



Ordinary Council Meeting

Agenda

2:00 pm Tuesday 17 December 2024

Old Chambers, Port Fairy Council Offices

Princes St, Port Fairy

2040 Vision Statement

The People of Moyne embrace the region's extraordinary cultural and ecological country.

Our fertile volcanic plains and pristine coast are the pride of Victoria's southwest. From coast to country, our connected and vibrant communities are active stewards, working meaningfully towards protection and advancement of environment, history, social and economic vitality for present and future generations.

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1 Procedural

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

We begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

1.2 Prayer

Almighty God, we humbly beseech your blessing on the Council, direct and prosper its deliberations for the welfare of the people of the Moyne Shire. Amen.

1.3 Live streaming of Council Meetings

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1.4 Apologies

The formal notification from Councillors unable to attend the meeting.
A Motion is required to accept Apologies.

1.5 Declarations of Conflict Interest

Reference: Local Government Act 2020 – Sections 130 (1)(a) and 130(2) Disclosure of Conflict of Interest in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council Meeting

A relevant person who has a conflict of interest in respect of a matter must:

- a) disclose the conflict of interest in the manner required by the Council's Governance Rules [Refer to Part 6 (Conflict of Interest) – Division 2 (Councillor conflict of interest disclosures) of the Governance Rules]
and
- b) exclude themselves from the decision-making process in relation to that matter, including any discussion or vote on the matter at any Council meeting or delegated committee, and any action in relation to the matter.

Members of Staff

If a member of Council staff has a conflict of interest in a matter which they are providing advice to Council:

- a) if the advice is included in a report, the report must disclose the conflict of interest
- b) if the officer is speaking in the council meeting, the officer must disclose the conflict of interest before speaking on the matter.

1.6 Confirmation of Minutes from previous meetings

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 November 2024 be accepted and confirmed as correct.

Attachments

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 2024-11-26 Unconfirmed Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes [1.6.1.1 - 18 pages]2. CONFIDENTIAL - 2024-11-26 Unconfirmed Confidential Council Meeting Minutes [1.6.1.2 - 5 pages] |
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Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Held on Tuesday 26 November 2024

Council Chambers, Mortlake Council Offices

1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake



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Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
of Moyne Shire Council held on Tuesday 26 November 2024, at Council
Chambers,
Mortlake Council Offices, 1 Jamieson Avenue, Mortlake
commencing at 2:00 pm.

Present

Councillors

- Cr Karen Foster (Mayor)
- Cr Jordan Lockett (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr Myra Murrhiy
- Cr Jim Doukas
- Cr Lisa Ryan
- Cr Susan Taylor
- Cr Lloyd Ross

Officers

- Mark Eversteyn, Chief Executive Officer
- Edith Farrell, Director Assets & Community
- Ed Small, Director Corporate & Governance Services
- Jodie McNamara, Director Environment, Economy & Place



1 Procedural

Temporary Chair

The Local Government Act 2020, Division 4 Section 25(3) requires the Chief Executive Officer to chair the election of the Mayor and preside over the meeting until the Mayor is elected and assumes the chair.

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chief Executive Officer read the following statement:

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1.2 Prayer

The Chief Executive Officer read the Prayer:

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The Chief Executive Officer read the following statement:

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1.4 Apologies

None at this meeting.



1.5 Mayoral Term of Office

Overview: To provide Council with information required to determine the mayoral term in preparation for election of the Mayor.

Resolution ID: OCM 2024114

Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Karen Foster seconded that Council:

- 1. Determine the Mayoral term to be a period of one year.**
- 2. Determine that the next Mayoral election be held on Tuesday 25th November 2025.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrhy	
Cr Susan Taylor	



1.6 Election of Mayor

Overview: To provide Councillors with information required to elect the Mayor under the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic), Division 4 s25(1).

Resolution ID: OCM 2024115

Cr. Jordan Lockett nominated Cr. Karen Foster for the position of Mayor for the 2024/2025 term.

Cr. Foster accepted the nomination.

Cr. Lloyd Ross nominated Cr Jim Doukas for the position of Mayor for the 2024/2025 term.

Cr Doukas accepted the nomination.

The Chief Executive Officer called for a show of hands for each candidate:

Cr Karen Foster received 4 votes - Cr. Foster, Cr. Lockett, Cr. Murrhy, Cr. Ryan

The Chief Executive Officer declared Cr. Karen Foster elected as Mayor of Moyne Shire given the absolute majority vote.

Cr Foster took the Chair.



1.7 Election of Deputy Mayor

Overview: To provide Councillors with information required to elect the Deputy Mayor under the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic), Division 4 s27(1).

Resolution ID: OCM 2024116

Cr. Myra Murrhly nominated Cr. Jordan Lockett for the position of Deputy Mayor for the 2024/2025 term.

Cr Lockett accepted the nomination.

Cr. Lloyd Ross nominated Cr. Jim Doukas for the position of Deputy Mayor for the 2024/2025 term.

Cr. Doukas accepted the nomination.

Cr Susan Taylor nominated Cr Susan Taylor for the position of Deputy Mayor for the 2024/2025 term.

The Chief Executive Officer called for a show of hands for each candidate:

Cr Jordan Lockett received 4 votes - Cr. Foster, Cr. Lockett, Cr. Murrhly, Cr. Ryan

The Chief Executive Officer declared Cr. Jordan Lockett elected as Deputy Mayor of Moyne Shire given the absolute majority vote.

Cr Myra Murrhly moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that standing Orders be suspended for a short adjournment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrhly	
Cr Susan Taylor	

Meeting suspended at 2:14pm.



Cr Jordan Lockett moved to resume standing orders, seconded by Cr Myra Murreihy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murreihy	
Cr Susan Taylor	

Meeting resumed at 2:37pm.



1.8 Declarations of Conflict Interest

No declarations made at this meeting

1.9 Confirmation of Minutes from previous meetings

Resolution ID: OCM 2024117

Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Myra Murreihy seconded that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 September 2024 and Special Council Meetings held on 8 October 2024 and 15 October 2024 with the amendment to the terminology of Special Council Meeting on pages 46 and 48 be accepted and confirmed as correct.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murreihy	
Cr Susan Taylor	

1.10 Public Participation

None registered at this meeting.



2 Officers Reports

2.1 Installation of Councillors

Overview: This report provides Council with an opportunity to acknowledge and Minute the installation of Councillors.

Resolution ID: OCM 2024118

Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded

That Council acknowledge that the installation of Councillors occurred in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) in the Swearing-in Ceremonies conducted on Tuesday 12 November 2024 and Monday 25 November 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrhiy	
Cr Susan Taylor	



2.2 Model Councillor Code of Conduct

Overview: To provide Councillors with the Model Councillor Code of Conduct, detailing the amendment regulations that have been implemented that prescribe the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

Resolution ID: OCM 2024119

Cr Myra Murreihy moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that Council receives and notes the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murreihy	
Cr Susan Taylor	



2.3 Appointment of Councillors to Committees

Overview: To provide Council with the Committees to which Councillors will be appointed. The first three pages of this report is the official recommendation to be adopted. The subsequent pages provide a brief overview of each of the Committee types, noting that information has been provided during transition session on Committees.

Resolution ID: OCM 2024120

Cr Lisa Ryan moved, Cr Jordan Lockett seconded that Council appoints members to the Committees of Council and delegates to organisations as follows:

Committee	Councillor/s
DELEGATED COMMITTEE	
Port of Port Fairy Delegated Committee	Cr. Jordan Lockett Cr. Myra Murrhiy
COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEES (CAC)	
Koroit Theatre CAC	Cr. Susan Taylor
Mortlake Recreation Reserve CAC	Cr. Susan Taylor
Nirranda and District Community Facility CAC	Cr. Jim Doukas
Southcombe Park CAC	Cr. Jordan Lockett Cr Lisa Ryan
Victoria Park CAC	Cr. Myra Murrhiy Cr. Jim Doukas
ADVISORY COMMITTEES	
Audit Committee and Risk Committee	Cr. Karen Foster Cr. Susan Taylor Cr Jim Doukas Cr Karen Foster Cr Jordan Lockett Cr Lisa Ryan Cr Susan Taylor Cr Lloyd Ross Cr Myra Murrhiy
CEO Employment & Remuneration Advisory Committee	Cr. Jim Doukas Cr. Karen Foster
Economic Development Advisory Committee	Cr. Jim Doukas Cr. Lloyd Ross
Mount. Shadwell Quarry Consultative Committee	Cr. Jim Doukas Cr. Lloyd Ross



Committee	Councillor/s
Port Fairy Historic Lifeboat Committee	Cr. Susan Taylor
Environment and Sustainability Strategy Advisory Committee	Cr. Lisa Ryan Cr. Jordan Lockett
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEES (CEC)	
Dundonnell Wind Farm CEC	Cr. Myra Murrhiy
Hexham Wind Farm CEC	Cr. Karen Foster
Mortlake South Wind Farm CEC	Cr. Susan Taylor
Mt Fyans Wind Farm CEC	Cr. Jim Doukas
Willatook Wind Farm Proposal CEC	Cr. Jordan Lockett
Woolsthorpe Wind Farm CEC	Cr. Jim Doukas
Hawkesdale Wind Farm CEC	Cr. Lloyd Ross
Ryan Corner Wind Farm CEC	Cr. Lisa Ryan
DELEGATES TO OTHER COMMITTEES	
South West Victoria Alliance	Mayor Karen Foster
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	Mayor Karen Foster Sub-delegate: Cr Myra Murrhiy
Australian Coastal Councils	Cr. Karen Foster
Rail Freight Alliance	Cr. Susan Taylor Cr. Jim Doukas
Rural Councils Victoria	Cr. Lisa Ryan (and CEO)
Timber Towns Victoria	Cr. Lloyd Ross Cr Jim Doukas
Warrnambool Airport Reference Group	Cr. Jim Doukas

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrhiy	
Cr Susan Taylor	



2.4 Audit and Risk Committee Minutes - September Meeting

Overview: To provide Council with the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held Wednesday 11th September 2024.

Resolution ID: OCM 2024121

**Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Myra Murreihy seconded
That Council note the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Management
Committee conducted on Wednesday 11 September 2024.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murreihy	
Cr Susan Taylor	



2.5 Monthly Finance Report - October 2024

Overview: The purpose of the report is to inform the Council of the financial performance and position of the Council. This section provides a snapshot of some key financial indicators of our financial performance as at the end of the reporting period. It focuses on monitoring our operating performance, capital expenditure progress and the ready availability of/access to cash resources. It also provides a forecast of the year-end result.

Resolution ID: OCM 2024122

Cr Jordan Lockett moved, Cr Myra Murrhiy seconded that Council receive and note the Monthly Financial Report as at 31 October 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murrhiy	
Cr Susan Taylor	



3 Councillors' Items

3.1 Councillor Notice of Motion

Overview: A Councillor may lodge a notice of motion on any matter the Councillor wants to be considered.

No Councillor Notice of Motion has been received for this meeting Agenda.

3.2 General Matters

Overview: General Matters gives Councillors the opportunity to report on positive and good news items from around the Shire.

Cr. Murrhy - gave a shout out to the hard working Committee and army of volunteers for putting on the Port Fairy Show earlier in November, and congratulated the committee on a lovely event.

Cr. Murrhy - highlighted that 13th - 19th November 2024 was Transgender awareness week - culminated in Transgender Awareness Day on Wednesday 19th November 2024. Cr. Murrhy acknowledged Moyneshire Transgender and Non-Binary community and looks forward to highlighting and advocating for more of these events across the shire.

