laundry is currently undergoing a complete overhaul with the linen and cleaning products now that the machines have been moved to their new location.

The Tavern refurbishment project has been presented to the executive, management and project team. Unfortunately, funding is not currently available for the full project to take place in the time frame hoped for. The design of the kitchen however has essentially been agreed on, and we are currently looking at the options to fit out the kitchen and hold off on any new equipment. We were always going to use what was already in place that is working however there are some big-ticket items that are not working that will need to be replaced as funding becomes available. I am in the process of getting a design and layout for the internal section of the Tavern so we can factor this into any funds we can get and have a good understanding of the full value of this project.

The AFL grand final took place in the last week of September. Numbers to this event were extremely low with no more than 23 people. This was disappointing given our own Charlie Cameron was playing and furthermore the effort of the hospitality team to decorate and run this event.



***Accommodation***

Accommodation upgrades are still in progress. These remain a high priority, particularly in addressing long-standing maintenance issues and raising the overall standard of guest rooms.

The VAC I block, is the highest priority with the electrical work to go on the first four. Once these are back online the next four (4) are scheduled to start. Unfortunately, these have taken a lot longer than initially anticipated but hopefully the rest will now happen in a timely manner.

**FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Council's Accommodation and Hospitality functions are operating within allocated 2025/26 budgets.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the report related to accommodation and hospitality for October 2025.

**16.5 Queensland Government Department of Tenancy Services update**

**Author:** Director Corporate & Community

**Attachments:** 1. Mornington Island - Tenancy Services - Delivery Report - October 2025  
[16.5.1 - 3 pages]

**PURPOSE (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)**

Ms Alexia Kelso, Customer Tenancy Services, Queensland Government Department of Housing intends to provide a verbal status update related to the two hundred and twenty-nine (229) social housing properties in Gununa, Mornington Island.

**BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS**

Written and verbal reports from the Queensland Government Department of Housing Tenancy Services provide advice related to accounts in arrears, temporary absences and subsequent investigations, vacancies, transitional properties and a register of need.

The Department of Housing team also provide regular reports related to housing allocations and any housing tenancy matters.

The latest Tenancy Services report is attached.

**FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial impacts for Council regarding Queensland Government Department of Housing Tenancy Services. (Council does retain the Q Build contract for maintenance and upgrade of social housing. However, this commercial arrangement is considered differently from the administrative allocation of housing for community members).

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the report related to Queensland Government Department of Housing Tenancy Services for October 2025.

# Delivery Update

For Mornington Aboriginal Shire Council – October 2025

## Social Housing Properties

- 229 in total Social Housing Properties
  - 1 under an Agency Appointment (Dept. acting as an agent for Council)
  - 229 under a 40yr lease arrangement

## Arrears – 0 weeks and higher

- 64 accounts in arrears

Tenancy management continue to send breach notices to tenants with outstanding rent arrears  
Rent arrears are decreasing.

Tenancy is working with the tenants and discussing payment plans for outstanding rent arrears –  
payments plans increasing and tenants are continuing to keep plans in place

Tenancy management has successfully signed up new payment plans, arrears continue to reduce.  
We will continue to with conversions and support to these tenants.

## Temporary Absences being investigated/reviewed – ongoing

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## Temporary Absences Approved

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VACANCIES (not including transitional housing)		
69A Wardirrkkan St	1	Under Maintenance
69B Wengka St	1	Under Maintenance
325A Mukakiya St	5	Under Maintenance
342 Karaban St	3	Under Maintenance

## Transitional Properties / upgrades

44 Wardirrkkan St – Tenanted for upgrade

200 Lardil St – Tenantable



**Register of Need – 54 applications**

Bedroom	#
1	29
2	9
3	8
4	6
5	1
6	1

**Tenancy Management News**

- Tenancy Management currently investigating tenants not residing at properties- ongoing
- Tenancy Management continue to talk to tenants around yard maintenance, letters sent to each household – ongoing
- Tenancy Management working on promoting an application drive for the community together with council and other stakeholders – Plan in place to hold a morning tea to attract community members to apply for social housing. Poster with time and date will be sent to Council to put on social media for community. Date to be announced
- Tenancy Management will investigate household numbers and names to help drive up the applications. – ongoing

**Next Schedules Visits**

The below trips have been booked and scheduled:

- 3 to 7<sup>th</sup> November - SHO Mary Jo Craigie and SHO Mel Wright
- 17 to 20<sup>st</sup> November - CSM Alexia Kelso and SHO Sanita Nuku
- 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December - CSM Alexia Kelso and SHO Sanita Nuku
- 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> December - SHO Mary Jo Craigie and SHO Sanita Nuku

**Tenancy Team**

- Alexia Kelso Client Service Manager – 0459 864 881
- Mary Jo Craigie Senior Housing Officer - 0436 632 037
- Sanit Nuku Senior Housing Officer – 0436 632 074

**Tenancy Team Movements**

- Office will be closed when the team is not on the island.
- Tenancy Management will continue to provide a housing service to the community. The team will be available by phone in the hours between 8:30 – 4:30 Monday to Friday.