Cr. Murrhy - highlighted that 16 Days of Activism commenced yesterday which is an international campaign to challenge and highlight violence against women and girls. Cr. Murrhy acknowledged that it's a hard topic but one that needs to be talked about and encouraged residents to seek out information about the campaign and ways to be involved.

Cr. Ryan - passed on thanks to previous standing Council for their contributions to the Moyneshire community over the previous 4 years and for leaving the Moyneshire in a positive position.

Cr. Lockett - took the opportunity to highlight the important history of women in Leadership on Council at Moyneshire since 1996. Noted the wonderful change over time and something Council should be proud of.

Cr. Lockett - Victorian Tourism Industry Council awards were held last week, congratulated Port Fairy Folk Festival for taking first place award for festivals and events, congratulations to Committee and volunteers that make the event happen. Cr. Lockett congratulated Budj Bim Cultural Landscape for their silver medal award in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism Experience category.



Cr. Lockett - Gave a shoutout to Picnic in the Park last weekend, describing it as a phenomenal event.

Cr. Doukas - shared that he and CEO Mark Eversteyn attended the Shoot Out at Laang on Sunday. The event is national championships run by Laang and Timboon. Cr. Doukas noted that the event attracted competitors from all over Australia across a diverse age group - shout out to organisers for huge success for this event.

3.3 Urgent Business

Overview: A Councillor may raise an urgent matter for consideration at a Council Meeting if the Councillors considers that the matter is extremely urgent and it was not possible for the matter to have been included in the agenda notice for the meeting.

No urgent business recorded for this meeting.



4 CEO Meeting Schedule

Council noted the report item CEO Meeting Schedule 20 October to 20 November 2024.

5 CEO Activities Report

Council noted the CEO Activities Report.

6 Confidential Items

Overview: Under section 3 of the Act, the council may consider report items in closed business if they contain certain information which is defined to be confidential information because premature or improper release may cause harm to the Council or to a person or persons.

Confidential Information remains confidential unless it can lawfully be released and the Council has determined that it should be publicly available.

The following is a list of confidential Items:

1. Confidential Audit and Risk Meeting Minutes – September Meeting
2. Hopkins Falls Bridge – Works and Budget Variation

Cr Myra Murreihy moved, Cr Lisa Ryan seconded that the meeting be closed in order to consider confidential items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 / 0

For	Against
Cr Jim Doukas	
Cr Jordan Lockett	
Cr Karen Foster	
Cr Lisa Ryan	Nil
Cr Lloyd Ross	
Cr Myra Murreihy	
Cr Susan Taylor	

7 Close Meeting

The Ordinary Council Meeting - 26 November 2024 was declared closed at 3:27 pm.

1.7 Public Participation

Refer to Governance Rules - Division 5 Public Participation

Members of the public attending the monthly Council Ordinary Meeting may address the meeting in respect of either:

- a) any item listed in the business paper; or
- b) any other matter relevant to the activities and projects of the Council.

The public participation segment for each Council meeting will be held after the confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting(s) and be considered in the order they were received.

Unless an extension is granted by a ruling of the Mayor, a member of the public asking a question or making a statement must not speak for more than 5 minutes.

If a question cannot be answered at the meeting, the Chief Executive

Officer must provide a written response to the question as soon as is practicable to the person asking the question and Councillors.

Any person wishing to address the Council must submit details in writing of the nature of the issue / question they wish to raise by 12 noon on the Monday prior to the meeting day.

Public Participation attendees for this meeting:

Recommendation

That Standing Orders be suspended in order that Public Participants be heard.

None registered at time of printing.

2 Officers Reports

2.1 Monthly Finance Report - November 2024

Directorate: Corporate & Governance Services

Report Author: Finance Coordinator

Overview: The purpose of the report is to inform the Council of the financial performance and position of the Council. This section provides a snapshot of some key financial indicators of our financial performance as at the end of the reporting period. It focuses on monitoring our operating performance, capital expenditure progress and the ready availability of/access to cash resources. It also provides a forecast of the year-end result.

Officers Recommendation:

- 1. That Council receive and note the Monthly Financial Report as at 30 November 2024.**
- 2. Allocate \$150,000 from current Council budgets to upgrade play equipment for the Port Fairy Skate and Play project in FY 24-25.**

Summary

The Income Statement result for the period ending November 2024 is favourable to YTD budget by \$0.297 million. Council had cash and investments at the end of November 2024 of \$21.9 million, and a forecast year-end balance of \$14.1 million, down from the adopted year end forecast of \$14.8 million. Capital works expenditure YTD totals \$7.9 million which is slightly ahead of the prior year comparative of \$7.8 million.

Discussion

The financial result for the period ended 30 November 2024 is in line with the budget for this period with a favourable variance of \$0.297 million over the expected year to date Operating Surplus of \$22.484 million.

The overall forecast year-end **operating result** for 30 June 2025 is forecast to be an Operating Surplus of \$8.703 million a favourable increase of \$2.434 million from the Adopted Budget of \$6.269 million surplus. This includes non-recurrent capital income tied to the capital works program of \$13.9 million.

The **underlying deficit** position is forecast to be \$0.427 million for the financial year. This includes \$1.7 million of committed carry over projects from 2023-24 to 2024-25 that is cash neutral over the two financial years. That is a higher cash balance at June 30 2024 which funds these projects in 2024-25.

The forecast year end cash position has reduced from \$14.8 million to \$14.2 million primarily due to the \$0.5 million additional cash required to fund the Hopkins Falls bridge works. Refer 2.4 Reconciliation of cash and reserves.

Following a presentation to Council Workshop on the 10 December 2024 options were discussed for play equipment upgrades for the Port Fairy Skate and Play project. The options are:

1. No change to current design plan and equipment – no variation required
2. Install a three-tier rather than two-tier slide tower as part of FY24-25 works – cost variation \$150,000
3. Install a 40m double Flying Fox as part of FY24-25 works – cost variation \$150,000 –current two-tier slide tower would be retained with limited option to upgrade in the future.
4. Install a three-tier rather than two-tier slide tower as part of FY24-25 works – cost variation \$150,000 - and officers to submit a budget bid for FY25-26 for installation of a 40m double Flying Fox - \$150,000.
5. Option to include as per 2023 Concept Plan ping-pong table and board games table with shelter either in addition to one of the options above or retain current design and include ping-pong table and games table – cost variation for table equipment, shelter, concrete slab, installation – est \$75,000 to \$85,000 – cost estimate based on 2023 costings.

The most achievable options from a timing and procurement perspective is either option 1 – no change, or Option 2 the slide tower upgrade. The recommendation is to endorse option 2. The cost of the upgrade can be sourced from current Council budgets.

A summary of the operating result and underlying deficit are reflected in Table 1 and are also discussed in section 1.1 below.

1.1 Financial Position as at 30 November 2024

Table 1: Financial Position as at 30 November 2024

	YTD Update Budget	YTD Actual Results	Variance from YTD Budget	Adopted Annual Budget	Revised Forecast Annual Result 31-Oct	Revised Forecast Annual Result 30-Nov	Variance from Previous Forecast Annual Result	Variance from Full Year Adopted Budget	Note
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating									
Revenue	\$ 45,738	\$45,669	\$ (69)	\$ 63,277	\$ 64,140	\$ 64,140	\$ -	\$ 863	
Expenditure	\$ 28,220	\$19,702	\$ (8,518)	\$ 62,529	\$ 64,567	\$ 64,567	\$ -	\$ 2,038	
Underlying Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 17,519	\$25,967	\$ 8,449	\$ 748	\$ (427)	\$ (427)	\$ -	\$ (1,175)	
Capital									
Capital Grants & Contributions (non-recurrent)	\$ 4,965	\$ 4,965	\$ -	\$ 9,769	\$ 12,289	\$ 13,379	\$ 1,090	\$ 3,610	1
<i>Carrying Amount of Assets Disposed</i>	\$ -	\$ 8,152	\$ 8,152	\$ 4,248	\$ 4,248	\$ 4,248	\$ -	\$ -	
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) Result	\$ 22,484	\$22,780	\$ 297	\$ 6,269	\$ 7,613	\$ 8,703	\$ 1,090	\$ 2,434	

A summary of the revised forecast results for the year ending June 2025 and year to date as at 31 October 2024 are set out in the notes following.

1. Variance from prior month includes \$1.0 million state government funding for the Port Fairy Play Space project and \$90,000 from the Panmure Recreation Reserve towards the Panmure netball changerooms.

2.1 Operating result reconciliation as at 30 November 2024

The table below summarises the impact on the cash surplus accumulated over a number of years including YTD savings.

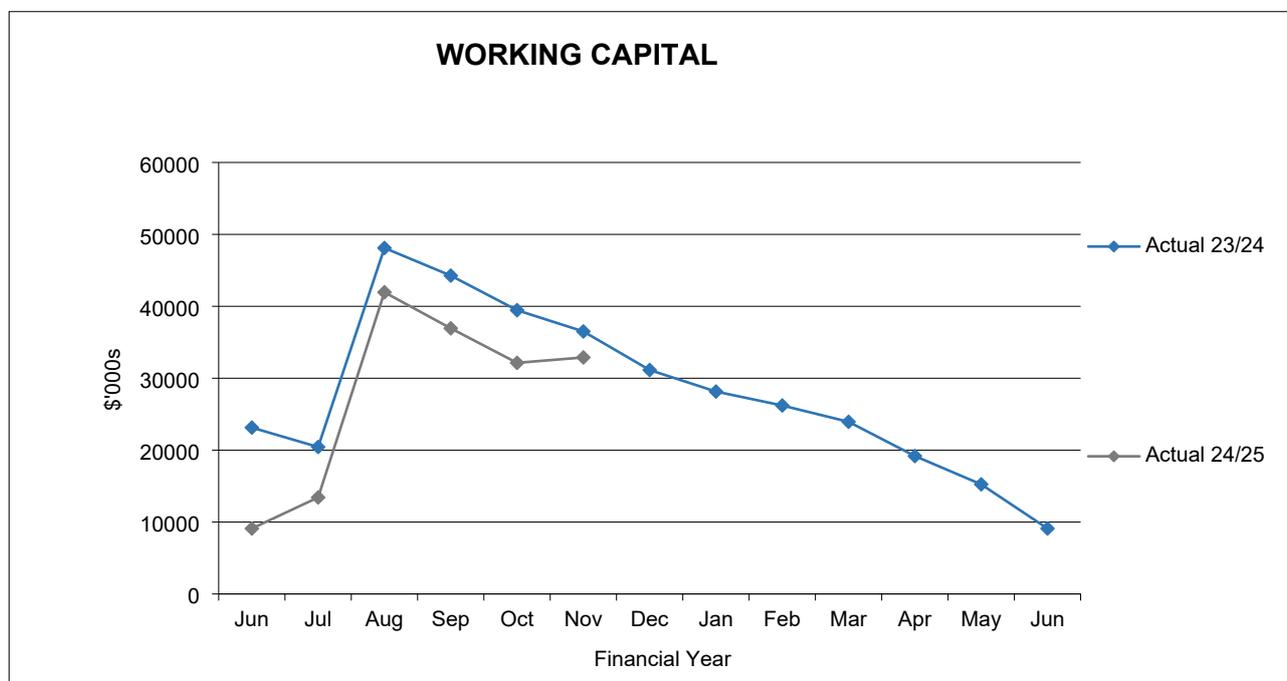
Balance Cash Surplus/(Deficit) as at 31st October (as per Appendix C)	2,641,388
Current Variations Funded by Cash Surplus	43,086
Balance Cash Surplus/(Deficit) as at 30th November (as per Appendix C)	2,684,474

This excludes non-cash items and also budgeted capital works which have been identified to be carried forward.

The \$2.684 million is the net cash favourable budget variance accumulated over a number of years and which forms part of the Council's Equity of \$695.801 million.

2.2 Working Capital

It is essential that the Council ensure it has, at all times, sufficient liquid funds in order to meet its day-to-day obligations. The measure for meeting this requirement is our 'Working Capital'. This is the net difference between Current Assets and Current Liabilities, it is a favourable 3.41:1 (year to date).



Note: Total rates and charges income of \$27.4 million raised in August 2024

The spike in November 2024 is due to the \$3.3 million remote roads debtor raised in November 2024.

2.3 Investments

Details of current investments are shown in the following table:

MOYNE SHIRE COUNCIL INVESTMENTS NOVEMBER 2024						
Investment	Amount	Rating (short term/ long term)	Rate	Term Mths	Investment Date	Maturity Date
CBA Business Online Saver	5,100,000	A1+/AA-	4.55%	at Call		at Call
Suncorp	1,000,000	A1/A+	5.12%	11	1/3/24	24/1/25
Bendigo Bank	2,000,000	A2/BBB+	5.20%	6	25/7/24	28/1/25
Bank of Queensland	1,000,000	A2/BBB+	4.95%	6	13/9/24	13/3/25
ING	1,000,000	A1/A	5.11%	12	25/3/24	25/3/25
Bank of Queensland	1,000,000	A2/BBB+	5.00%	6	11/10/24	11/4/25
NAB	1,000,000	A1+/AA-	5.28%	9	24/7/24	22/4/25
Suncorp	1,000,000	A1/A+	5.44%	10	10/7/24	6/5/25
NAB	2,000,000	A1+/AA-	4.95%	8	26/9/24	27/5/25
Suncorp	2,000,000	A1/A+	5.44%	11	10/7/24	7/6/25
NAB	1,000,000	A1+/AA-	5.00%	12	21/8/24	21/8/25
NAB	1,000,000	A1+/AA-	4.95%	9	28/8/24	26/5/25
Suncorp	1,000,000	A1/A+	5.09%	12	31/10/24	31/10/25
NAB	1,000,000	A1+/AA-	5.08%	12	25/11/24	25/11/25
Sub Total	21,100,000					
Cash	820,060					
Total Cash & Investments	21,920,060					
Previous Month's Balance	20,367,713					
Movement	1,552,348					

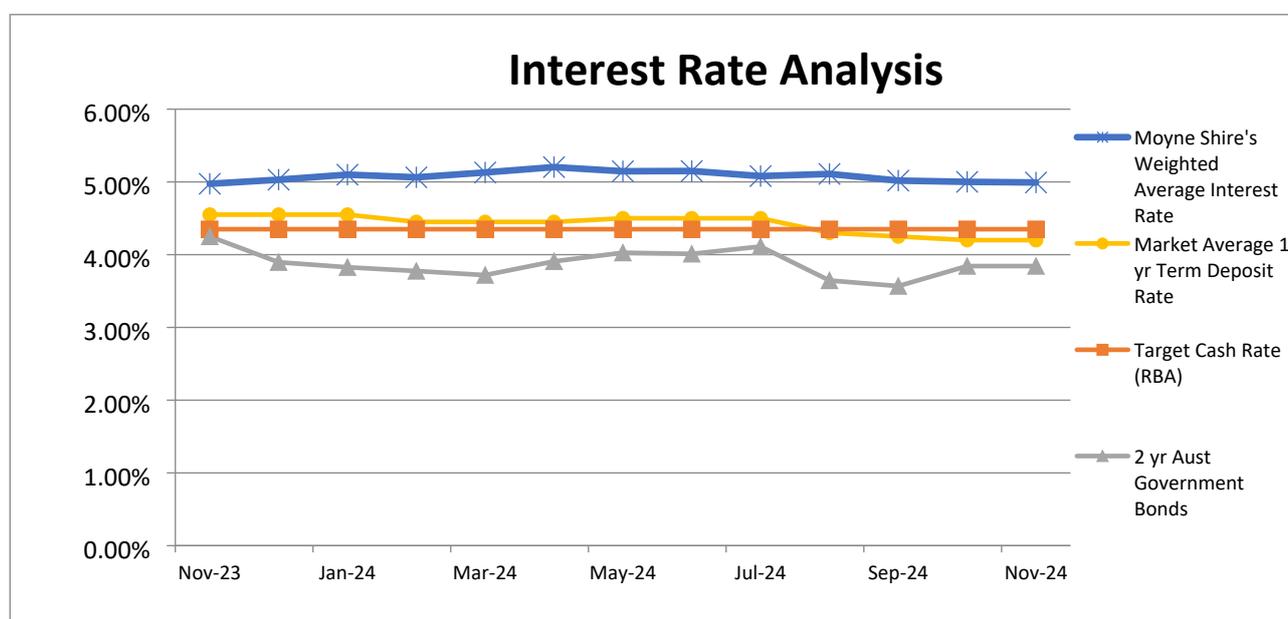
Refer **ATTACHMENT: Statement of Cashflows** for reconciliation of the cash movement.

Details of Council’s Investment Policy Guidelines Vs Actual Holdings are provided in the following table:

Short Term Rating Standard & Poor's	Long Term Rating Standard & Poor's	Policy Guidelines			Actual Holdings		
		Maximum Percentage of Total Funds with One Financial Institution	Maximum Term to Maturity	Maximum Percentage of Total Investments	Percentage of Total Funds with One Financial Institution*	Maximum Term to Maturity*	Percent of Total Investments
A1+	AAA to AA-	50%	3 years	100%	28%	1 year	53%
A1	A+ to A-	30%	1 year	60%	24%	1 year	28%
A2	BBB+ to BBB-	10%	6 months	20%	9%	6 months	19%

* Policy for maximum percentage of funds with one financial institution & maximum term to maturity applies at the date an investment is made.

Comparison of monthly weighted average interest rate returned by Council’s investments with the Reserve Bank of Australia Target Cash Rate, the yield on the Australian Government 2-year bonds and the average 1-year term deposit rate with the five major banks.



The differential between the Moyne weighted average interest rate and the market average one year term deposit rate would equate to an additional \$141k interest over a 12 month period, using the investment balance as at 30st November 2024.

2.4 Reconciliation of Cash and Reserves

Reconciliation of cash and reserves	Actual Balance Jun-24 \$'000	Adopted Budget Jun-25 \$'000	Update Budget Jun-25 \$'000
(A) Total cash and investments	14,221	14,829	14,164
(B) Statutory and discretionary reserves			
Statutory reserves			
- Heritage reserve	109	109	109
- Subdivision reserve	506	306	206
Sub-total statutory reserves	615	414	315
Discretionary reserves			
- Caravan Parks	1,202	750	998
- Quarry	3,781	3,766	3,809
- Southcombe Park Stadium	7	7	7
- Waste Facilities	5,047	4,939	4,746
- Infrastructure reserve	500	500	-
Sub-total discretionary reserves	10,538	9,962	9,561
(B) Total statutory and discretionary reserves	11,153	10,377	9,876
(A-B) Balance unrestricted cash and investments	3,068	4,452	4,288

Notes

Statutory reserves (\$0.31 million) – Heritage and Subdivision

These funds must be applied for specified statutory purposes in accordance with various legislative and contractual requirements. Whilst these funds earn interest revenues for Council, they are not available for other purposes.

Discretionary reserves (\$9.56 million)

These funds are available for whatever purpose Council decides is their best use. In this case Council has made decisions regarding the future use of these funds and unless there is a Council resolution these funds should be used for those earmarked purposes.

2.5 Overdue Debtors

The table below shows arrears i.e. the overdue rates balance with comparatives as at the same period in the previous financial year. An increase in outstanding rates is reflective of the current economic climate. The November 2024 rate arrears comparative to previous year has increased 36% down from, 39% in the previous period. Letters were mailed on the 4th of November 2024 to accounts registering no receipts since 31 March 2024 and balances over \$500 requesting payment of outstanding rates or contacting Council to make a payment arrangement by the 30 November 2024. For ratepayers that have not responded to this request, these rate arrear accounts will be forwarded to Councils debt collection agency.

Outstanding rates	Balance of arrears as at November 2023 \$	Balance of arrears as at November 2024 \$
Rates arrears		
Debt Collection	421,218	493,574
Exhausted Collection Process	84,789	99,744
Balance Remaining Under \$500	35,426	52,308
No Arrangement	Not reported	701,675
Payment by Arrangement	869,251	579,690
Total rates arrears	1,410,684	1,926,992

The table below shows the total value of overdue general debtors that are past 90 days due as at the end of the current reporting period and the previous reporting period.

GENERAL DEBTORS - OVER 90 DAYS	October 2024 \$	November 2024 \$	Notes
Child Care and Kindergarten	12,569	15,298	
Home Care	14,533	14,396	
Port	13,445	11,841	
Quarry	12,797	13,551	
Sundry Debtors	70,368	70,269	
Planning	7,030	7,158	
Building	10,379	12,255	
Fire Hazard	5,792	5,792	
Animals	7,274	7,241	
Infringements	9,016	9,611	
Waste	780	780	
Total	163,982	168,193	

2.6 Detailed Financial Statements for 30 November 2024

The detailed Financial Statements for the period ended 30 November 2024 are included as Appendix A.

These include:

- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Summary of Budget Variations
- Income Statement by Operating Program
- Capital Works Summary

2.7 Progress on Key Indicators

Progress on key indicators is shown in the following table:

Indicator	2024-25			Notes
	Adopted Budget \$'000s	Update Budget \$'000s	YTD Actual \$'000s	
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$6,269	\$8,703	\$22,780	1
Underlying Surplus / (Deficit)	\$748	(\$1,243)	\$17,815	1
Cash from Operations	\$26,866	\$32,785	\$15,556	
Liquidity Ratio	1.76:1	1.66:1	3.41:1	2
Cash and investments	\$14,829	\$14,164	\$21,920	
Reserve funds	\$10,377	\$9,876	N/A	3
Rates outstanding	\$1,184	\$1,184	\$15,454	
Debtors Other outstanding	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$8,318	4
Borrowings outstanding	-	-	-	
Depreciation	\$17,022	\$17,022	\$7,093	
Capital expenditure	\$27,890	\$33,419	\$7,946	
Net worth	\$676,958	\$681,739	\$695,801	

1. Total rates and charges income of \$27.4 million raised in August 2024, with instalment dates of September, November, February & May.
2. Liquidity Ratio Oct YTD of 3.41:1 is on trend with previous year (23/24 Nov YTD 3.58:1).
3. Reserve funds calculated at year end.
4. Includes Fire Services Levy of \$3.2 million

1.8 Capital Works and Projects Monitoring Report

The detailed Capital Works Monitoring Report is included as Appendix B.

The Officers involved in reviewing this report, having made enquiries with the relevant members of staff, report that there are no conflicts of interest to be disclosed.

A Gender Impact Assessment was not undertaken. The policy, program or service was deemed to not have a direct and significant impact on the public.

Attachments

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. APPENDIX A Financial Statements November 2024 [2.1.1 - 8 pages]2. APPENDIX B Capital Works Monitoring Report November 2024 [2.1.2 - 10 pages]3. APPENDIX C Budget Variations November 2024 [2.1.3 - 2 pages] |
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2.2 Public Holiday In Lieu of Melbourne Cup

Directorate: Corporate & Governance Services

Report Author: Manager People & Culture

Overview: This report proposes that Moyne Shire Council adopt the May Races, being the first Thursday in May 2025, to be the public holiday in lieu of the Melbourne Cup public holiday.