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**Contact Details**

**Alexia Kelso Customer Service Manager**

**Ph:** 07 44 372 719

**M:** 0459 864 881

**Department of Housing and Public Works**

**19 West St Mount Isa Qld 4825**

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**16.6 Mornington Shire Council Planning Scheme Review**

**Author:** Director Corporate & Community

**Attachments:** Nil

**PURPOSE (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)**

The purpose of this report is to inform Elected Members that a mandatory Mornington Shire Council Planning Scheme review needs to be undertaken, and the Queensland Government Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) prescribes the requirements for a review.

**BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS**

The Director Corporate and Community received formal e-mail advice from Mr Gerhard Visser, Program Manager, Town & Environmental Planning, Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office, dated 25 September 2025.

The advice included key actions and dates:

- Council prepares a formal resolution and supporting letter to make an amendment to the Planning Scheme and submit it to DSDIP as soon as possible after appointment of a consultant
- Thereafter the review and amendment process of the current planning scheme takes place, on completion of a final draft
- Council endorses the draft amendment package to submit to state for a State Interest Referral (SIR) process by June 2026
- Council reviews the SIR report and decides on how to address the feedback received from the SIR process
- Council endorses the draft amendment package to submit to state and then to the Minister for formal endorsement by May 2027
- Council adopts the final Planning Scheme Amendment through Council Resolution with a date for the commencement of the new Planning Scheme and obtains a gazettal notice
- Council publishes the new Planning Scheme on its website by 1 July 2027

**FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Advice has been sought regarding funding for a formal planning scheme review. Information had not been provided, at the time of preparing the Council agenda paper.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse formal review and amendment to the Mornington Shire Council Planning Scheme, in keeping with Queensland Government Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning mandatory expectations and guidelines.

**17 GENERAL BUSINESS**

***Discussion paper for general business item (distributed to Councillors previously via e-mail):***

An audit of the basketball courts was undertaken during 2023. At that time, the basketball courts were identified for refurbishment. The backboards, rings, fencing, playground and hard playing surface are all dilapidated.

When community consultation occurred, then liaison with Elected Members, Council was asked not to proceed with refurbishment because the basketball courts are “located in the wrong end of town” and “will be vandalised again”.

It was requested that the sports and playing precinct be consolidated around the community oval, as a deliberately planned place making initiative.

Since that time, funds equating to \$1m have also been received for refurbishment of the PCYC building.

Additionally, Council extended a formal letter of support for Mornington Island State School’s application for a contemporary multi-court playing facility. That grant application has been successful.

As such, Principal of Mornington Island State School, Luke Bowering has been asked to make a deputation at the October Ordinary Council meeting, to provide advice about the construction and operating model for the multi-court playing facility which will be rolled out for the community during the 2026 calendar year.

Further considerations include the \$500,000 funding from the Commonwealth Government for the Recreation Strategy, which will integrate community engagement with town planning strategies for Gununa's community overarching infrastructure masterplan.

Further, Council has commenced preliminary town planning processes for the rezoning and amalgamation of the existing basketball courts site, for additional infill social housing, which is deemed one of the community's greatest priorities and available land is at a premium, unless airport runway realignment is endorsed and funded.

**Date:** 13/10/2025

**To:** Mornington Shire Council

**Subject:** Request for Improved Lighting/repairs to local basketball court at the Bottom End of the Community

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a concerned member of Mornington Island community, I am writing to bring to your attention a safety concern affecting the residents in our community, specifically around the basketball court located at the bottom end of the community.

Currently, there is insufficient lighting in this section, which has led to large gatherings, particularly on weekends. Unfortunately, the lack of proper visibility contributes to problematic behaviour, including alcohol consumption of both adults and underage children and, every weekend, fights breaking out. This has raised serious concerns among residents, especially families and elders, about safety and the general wellbeing of our community.

I kindly request that the Council consider installing adequate lighting in this area to help deter such behaviour and ensure a safer environment for everyone.

While we're on the topic of our local basketball court, the condition of the basketball court located on the T section of Lardil and Jimbarn Street. It has become increasingly difficult and unsafe to use due to cracked surface, broken hoops, damaged fencing.

Improved lighting will also encourage more positive community use of the space, particularly for younger people who enjoy the facilities.