Officer Recommendation

That the first Thursday in May (Thursday 1 May 2025 Warrnambool Cup Day) be gazette as a Public Holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day 2025, and future years for the whole of the municipal district of Moyne.

Background

The Victorian Public Holidays Act 1993 (The Act) was amended in 2008 to ensure that all Victorian employees gain the benefit of a public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup. Metropolitan municipalities are required to take Melbourne Cup Day (first Tuesday in November), whilst non-metropolitan can choose to take a day with greater local significance in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day. The Act stipulates that an alternative day has to be declared for the entire municipality.

Since 2009 Warrnambool Race Day has been the municipality's public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day, this is in line with Warrnambool City Council.

For Moyne Shire the gazetted Public Holiday for the Warrnambool Race carnival had been in place since 2014 and was due to expire after the 2020 holiday.

In 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Warrnambool Racing Carnival was a two-day racing carnival with the Grand Annual Steeplechase hold on Tuesday 5 May. Racing on both days was closed to all spectators, including members, owners and the general public in accordance with the Restrictions on Gatherings and the Stay-at-Home Directions under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.

Moyne Shire Council and Warrnambool City resolved that May Race Day 2020 not be recognised as a public holiday in their municipal districts but instead recognised Melbourne Cup Day 2020 as a public holiday.

Council resolved in February 2021 that the May Race Day 2021 would be the substitute day as the municipal public holiday in the whole of the municipality. The resolution of Council was sent to the Minister of Small Business under Section 8A of the Public Holiday Act 1993 for gazettal.

Council resolved in March 2022 that the May Race Day 2022 would be the substitute day as the municipal public holiday in the whole of the municipality and was gazette accordingly.

Council resolved in December 2022 that May Race Day 2023 would be the substitute day as the municipal public holiday in the whole of the municipality and was gazette accordingly.

Council resolved in November 2023 that May Race Day 2024 would be the substitute day as the municipal public holiday in the whole of the municipality and was gazette accordingly.

Strategic Link

Public Holiday Act 1993.

Discussion

As it stands, Melbourne Cup Day is a public holiday in the municipal district of Moyne Shire for 2025.

If Council decide to recommend a substitute day as a municipal public holiday in the whole of the municipality, it must be by a resolution of Council and sent to the Minister of Small Business for approval and gazettal under section 8A of the Public Holiday Act 1993.

If May Race Day 2025 is chosen as the substitute public holiday, in lieu of Melbourne Cup, the Minister of Small Business will be informed immediately following the 17 December Ordinary Council meeting.

Warrnambool Cup Day is recognised as a major regional event and is also the premier day of horse racing in the region.

Warrnambool City Council resolved that for 2021 and future years, the first Thursday in May continue to be gazette as a public holiday in the municipal district of Warrnambool.

Moyne has historically chosen the same day due to the proximity of Warrnambool and the overlap of community attending secondary schools, childcare, banking and employment between the two municipalities. There are obvious benefits in the neighbouring councils recognising the same day.

Council can also apply to the Minister of Small Business to nominate Warrnambool Cup Day in lieu of Melbourne Cup Day as a public holiday in the municipality of Moyne for 2025 and future years. This would alleviate the need for Council to make a resolution annually.

Informing the municipality of the change of public holiday will be via media release on council's website and media platforms.

The decision to allow this change can only be by approval of the Victorian Minister of Small Business and if approved will be placed in the Victorian Government Gazette.

Consultation

No community consultation has occurred since the initial consultation to nominate Warrnambool Race Day (first Thursday in May).

Financial implications

No financial implications to Council in the process to gazette a public holiday.

Risk

Risk identified:

If Council does not appoint a substitute public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup, the Melbourne Cup public holiday, held on the first Tuesday of November, will stand.

Conclusion and next steps

Moyne has traditionally nominated Warrnambool May Race Day as the alternative public holiday in lieu of Melbourne Cup for the whole municipality of Moyne. This aligns with Warrnambool City Council.

It would seem appropriate that Moyne Shire Council adopt the May Races, being the first Thursday in May 2025 (1 May), to be the public holiday, in lieu of Melbourne Cup public holiday 2025.

The Officers involved in reviewing this report, having made enquiries with the relevant members of staff, report that there are no conflicts of interest to be disclosed.

A Gender Impact Assessment was not applicable.

Attachments

Nil

2.3 Ordinary Council Meeting Schedule - 2025

Directorate: Corporate & Governance Services

Report Author: Manager Governance & Corporate Planning

Overview: To provide Councillors with the Council Schedule for 2025.

Officer Recommendation

That Councillors endorse the Ordinary Council Meeting Schedule for 2025

Background

Council is provided with the recommended Ordinary Council Meeting dates for 2025. Historically Council has met at 2pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month, with the exception of an earlier council meeting in December.

Discussion

Council is asked to adopt the Council Schedule for Ordinary Council Meetings 2025 as follows:

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday 28 January 2025	Council Chambers, Mortlake Office	2pm
Tuesday 25 February 2025	Council Chambers, Mortlake Office	2pm
Tuesday 25 March 2025	Council Chambers, Mortlake Office	2pm
Tuesday 22 April 2025	Council Chambers, Mortlake Office	2pm
Tuesday 27 May 2025	Council Chambers, Mortlake Office	2pm
Tuesday 24 June 2025	Council Chambers, Mortlake Office	2pm
Tuesday 22 July 2025	Council Chambers, Mortlake Office	2pm
Tuesday 26 August 2025	Council Chambers, Mortlake Office	2pm
Tuesday 23 September 2025	Council Chambers, Mortlake Office	2pm
Tuesday 28 October 2025	Council Chambers, Mortlake Office	2pm
Tuesday 25 November 2025	Council Chambers, Mortlake Office	2pm
Tuesday 16 December 2025	Council Chambers, Mortlake Office	2pm

Consultation

Conversation will occur within the Councillor Transition process to confirm expected 2025 schedule dates.

Financial Implications

Nil

Risk

Risk identified: No Identified Risk

Nil

Conclusion and next steps

Endorsed schedule for 2025 will be set up in Council calendars. The supporting workshop and briefing schedules will be added to Council calendars are discussed within the transition item.

The Officers involved in reviewing this report, having made enquiries with the relevant members of staff, report that there are no conflicts of interest to be disclosed.

A Gender Impact Assessment was not applicable.

Attachments

Nil

2.4 Event Support Policy

Directorate: Environment, Economy & Place

Report Author: Manager, Economic Development & Tourism

Overview: This report provides Council with background to the Events Policy which aims to ensure that the guidelines required to support Moyne Shire local events encompass a diverse, inclusive, and accessible event calendar.

Officer recommendation

That Council endorse the Events Policy identified as EDP-01 Events Policy.

Background

Council currently supports, and or funds, a range of local community events that contribute to the economic, environmental, and social wellbeing of the community.

Moyne Shire typically hosts over 120 events annually, including but not limited to festivals, markets, shows, concerts and outdoor entertainment programs.

The review of the policy is aimed to reflect and outline Council support of local events including the provision of a policy position and associated tools to aid the continued development of a diverse, inclusive and accessible event calendar.

Strategic Link

Council Plan 2021-2025

5.1 - ORGANISATIONAL GOVERNANCE AND POLICY - Governance and Leadership

Adhere to principles and requirements of the Local Government Act 2020 to deliver strong representative local government for Moyne Shire

Innovative, transparent, and accountable operation and service delivery

Discussion

Our community is comprised of highly engaged and skilled event committees delivering a diversity of events, with Council providing a support role in their success.

Further, the policy recognises the various roles of Council in the assistance of event organisers. The Policy describes these functions in detail, and is summarised as:

Role	Purpose
1. Advisor	To provide technical advice and general support to ensure efficient and effective events.
2. Attractor	To encourage, facilitate and attract events that enhance diverse entertainment offerings with consideration of seasonal and geographic dispersal.
3. Capacity Builder	To build the skills and capacity of event organisers in the delivery of successful and sustainable events.
4. Connector	To identify potential partnerships and opportunities that support a vibrant festival and events program.
5. Enabler	To support communities to deliver inclusive, well managed and safe events.
6. Partner	To assist events to be financially viable, environmentally sustainable and evolve successfully.
7. Producer	Coordinate local events that provide civic recognition to local projects, commemorations and launches.
8. Promoter	To support opportunity for publicity and marketing, ensuring audience reach and promotion of Moyne's event calendar.
9. Regulator	To ensure a vibrant and successful event program meets community needs and safety.
10. Supporter	To provide resources, material and equipment that supports event delivery.

In support of events, the following tools have been developed to assist event organisers:

- Event Planning Guide
- Event Marketing Guide
- Council Website and Online Event Application Form
- Online Event Funding Program

Consultation

The development of the Events Policy and event community support tools have been created through a collaborative process of staff across Council.

Financial Implications

Initiatives detailed in this report are accommodated in Council's 2024/25 Events and Tourism budget.

Risk

Risk identified: No Identified Risk

The provision of a clear policy and access to improved event support tools reduces and or mitigates risks associated with Council support of event delivery.

Specific guidance provided in the Event Planning Guide, including provision of templates for emergency management, traffic management and risk assessment provide a good practise approach for event organisers in addressing event specific risks.

Conclusion and next steps

Council is committed to ensuring events hosted within the municipality are of the highest possible standard in relation to quality, safety and visitor experience.

The Event Policy and supporting tools have been designed to assist and support event managers and community organisations in the running of public events. They have been designed to help guide community members through required processes and to encourage good practice and increased knowledge of event management.

The Officers involved in reviewing this report, having made enquiries with the relevant members of staff, report that there are no conflicts of interest to be disclosed.

A Gender Impact Assessment was not applicable.

Attachments

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| 1. EDP01 Events Policy EP 2024 2 2 [2.4.1 - 7 pages] |
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COUNCIL POLICY

 <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">EVENTS</p>	Policy No:	EDP-01
	Approval Date:	
	Approved By:	Council
	Review Date:	September 2024
	Version No:	001
Responsible Officer:	Manager Tourism and Customer Experience	
External References:	Building Act 1993, Building Regulations (2006) Child Wellbeing and Safety Act (2005) Food Act (1984) Liquor Control Reform Act (1998) Planning and Environment Act (1987) Road Management Act (2004) Transport Act (1983) Moyne Shire General Local Law No. 1 (2015) Moyne Shire Planning Scheme.	
Authorising Officer:	Chief Executive Officer	

1. PURPOSE

To provide guidance on Councils support to event organisers in Moyne Shire.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to events staged in Moyne, including those that are:

- Established, new or proposed;
- One-off or recurrent;
- Managed by not-for profit community organisations or commercial organisations;
- Held on public or private land.

Excluded from this Policy are:

- Business events (i.e. conferences, workshops, seminars);
- Private functions; and
- Political rallies and demonstrations.

3. DEFINITIONS

Event	A gathering of people, which is free or ticketed, at a predetermined location, for a specific purpose, for a specified time. Can occur in either open space or within a building or
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	<p>enclosure. Examples include, but are not limited to festivals, markets, concerts, or outdoor entertainment.</p> <p>Categories of events include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local or Community: organised by community groups, not-for-profit organisations, special interest groups, trader groups or Council, intended to create positive outcomes through attendance and volunteerism. They provide participation and social connection opportunities for a local audience for the purposes of entertainment, recreation, celebration, education and/or fundraising. - Major: often larger in scale than local or community events, which attract regional, state, national and/or international audiences. These events may be managed by professional event organisers and can demonstrate direct impact on the local economy. - Civic: cultural and recognition activities of local or higher significance. They are usually ceremonial, remembrance, advocacy or celebratory in nature and align with national days or events of significance, such as Australia Day, NAIDOC Week, ANZAC Day. - Sporting or Recreational: local or visiting events with a competition and/or participation focus, which offer spectator and/or participant opportunities such as road cycling tours, fun runs, triathlons etc. - An Event excludes a Private Function, except where it is specifically included in the Categories of events outlined above.
Festival	<p>A series of events or programs linked around a theme (i.e. music genre, food), purpose (cause) or place (i.e. town, natural asset). Festivals are larger in scope, delivered over multiple days with a range of events and/or activities attracting local residents and visitors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Major Festival: large scale with a state, national or international profile. May be managed by professional event organisers. These are often held annually and generate substantial and demonstrable economic, tourism, social, community and cultural benefits.
Private Function	<p>Hosted (on private land or public land) for a closed or invited group e.g. weddings, parties, and ceremonies. Functions not guaranteed exclusive use of public land.</p>
Market	<p>An organised gathering of traders and producers for the public sale of goods, merchandise and produce direct. Often includes itinerant food and beverage vendors and entertainment.</p>
Private land	<p>Any land which is not Council owned or managed, or under the management of another government / public body.</p>

Public land	Any land within Moyne managed by Council or other public authorities, which are accessible to the public for community use or environmental protection.
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4. POLICY

Council recognises a diverse, inclusive and accessible event calendar contributes to the economic, environmental, and social wellbeing of the community.

Council understands that empowered and engaged communities are best placed to deliver events and commits to support local volunteers to plan and deliver events.

4.1 Event Objectives

Council seeks to support community event organisers to achieve the following objectives:

4.1.1 Increase community benefit and build capacity:

- Supporting opportunities for community volunteering.
- Enhancing the skills and capacity of local residents including development of local leadership.
- Providing social connection, participation and enjoyment for both residents and visitors.
- Creating platforms and means for charity, fundraising and awareness raising campaigns.

4.1.2 Increase cultural and entertainment experiences:

- Providing opportunities for creative expression and celebration of diversity.
- Building an inclusive community that embraces diversity and celebrates our collective heritage.
- Enabling recognition, remembrance, celebration and commemoration of local, state and national occasions.

4.1.3 Enhance community safety:

- Creating a safer community by building a sense of belonging, community identity and community pride.
- Encouraging respectful and inclusive environments, including the creation of cultures of child safety and the inclusion of young people.
- Supporting compliance with laws and regulations in delivering events that eliminate or minimise negative impacts upon the community.

4.1.4 Maximise visitation and economic impact:

- Generating benefit to the visitor economy by creating local investment and spending within the retail, hospitality, and accommodation sectors.
- Increasing tourism visitation by promoting the location and lifestyle advantages that make Moyne Shire as a great place to live, work and visit.

4.1.5 Events employ sustainable practices:

- All events managed under this Policy must reflect Council’s strong commitment to environmental sustainability.
- Council will prescribe minimum requirements for waste management and other measures. Annual and repeat events must demonstrate continuing improvement in sustainable environmental practices and progress toward best practice in event management, waste management and sustainable transport.

4.2 Role of Council

Council provides several roles in the support and assistance of event organisers. These roles are described below:

Role	Purpose
Advisor	<p>To provide technical advice and general support to ensure efficient and effective events.</p> <p>Council provides support to organisers through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Management Guidelines providing organisers with technical advice, guidance and tips in event planning. • Event Marketing Guide providing organisers with advice, guidance, and tips in marketing and social media. • Access to officers of Council who can provide professional advice and access broader government resources (including opportunity for pre-event and post-event meetings). <p>Council’s networks create an awareness of what is occurring in the local and regional events landscape that can assist to identify audience burn out, avoid event clashes and manage event impact on communities.</p>
Attractor	<p>To encourage, facilitate and attract events that enhance diverse entertainment offerings with consideration of seasonal and geographic dispersal.</p> <p>Working with key stakeholders and the events community to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attract new events to the Moyne Shire region. • Disperse events throughout the year and across all seasons to maintain visitor investment and local entertainment options. • Support and influence a spread of events throughout the municipality.
Capacity Builder	<p>To build the skills and capacity of event organisers in the delivery of successful and sustainable events.</p> <p>Provide skill development and networking sessions directly through Council and its partners (i.e. regional and local tourism associations, adjacent council’s, Regional Development Victoria etc.).</p>
Connector	<p>To identify potential partnerships and opportunities that support a vibrant festival and events program.</p>

	<p>Identify and broker relationships to improve knowledge and resource sharing between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other event organisers; • Key suppliers and support agencies; • Other potential new events; and • Local businesses and community members.
Enabler	<p>To support communities to deliver inclusive, well managed and safe events.</p> <p>Allow permission and provide assistance via permit processes, in the form of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Event Permit (festivals and events held on public land); or • A Planning Permit (festivals and events and held on private land); and/or • A Place of Public Entertainment Permit (Occupancy permit for larger events that are usually contained within a substantially enclosed indoor or outdoor venue). <p>Council receives notification of Private Functions proposed to be held on public land but cannot confirm exclusive use of public spaces such as beaches, or botanic gardens etc. In response, Council provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on issues, works and/or considerations in using these spaces; and • When appropriate and reasonable to do so, endeavour, to undertake maintenance so as to reduce negative impact on the Private Function.
Partner	<p>To assist events to be financially viable, environmentally sustainable and evolve successfully.</p> <p>Council assists in the provision of direct funding opportunities through its community funding program; and advising of grants and sponsorships available through other levels of government and philanthropic trusts.</p>
Producer	<p>Coordinate local events that provide civic recognition to local projects, commemorations and launches.</p> <p>Council contributes to the local event calendar through the direct planning and implementation of a number of events including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port Fairy Street Fair • Love Local annual program • Official openings and launches (new services, programs and assets); • Conferences and seminars; • Facility and service open days;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special civic events that celebrate and commemorate important community and cultural traditions such as Reconciliation Week, Australia Day etc.; and • Programs such as FREEZA events for young people. <p>Council also actively participates at festivals and events, where available and appropriate, to showcase and share information with visitors and promote council services.</p>
Promoter	<p>To support opportunity for publicity and marketing to ensure audience reach and promotion of Moyne’s event calendar.</p> <p>Council assists with promotion of local events and festivals by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posting on partner websites (i.e. peak tourism body websites and social media channels). • Posting on Council managed websites and social media channels and visitor information services (including accredited information centres and ticket agencies). • Making connections with print, digital and other media, to maximise the benefits arising from events. • Ensuring organisers access maximum audience reach by using avenues such as the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse. • Leveraging opportunities through Council service promotions and its visitor services team pop up promotions, that promote the region. • Professional advice and guidance from Council’s event, customer service and communications staff.
Regulator	<p>To ensure a vibrant and successful event program meets community needs and safety.</p> <p>Council ensures the regulation of events according to Council standards and compliance requirements, including traffic management, liquor licensing, environmental health, risk and emergency management.</p>
Supporter	<p>To provide resources, material and equipment that supports event delivery.</p> <p>Council hires out goods and services to support events including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event games trailer • Signage • Waste wise trailer; • Street barriers and road closures; • All abilities assistive equipment including portable accessible toilet, portable PA system and hearing loops; • Grounds maintenance (i.e. mowing); and • Provision of community venues and public facilities.

	Council receives many requests for support and provides resources where appropriate and in a fair and equitable manner based on need and event scale.
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4.3 Safety and Compliance

Council is committed to ensuring that events are run safely, and all compliance requirements are met, while minimising negative impacts upon the community. Events delivered in Moyne Shire must demonstrate compliance with legislative requirements such as those outlined in:

- Planning and Environment Act (1987)
- Liquor Control Reform Act (1998)
- Road Management Act (2004)
- Transport Act (1983)
- Building Act 1993 and Building Regulations (2006)
- Food Act (1984)
- Moyne Shire General Local Law No. 1 (2015)
- Moyne Shire Planning Scheme.

Moyne Shire Council is a Child Safe organisation and takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse, ensuring respectful attitudes, behaviours and beliefs are shaped within the culture of the organisation.

Council is committed to the safety, participation, and empowerment of all children within Council run services and events.

Council encourages all event managers to adhere to the standards for all organisations that provide services to children to ensure the creation of cultures of child safety where children feel safe and are safe.

5. QUALITY RECORDS

Record	Retention/Disposal Responsibility	Location
Event Permit Applications	Corporate Business and Events Officer	EDRMS
Event Permits Issued	Corporate Business and Events Officer	EDRMS

6. ATTACHMENTS

2.5 Business Façade Improvement Program 2024/25

Directorate: Environment, Economy & Place

Report Author: Economic Development Officer

Overview: This report recommends that Council approve the applications for the Business Façade Improvement grant for the 2024/25 application round. The eligible applications are outlined below.

Officer Recommendation:

That Council approves funding of \$23,800 to support the eight eligible applications for the 2024/25 Business Façade Improvement Program.

Business Name	Location	Amount
Koroit Newsagency	Koroit	\$1,050
Earth and Water Technologies	Mortlake	\$1,000
Commercial Hotel	Panmure	\$2,000
Peterborough House Motel Pty Ltd	Peterborough	\$5,000
TED's Café	Peterborough	\$2,500
Seacombe House	Port Fairy	\$5,000
Rebecca's Cafe	Port Fairy	\$2,250
Carole Goode & Amanda Harper	Port Fairy	\$5,000
TOTAL		\$23,800

Background

The Business Façade program has been running since 2020/21 with a total of 73 businesses supported to date through the program, a breakdown of the eligible applicants is displayed in the table below.

Year	No of eligible applicants
2020/21	28
2021/2022	13
2022/2023	15
2023/2024	17
2024/2025	8*
Total	81

*Applicants for current round of funding

Following the success of the previous funding rounds combined with the positive feedback received from the local business community, Council approved a new funding allocation of \$50,000 for the 2024/25 Business Façade Improvement Program.

The program aims to assist businesses/property owners to improve their business façade which will ultimately improve the appeal of the local streetscape within the commercial and shopping areas of the Shire. Program grants will be competitively matched on a \$1:\$1 ratio, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per façade project, for eligible applications.

Applications were received from nine businesses in the shopping/township areas of the Shire seeking financial assistance to do improvement/renovation works to their business façades. The nine applications have been assessed following the program guidelines and officers have recommended grant funding for eight eligible applications.

Strategic Link

Council Plan 2021-2025

4.1 - ECONOMY - Business Attraction, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Support cross-sector ideas and initiatives to create an environment where investment and innovation are welcomed and fostered

Moyne Economic Development Strategy 2019-2029 and Action Plan:

Economic Direction 4: Role of Moyne: *Encourage capital investment in our small towns.*

Discussion

The Business Façade Improvement Program provides an incentive for commercial property owners and/or business operators to undertake façade improvement works that will improve the local streetscapes, encourage capital investment in our town centres and support business development and success.