This court is an important space for local youth and community members to stay active and connected, and its current state limits its use.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I would appreciate any updates or feedback regarding potential next steps or timeframes for action.

Yours sincerely,

**Tali Tabuai.**

**18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

- 20.1 Addition of banks for Council banking arrangements  
 20.2 Chief Executive Officer – Potential extension of contract

**18.1 Addition of financial institution for Council banking arrangements****CONFIDENTIAL**

<b>Section under the Regulation:</b>	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 254J of the Local Government Regulations 2012.
<b>Sub-clause and Reason:</b>	Section 254J(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government

**18.2 Chief Executive Officer – Potential extension of employment contract****CONFIDENTIAL**

<b>Section under the Regulation:</b>	The grounds on which part of the Council or Committee may be closed to the public are listed in Section 254J of the Local Government Regulations 2012.
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**19 NEXT MEETING**

- Trustee meeting – Wednesday 29 October 2025  
 Ordinary Council meeting - Wednesday 26 November 2025

**SURRENDER OF TRUSTEE LEASE – LOT 2 ON SP323739**

**Author:** Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachments:** Title Search – Lot 2 on SP323739  
Lease  
Form 8 – Surrender

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is that upholding the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991* (Qld), the Trustee consent to the surrender of lease to the State of Queensland (as represented by the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works) on lot 2 on SP323739 (dealing 718669038) and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to effect the surrender, including but not limited to signing the Form 8.

**BACKGROUND**

The Trustee entered into a lease with the State of Queensland (as Represented by the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works) (“**the Lessee**”) from 1 December 2017 for a term of 40 years (expiring 30 November 2057) over the whole of lot 2 on SP323739 (“**the Land**”).



**Map 1 – The Land**

The Lease was formerly to the State of Queensland (represented by the Department of Housing and Public Works) over Lots 172 and 281 on SP270889, but the Lessee and

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Land description have since been amended as a result of Departmental name changes, and resurvey.

The Land is vacant.

A formal request has been made by the Lessee pursuant to the **attached** Form 8, to Surrender the lease back to the Trustee, effective 30 September 2025. It is assumed that this request is made on the basis that the lease is surplus to the State's operational requirement.

**RISK**

As the Land is vacant land and does not have any fixtures upon it which would become the property of the Trustee on surrender, the risk to the Trustee is negligible and would just revert to vacant Council DOGIT land.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That pursuant to the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991* (Qld), the Trustee consent to the surrender of lease to the State of Queensland (as represented by the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works) on lot 2 on SP323739 (dealing 718669038) and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to effect the surrender, including but not limited to signing the Form 8.

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**SURRENDER OF FREEHOLD LEASE  
OR SUBLEASE**

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Dealing Number



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<b>1. Dealing number of instrument being surrendered</b> 718669038	<b>Lodger</b> (Name, address, E-mail & phone number) Attn: Jess Cousins DWATSIPM PO Box 5461 Cairns QLD 5870 datsipfngcsp@dssatsip.qld.gov.au (07) 4252 5117	<b>Lodger Code</b> BE 2880
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<b>2. Lot on Plan Description</b> LOT 2 ON SP323739	<b>Title Reference</b> 51295237
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**3. Lessor**  
MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL TRUSTEE THE GRANTEE IS TO HOLD THE LAND IN TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH THE LAND AND THEIR ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS, AND UNDER THE ABORIGINAL LAND ACT 1991

**4. Lessee**  
The State of Queensland (represented by Department Of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works)

**5. Surrender/Execution**

**a) Surrender of Freehold Lease/Sublease**

**Full Surrender** The lease/sublease in item 1 is surrendered from 30 September 2025 in so far as it relates to the land in item 2.

**Witnessing officer must be aware of his/her obligations under section 162 of the Land Title Act 1994**

.....signature  
 .....full name  
 .....qualification / /

Signed for and behalf of  
**STATE OF QUEENSLAND** (represented by  
Department of Housing, Local Government,  
Planning and Public Works)

**Witnessing Officer**  
(Witnessing officer must be in accordance with Schedule 1 of Land Title Act 1994 e.g. Legal Practitioner, JP,C Dec) a duly authorised person

**Execution Date** .....full name  
 .....position  
 .....Signature

**Lessee's Signature**

**i. Acceptance**

The Lessor accepts this surrender.

Signed for and on behalf of  
**MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL**

By.....(full name)

.....(signature)  
**Execution Date** .....  
**Lessor's Signature**  
 Mayor/Chief Executive Officer  
 Mornington Shire Council

INTERNAL HISTORICAL TITLE SEARCH  
QUEENSLAND TITLES REGISTRY PTY LTD

Search Date: 24/10/2025 08:19

Title Reference: 51295237  
Date Created: 27/09/2022

Previous Title: 51040251

REGISTERED OWNER

Dealing No: 721988692 21/09/2022

MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL TRUSTEE  
THE GRANTEE IS TO HOLD THE LAND IN TRUST FOR  
THE BENEFIT OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE PARTICULARLY  
CONCERNED WITH THE LAND AND THEIR ANCESTORS AND  
DESCENDANTS, AND UNDER THE ABORIGINAL LAND ACT 1991.