With applications to the 2024/25 program opening on 12 July 2024, Council received a total of nine applications from businesses across the Shire. The distribution of applications is shown in Figure 1 below:

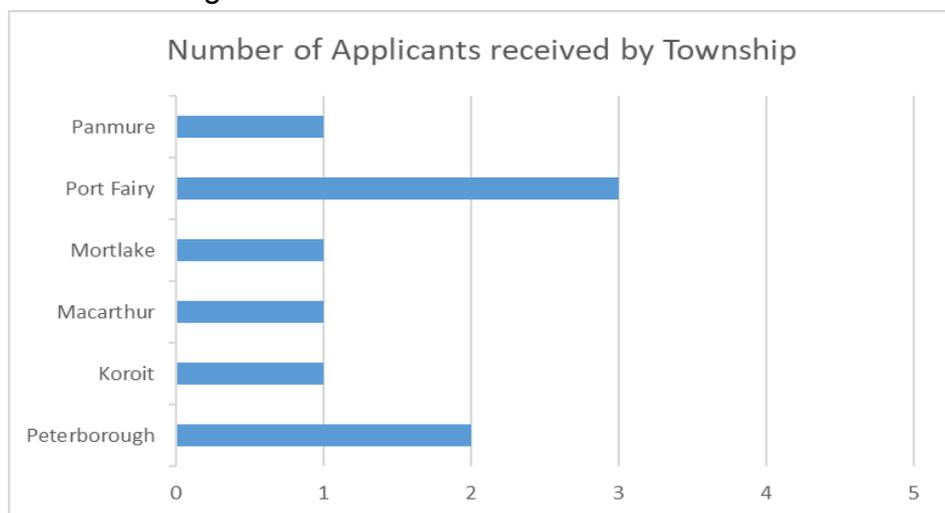


Figure 1: Number of applications received by Township

The nine applications were assessed on a weighted average scoring system utilising the criteria outlined below:

Key Criteria – Weighing	Indicator
Alignment to the Program eligibility criteria – 30%	Application meet the program eligibility criteria of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoning requirement • Scope of works corresponds with the eligible works
Alignment to Program objective – 30%	The application demonstrates how: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed work will improve the local streetscape • Improve capital investment in the town • Future outcomes and targets of the investment will deliver for the business
Delivery of the Program – 30%	The application demonstrates that the project is well-planned and fully scoped with a clear and realistic budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of at most 2 quotes • Schedule of dates including project commencement and completion
Local Procurement - 10%	The application demonstrates a commitment to building local supply chains by contracting local tradies within Moyne where practicable.

Table 1: Application Assessment Criteria for the Business Facade Improvement Program

Applications are then scored as a percentage and a total weighting/ ranking then applied.

Eight applications scored between 75 and 100 per cent and are eligible for the grant funding, with a total funding value of \$23,800 which supports a value of works totalling \$56,033. This results in a Grant to Local Investment ratio of 1:2.3.

One application has been considered as ineligible against the program guidelines.

Attachment one (1) provides a summary list of all eligible applications received and Attachment two (2) provides the assessment matrix including budget allocation for all eligible applications.

Consultation

Applications were open for approximately eight weeks from 12 July 2024 to 16 September 2024. During this time, an active digital promotion was undertaken including electronic direct mails sent to businesses, regular updates in the business newsletter, social media posts, and officers directly contacting property owners in the primary business areas.

Applicants were encouraged to discuss their proposal with Council through the Business Support Service to ensure all potential issues are managed early and all planning

requirements can be met. In this round of the program, the Planning Department implemented a streamlined approach where the statutory planner reviewed all applications after the application period closed.

Financial Implications

The 2024/25 funding recommendation of \$23,800 is within the adopted budget for the program of \$50,000. The remaining \$26,200 can either be returned to general revenue or reallocated as directed by Council.

Risk

Program risk has been controlled through the requirement of all applicants to provide:

- Proof of eligibility;
- Signed consent from building owners (where applicable); and
- Provision of two quotes.

Applications are assessed against advertised eligibility guidelines to ensure a clear, consistent, and transparent process.

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a formal agreement with Council before the commencement of works, and Council will undertake an inspection and acquittal process following completion of the works to enable grant funds to be released.

Conclusion

The 2024/25 Business Façade Improvement Program has again highlighted the importance of this program to provide support for a wide range of applications across the Shire. By awarding the grant to all eligible applications the program will continue to meet its objective of enhancing the local street space and encouraging investment in the town centres.

The Officers involved in reviewing this report, having made enquiries with the relevant members of staff, report that there are no conflicts of interest to be disclosed.

A Gender Impact Assessment was not undertaken. The policy, program or service was deemed to not have a direct and significant impact on the public.

Attachments

Confidential Attachment

Reason for confidentiality - Local Government Act 2020, Section 3 - Council Business Information - Information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. CONFIDENTIAL - Attachment 01 Summary List of all Applications BFI 2024 25 [2.5.1 - 8 pages]2. CONFIDENTIAL - Business Facade Improvement Budget Summary [2.5.2 - 2 pages] |
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3 Councillors' Items

3.1 Mayor and Councillor Activities

Overview: The report provides information to Council in regard to the Councillors' attendance at briefings, forum and other meetings, between 12 November 2024 and 6 December 2024.

Mayor Activities

Date	Location	Meeting / Event
12 November	Port Fairy	Swearing in Ceremony
19 November	Warrnambool	Regional Councillor Induction Session
20 November	Mortlake	Councillor Induction Training
21 November	Koroit	Councillor Induction Training
26 November	Mortlake	Councillor Induction Training Ordinary Council Meeting Mayor and Deputy Media Training
29 November	On-line	Australian Coastal Councils Association AGM
29 November	Port Fairy	Leadership Great South Coast Graduation
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6 December	Melbourne	VLGA Mayor & Deputy Mayor Leadership Program

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3.2 Councillor Notice of Motion

Overview: A Councillor may lodge a notice of motion on any matter the Councillor wants to be considered.

No Councillor Notice of Motion has been received for this meeting Agenda.

3.3 General Matters

Overview: General Matters gives Councillors the opportunity to report on positive and good news items from around the Shire.

3.4 Urgent Business

Overview: A Councillor may raise an urgent matter for consideration at a Council Meeting if the Councillors considers that the matter is extremely urgent and it was not possible for the matter to have been included in the agenda notice for the meeting.

4 CEO Meeting Schedule

Overview: This report provides information to Council in regard to the CEO's meeting schedules between 21 November 2024 and 6 December 2024.

Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	Meeting / Event
22 November	Portland	Liz McKinnon, Director EHM Advisory Mount Gambier SA
27 November	Melbourne	Rail Freight Alliance meeting with Reid Mather
27 November	Melbourne	Roma Britnell Roundtable Re Waterways Safety
27 November	On-line	Meeting with Victoria Planning Association
28 November	On-line	Enabling Act and pro forma briefing – Offshore Wind Energy Victoria (OWEV)
28 November	On-line	Recycling Victoria (RV) Local Government CEOs' Forum
29 November	Port Fairy	Leadership Great South Coast – Graduation Ceremony
3 December	Mailors Flat	Warrnambool Airport Strategy Update Presentation
3 December	Yambuk	Yambuk Hall Committee Meeting
4 December	On-line	Joint State/Local Government Monthly CEO Forum
5 December	On-line	South West Councils ICT Alliance, Joint Venture Governance Committee (SWCICTA JVGC) Monthly Meeting
6 December	Warrnambool	South West Victoria Alliance (SWVA) Board Meeting
6 December	Warrnambool	Food & Fibre + Ben Bennett ADF President
6 December	On-line	Bi-monthly meeting - Regional Director Barwon South West

5 CEO Activities Report

Overview: CEO Activities Report – 17th December 2024

Attachments

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| 1. 2024-12-17 CEO Activities Report [5.1.1 - 38 pages] |
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CEO Activities Report 17th December 2024

For public distribution

Message from the CEO

The Councillor Transition Plan is in full swing, and I'd like to thank each of you for your enthusiastic involvement in the program. Your positive feedback has been appreciated by the team. Any further constructive feedback is always welcomed and will inform future programs.

Councillor representatives are now determined for all the various Council committees across Moyne Shire. The first committee meetings of the new Council term are starting to happen. Council looks forward to the important direct community engagement and feedback these regular forums provide.

Council is still in the process of calling for nominations of community members for some of the committees; you will be kept informed of the status of the committees of which you are a member.

Council will continue advocacy for Moyne priorities through our regional partnerships such as South West Victoria Alliance. This includes supporting the campaign that started last week on the childcare crisis in south west Victoria, calling for Federal Government funding reform and investment in childcare worker training.

Additional recruitment continues for our early years team in preparation for 2025, with the aim of increasing our staffing resources in this vital community service.

Over the coming months our Works teams will continue their focus on road maintenance in the favourable weather conditions. You will see further communications to the community around these works, highlighting Council's efforts to maintain and enhance Moyne Shire's road network. Council will shortly add our road resealing program to Engage Moyne, providing details on the 80+ km of works underway this season.

Summer also means fire season. Council has an important role in emergency management if serious bushfires occur, and we have a well-prepared team of staff who have put their hands up to be on call across the danger period. The roles of Councillors and other senior Council staff are clearly proscribed in the event of emergency.

The holiday season is also a busy time for our caravan park, visitor information centre and outdoor maintenance staff. We're grateful to these teams (including those joining us to support the summer peak) who will work across times that most of us will be relaxing and spending time with family.

Our financial position is in a solid position, albeit efforts to proactively manage several cost headwinds driven by inflation have expanded. To that end, our year end 2024/25 forecast has improved.

Finally, I would like to thank the entire Moyne Shire team for a job well done across 2024. Our staff deserve recognition for their efforts throughout the year, which significantly included a change of CEO and Councillors. Our team make a positive impact every day in delivery of services to the community.

Regards,

Mark Eversteyn

Chief Executive Officer



2 Communications Update

Communications Update

Dates: 16 November to 11 December, 2024

Media Releases Issued:

- New Mayor and Deputy elected
- Councils combine to complete road reseal

Media responses:

- New Mayor and Deputy Elected (Hamilton Spectator, ABC South West, Warrnambool Standard)
- New councillors elected (Western District Newspapers, Warrnambool Standard, Mortlake Dispatch, Terang Express)

Media Monitoring:

There were 63 mentions across print, web and radio for the period, down 10% on the previous period. Topics included new councillors elected, more women on Council than men, opening of Ryans Corner and Hawkesdale wind farms, proposed 37-lot Koroit subdivision, Big Summer Read campaign for libraries, key worker housing, Princes St footpath works, fire restrictions, Mortlake Rose Show, getting fire ready in Moyne.

Website

Top Searches (last 30 Days)	Most Viewed Pages (past 30 Days)
Tenders (11 searches)	Employment (1316 views)
Jobs/careers (7)	Kerbside collection dates (902)
Mayor (5)	Contact us (619)
Budget (5)	Councillors (338)
Local Laws (4)	Advertised planning applications (326)

Social Media

Platform	Fans/Followers	Reach
Facebook	6,982 (+56)	47,900 (+59%)
Instagram	1,812 (+44)	29,600 (+88%)

Top Facebook posts

Post	Impressions	Reactions
Don't put batteries in bins	14,867	11
Cruising into Port Fairy	13,168	117
Port Fairy FNC changeroom upgrade	11,639	52
Little Bo Peep has lost their sheep	9,766	8
Moyne Community Awards	9,169	19

Top Instagram Posts

Post	Reach	Reactions
Congratulations to Mayor and Deputy Mayor	1,837	108
Road surface problems in Port Fairy	1,275	26
Port Fairy FNC changeroom upgrade	943	28
New Councillors sworn in	900	59
Don't put batteries in bins	689	14

3 ASSETS & COMMUNITY

Early Years

Early Years Enrolment Statistics for December 2024:

Service	Enrolments
Chatsworth	18
Hawkesdale	36
Koroit	60
Macarthur	6
Merri	23
Mortlake	38
Nullawarre	9
Port Fairy	164

Total	354
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Community Care

Community Care Statistics for December 2024

Service	November 2023	November 2024	Financial Year to date 23/24	Financial Year to date 24/25
Home care hours	937	951	4,617	4,905
Personal care hours	473	442	2,228	2,495
Respite hours	148	78	1,028	556
Home maintenance hours	424	433	1,096	2,175
* Kilometres travelled	15,789	13,451	70,885	75,625
Travel time in hours	83	56	422	289
Meals delivered	839	761	3,959	3,797

Cultural & Community Development

Pool openings

From Saturday 14th December, all three outdoor pools will be open to the public until mid-March 2025:

Macarthur opened 2/12/24

Mortlake will open 13/12/24

Hawkesdale will open 14/12/24

Mortlake Pool encountered water quality issues and was unable to open on the 7th December as scheduled, however YVic is working hard to rectify the issue. YVic have provided communications via social media pages (Mortlake Outdoor Swimming Pool, Moyne Shire Council & Mortlake Community Noticeboard) concerning the delayed opening, the most recent was Tuesday 10th December. YVic also encouraged the public to attend the Macarthur Pool.

Off season maintenance included installation of whirligigs on plant rooms, grinding and patching concrete pathways to reduce trip hazards, new signage in line with Royal Life Saving Australia Guidelines, guttering repair and cleaning and purchasing of some minor equipment including mirror and eye wash dust covers. Council also undertook a major capital project of re-fiberglassing the pool shells at Hawkesdale.

Arts and Culture Strategy

Council has issued a Request for Quote seeking a professional consultancy to partner with us to complete an audit of Council-owned spaces with potential for creative use, aligning with actions identified in the Arts and Culture Strategy.

Council will be seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from the community to join a newly established Arts and Culture Advisory Group (ACAG). The EOI process will open during the week commencing 16 December and close on 28 February. The ACAG will provide strategic advice and recommendations to support the effective implementation and evaluation of the Moyne Shire Arts and Culture Strategy 2024-2030. Additionally, Council will seek interest from a Councillor representative to join the Advisory Group.

Koroit Theatre

Council has issued a Request for Quote seeking a professional consultancy to partner with us on the development of a Business Case for the Koroit Theatre Memorial Hall, funded by the Tiny Towns Fund. This is in response to Councillor request following a presentation by the committee for sound and lighting upgrade to the theatre.

Community Asset Committees

Moyne Shire Community Asset Committees operate for a period of four years, which align with the term of the Council. These include Koroit Theatre, Victoria Park, Southcombe Park, Mortlake Recreation Reserve and Nirranda District Community Facility. The Committee's manage and maintain these community facilities on behalf of Council.

An updated Instrument of Delegation was provided to Council in a report on 3rd September to review in regard to powers and functions of the committee and CEO power to appoint community member nominations pursuant to section 47(1)(b) of the Local Government Act. This allows for a more efficient process to allow volunteer community members to be appointed sooner to carry out the duties required for asset maintenance and management.

All community member positions were vacated at the commencement of the Caretaker period on Tuesday 17 September 2024, to ensure the Community remains aligned with the evolving objectives and priorities of the Council. Letters were sent to each member thanking them for their service and the process if they wish to renominate. An advertisement process followed the Caretaker period seeking community member applications which ran for just over three weeks. The updated Instrument of Delegation and nomination form was supplied on Council's website and also hard copies available at customer service. The resident user groups of the facility or reserve nominate one representative on this committee also.

All nominations were collated and sent to the CEO for endorsement along with the Updated Instrument of Delegation for each committee. The endorsed community member nominations were sent an email advising of their appointment, the next meeting date and agenda, the appointed Councillor and the need for a Working with Children Check. The appointed community members who will work alongside the licensee representatives include:

Victoria Park

Julie Houlihan (returning)
Sarah Brittian (returning)
Raymond Kaynes

Southcombe Park

Neil Dyson (returning)
Nigel Harper (returning)
Julian Lenehan
Ashley Couzens
Carolyn Rundell

Mortlake Recreation Reserve

Noel McConnell (returning)
Jacinta Wareham (returning)
Robbie Jewell (returning)
Tony Coolahan (returning)
Julia Ogdin-Gubbins (returning)
Greg Howat (returning)
Jade Bourke

Koroit Theatre

Sharon Wohlers (returning)
Anthony Brady (returning)
Natasha Keane O'Donnell (returning)
Catherine Harper (returning)
Edwina Palmer

Nirranda District Community Facility

Colin Haberfield (returning)
William Van De Wouw (returning)
Tracy Gaut (returning)
Rebekah Keogh (returning)
Felicity Delaney (returning)
Sue Blake (returning)
Marcia Carter (returning)
Jodi Probert (returning)
Corey Lambert

Office bearers will be appointed at the first meetings along with issuing and outlining the committee Terms of Reference which will be provided in a handbook. First meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Southcombe Park – Tuesday 10th December at 7:30pm
- Victoria Park – Wednesday 11th December at 6pm
- Mortlake Recreation Reserve – Monday 16th December at 7pm
- Koroit Theatre – Tuesday 17th December at 6:45pm
- Nirranda District Community Facility – Monday 13th January at 7pm

ASSETS & COMMUNITY

Construction, Maintenance and Emergencies

Sealed Road Reseal Program

- Reseal program commenced 11 November 2024
- Patching prior to reseal works complete

Sealed Road Rehabilitation Program

- Childers Cove Road. Construction in progress, 60% completed
- Membreys Road. Construction in progress, 50% completed
- Campbell Street. Road to be sealed WB 16-12-2024
- Intersection works Kirkstall. Works to commence in early 2025
- Allansford-Wangoom Road. Works to commence early 2025

Remote Roads Program

- Line marking on Hamilton-Chatsworth Road and Chatsworth-Bolac Road complete
- Final seal, line marking and tidy up works are now complete
- Project to be finalised by the end of 2024

Unsealed Roads

- Maintenance grading in progress
- Unsealed road re-sheeting program finalised for 2024, remaining works planned to re-commence April 2025

Emergency Management

- Sub-plans of the Municipal Emergency Management Plan are now being updated/developed. The Municipal Fire Management Plan has been endorsed by MEMPC
- Preparedness works are well underway for the fire danger period
- Fire break maintenance has commenced

Open Space

- Slashing of rural roadsides is in progress
- Roadside spraying program in progress
- Township mowing ongoing



Assets & Infrastructure

Asset Management

- Staff are currently progressing a review of Council's Road Register and Road Management Plan. These two documents are required to be adopted by Council within 6 months of the new Council term.

Building Maintenance

- General maintenance - expenditure on various buildings tracking as normal
- Christmas closure for works - Merri Kindergarten - Timber floor resurfacing
- Port Fairy Community Services Centre – External timber staining
- Air Conditioner/Heater replacements completed at Koroit Library, Port Fairy Community House, Port Fairy Library, Chatsworth Kindergarten
- Rodgers Place toilet roof renewal completed
- Fiddlers Green Stage painting and flooring treatment completed
- King George Square Restaurant fixtures and services maintenance undertaken, prior to new tenancy

Bridge Program

- Bridge 098B Hopkins Falls Road – Deck widening ongoing
- Bridge 060B Gipps Street – Telstra works programmed for new year 2025
- Draft Bridge maintenance and redevelopment program for 2025/26 in progress

Project Management Office

East Beach Stage 1

Works continue to schedule at East Beach including:

- Road asphaltting and line-marking of new angle car parks
- Footpaths completed
- New drinking fountain and outdoor shower installed at Bourne Avenue end close to the beach access ramp
- Turf laid for new expanded open space area
- New solar streetlights installed
- Landscaping and planting at Bourne Avenue end of the Precinct



Over the 2024/2025 main Christmas and New Year school holiday period:

- There will be full vehicle access along Hughes Avenue, Beach Street and Bourne Avenue.
- New angle parking will be available for use.
- Access to the beach via the Bourne Avenue ramp will be fully open.
- Current amenities block will be fully available.
- New double bin enclosures and bollards
- It is anticipated that street furniture will also be installed dependent on delivery timeframes. This will include park benches and sun loungers.
- Some site restrictions will be in place which will not impact of access to beach and key areas of the Precinct

Procurement for trades and contractors to undertake the refurbishment of the current amenities block will be finalised prior to Christmas with contractors commencing works late January / early February. Temporary portalo facilities will be provided whilst the amenities are closed.

Shelters and new BBQs are scheduled to be completed by end of February in time for the Port Fairy Folk Festival period.



Campbell Street, James Street and Skate and Play

Main footpath and road works along Campbell Street from Sackville to James Streets will be completed prior to Christmas. The new footpath and Campbell Street will be open for pedestrians and vehicles over the Christmas and New Year period.

The new Belfast car park area will be used a laydown area for materials and the works site hut and be fully fenced and secured with contractors due back on site from the 13 January.

Preliminary civil works for Skate and Play will commence in early to mid-January with main skate and play construction to commence in February. A project update has been provided to Campbell Street residents via a letter mail out and updates to the project page on Engage Moyne are also in place as the project progresses.

VicPark Sport Lighting Koroit

Launch event to be held on the 17 December as a public event.

Koroit Theatre Upgrades

LRCI4 have approved renewal and upgrade works for the Koroit Theatre to a grant allocation of \$180,000. These works will be completed in FY2-24.25.

Port Fairy Football Netball Club Change Rooms

Contractors are progressing well with works on the new Change Rooms for the Port Fairy Football Netball club with foundation pads, retaining wall and structural steel works.



PMO are working with the Caravan Park and contractors on management of works over the busy summer period with traffic management to be put in place on site when material deliveries are scheduled to ensure safety of Park patrons and workers.

Better Boating Victoria – Port Fairy Boat Ramp

A representative from the State Government's Better Boating Victoria department made a site visit to the Port Fairy Boat Ramp and met with Council Port staff, engineers and PMO to discuss the boat ramp concept plans BBV had on hold. Design feedback was provided and it is proposed to undertake community and stakeholder consultation on the project and concept plan in February 2025.



4 CORPORATE & GOVERNANCE SERVICES

Contracts Report



Awarded under delegation

Contract/Quotation No.	Description
MS983	Supply and Deliver 6 x 4 Prime Mover
WQ1175	Nirranda Recreation Reserve Master Plan
WQ1187	Supply 3 disc plough for emergency management

Under evaluation

Contract/Quotation number	Description	Responses
MS986	Supply and Deliver 2 x Tractors	3 submissions
MS989	EOI Lease of Wharf Building Port Fairy	1 submission
MS990	Security Services Moyne Caravan Parks	3 submissions
MS991	Ablution facilities Port Fairy Folk Festival	1 submission
MS992	Supply and Delivery 2 x Loaders Mt Shadwell Quarry	4 submissions
WQ1167	Bicycle Strategy, Koroit, Mortlake and Wangoom	6 submissions
WQ1173	Greenwaste Processing	2 submissions
WQ1177	Mortlake Market Square Master Plan	5 submissions

Currently out of about to be advertised

Contract/Quotation number	Description
WQ1176	Koroit Stormwater Condition Inspection
WQ1178	Development of Council Plan
WQ1179	Supply of pavers Campbell Street
WQ1180	Building works East Beach Toilet Block
WQ1181	Flooring works East Beach Toilet Block
WQ1182	Painting works East Beach Toilet Block
WQ1184	Create Spaces Audit
WQ1185	Koroit Theatre Business Case
WQ1186	Fall Protection Structures Wast Sites

Customer Service

November 2024 customer service interactions with customers:

Touchpoint	2024	2023	Variance
Customer Service Centre Counter enquiry	731	767	-36
Customer Service Call Centre enquiry	1780	915	-135
Calls direct to officer extensions *	879	1038	-159
Digital channels	35	58	-23
Request For Service	570	531	39
Registered Correspondence	1827	2422	-595
After hours phone	67	71	-4
TOTAL ENQUIRY	5889	6802	-913

Note: *Calls direct to officer extensions does not include calls direct to Mobile.