ESTATE AND LAND

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LOT 2 SURVEY PLAN 323739  
Local Government: MORNINGTON

EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES AND INTERESTS

1. AMENDMENT OF LEASE No 723335592  
LEASE: 718669038  
TERM: 01/12/2017 TO 30/11/2057 OPTION 40 YEARS  
Lodged at 09:16 on 19/06/2024 Recorded at 14:33 on 20/06/2024
2. CHANGE OF NAME DLNG (COMPANY) No 723052480  
LEASE: 718669038  
THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND  
(REPRESENTED BY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT,  
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS)  
Lodged at 11:48 on 07/02/2024 Recorded at 08:41 on 14/02/2024
3. LEASE No 718669038  
THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND  
(REPRESENTED BY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS)  
OF THE WHOLE OF THE LAND  
TERM: 01/12/2017 TO 30/11/2057 OPTION 40 YEARS  
Lodged at 11:31 on 04/04/2018 Recorded at 08:58 on 11/04/2018
4. NOTING No 714212714  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 40 (2) (D) OF THE ABORIGINAL  
LAND ACT 1991 THIS DEED OF GRANT TAKES EFFECT AS FROM 12.03  
PM ON THE 7TH DECEMBER 2011  
Lodged at 08:11 on 13/12/2011 Recorded at 08:48 on 13/12/2011
5. Rights and interests reserved to the Crown by  
Deed of Grant No. 40063166 (Lot 999 on SP 237463)

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVICES - NIL  
UNREGISTERED DEALINGS - NIL

INTERNAL HISTORICAL TITLE SEARCH  
QUEENSLAND TITLES REGISTRY PTY LTD

Search Date: 24/10/2025 08:19

Title Reference: 51295237

Date Created: 27/09/2022

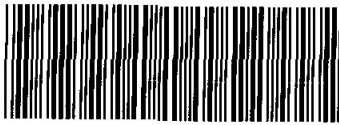
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**LEASE**

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04/04/2018 11:31

**CS 500**  
Department's website.

<b>1. Lessor</b>	<b>Lodger</b> (Name, address, E-mail & phone number)	<b>Lodger Code</b>
MORNINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL TRUSTEE THE GRANTEE TO HOLD THE LAND IN TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH THE LAND AND THEIR ANCESTORS AND DECENDANTS, AND UNDER THE ABORIGINAL LAND ACT 1991	DATSIP Program Office PO Box 5461, Cairns Qld 4870 Ph: 40573867 DATSIPFNQCSP@datsip.qld.gov.au	175

<b>2. Lot on Plan Description</b>	<b>Title Reference</b>
LOT 172 ON SP270889	51040251
LOT 281 ON SP270889	51040358

<b>3. Lessee</b>	Given names	Surname/Company name and number	(include tenancy if more than one)
		THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND (REPRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS)	

**4. Interest being leased**  
Fee Simple in trust

**5. Description of premises being leased**  
Lots 172 and 281 on SP270889 – the whole of the land

<b>6. Term of lease</b> <b>40 years</b>	<b>7. Rental/Consideration</b>
Commencement date/event: 01/12/2017	see clause 6
Expiry date: 30/11/2057 and/or Event:	
#Options: 40 years	
#Insert nil if no option or insert option period (eg 3 years or 2 x 3 years)	

**8. Grant/Execution**  
The Lessor leases the premises described in item 5 to the Lessee for the term stated in item 6 subject to the covenants and conditions contained in the attached Schedule B.

**Witnessing officer must be aware of his/her obligations under section 162 of the Land Title Act 1994**

..... signature  
..... full name  
..... qualification      / /      See Schedule A

**Witnessing Officer**      **Execution Date**      **Lessor's Signature**

(Witnessing officer must be in accordance with Schedule 1 of Land Title Act 1994 eg Legal Practitioner, JP, C Dec)

**9. Acceptance**  
The Lessee accepts the lease and acknowledges the amount payable or other considerations for the lease.

..... signature  
..... full name  
..... qualification      / /      See Schedule A

**Witnessing Officer**      **Execution Date**      **Lessee's Signature**

(Witnessing officer must be in accordance with Schedule 1 of Land Title Act 1994 eg Legal Practitioner, JP, C Dec)

**20 CLOSURE**