All customer service touchpoints have decreased for November except for a small increase in Request for Service.

Moyne Shire Council was in Care Taker period during November which could have affected customer contact (less media occurred during this time)

5 ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY & PLACE

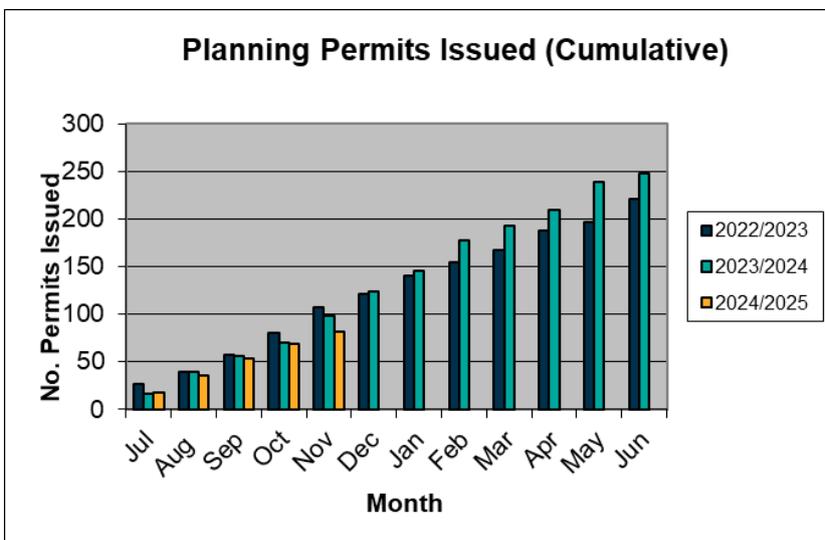
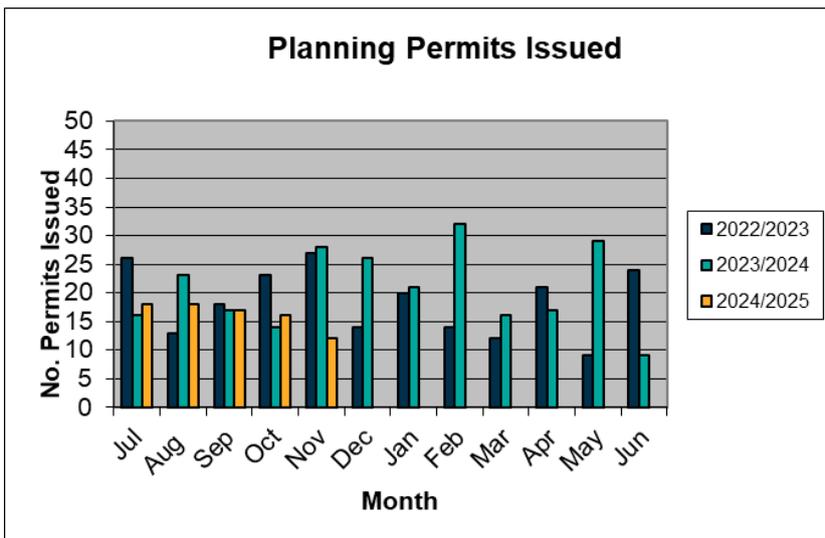
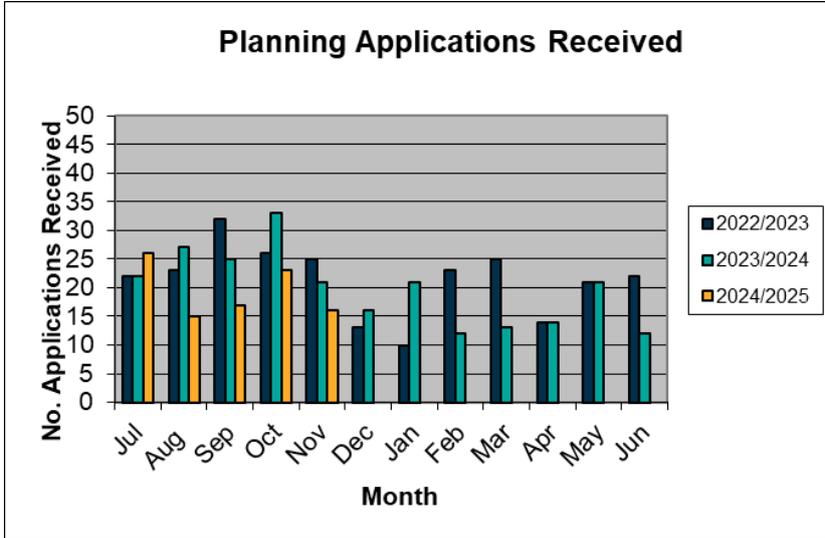
Statutory Planning

Planning Permits – November 2024

The following is a summary listing of the Planning Permits issued:

PLANNING APPROVALS – NOVEMBER 2024								
Development	No of Applications Received				Permits Issued from Applications			
	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Fiscal Year 2024 / 2025	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Fiscal Year 2024 / 2025
Residential Dwellings	3	2	1	68	3	4	3	82
Additions to existing dwellings	1	5	5	59	3	4	2	69
Dual Occupancy / Unit Development	1	1	0	3	1	2	0	4
Outbuildings	2	6	5	70	6	2	1	64
Commercial / Retail	2	1	1	23	0	0	0	18
Industrial	3	0	1	7	0	1	0	4
Public Utilities	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Subdivisions	3	3	1	62	3	2	4	54
Agricultural	0	1	1	12	0	1	1	12
Miscellaneous	2	4	1	29	1	0	1	19
TOTAL	17	23	16	334	17	16	12	329

This table shows applications by land use definition to show trends as to what types of applications are being lodged and issued.



Percentage of Application Finalised within the Statutory timeframe				
Month / Year	New Applications received	Applications Completed	% Decision within Statutory timeframe	Current applications for Permit / Amended Permit
Dec-23	17	26	82%	115
Jan-24	20	24	62%	98
Feb-24	12	32	60%	89
Mar-24	12	16	64%	89
Apr-24	14	19	74%	80
May-24	21	30	71%	79
Jun-24	12	14	57%	77
Jul-24	25	20	72%	90
Aug-24	15	22	68%	86
Sep-24	17	17	76%	86
Oct-24	23	16	75%	84
Nov-24	16	12	92%	85

Strategic Planning

Planning Scheme Amendment C72 Koroit Structure Plan

Council formally submitted Planning Scheme Amendment C72moyn to DTP for review and authorisation. DTP have provided conditional authorisation to proceed with the amendment. Conditions that DTP have issued relate to administrative changes to the structure plan document and the Development Plan Overlay. The Heritage Overlay requires administrative changes and further commentary on several heritage places. The Amendment will be exhibited (advertised), once the authorisation conditions have been satisfied. Council officers have consulted with landowners within the growth area about the preparation of a Development Plan for the area. This will guide future development and ensure subdivisions are designed appropriately given the site constraints.

Moyne Futures Blueprint – Land Use Strategy

The Moyne Futures Blueprint – Land Use Strategy is a whole-of-Shire strategy which will set the direction for land use, growth and development within the municipality for the next 20 years. Council has appointed Insight Planning Consultants to prepare the Strategy. Phase 1 of the project has commenced which includes a literature review, background research, and gap analysis. Initial community engagement has commenced ahead of schedule with the release of an online Community Survey, which is open until 31 January 2025.



Building

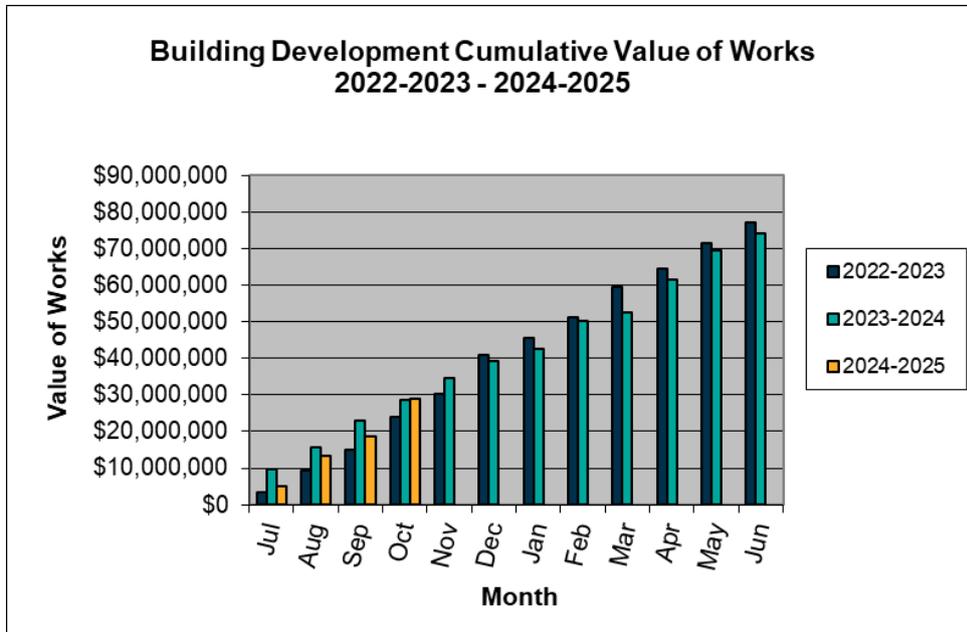
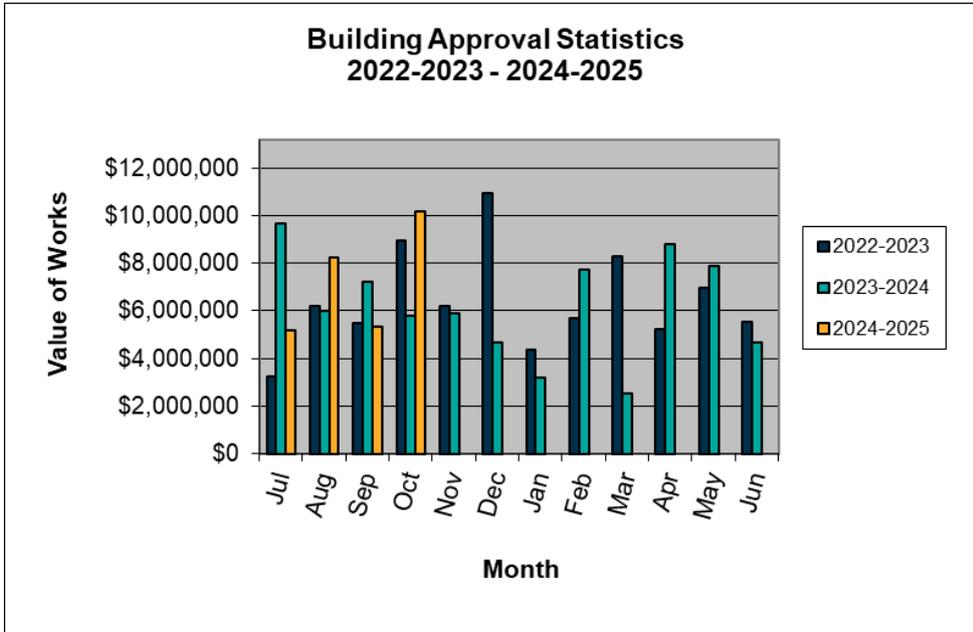
Building Permits – October 2024

The following summary listing of the building permits issued by Council's Building Surveyor and by Private Building Surveyors during October 2024.

BUILDING PERMIT SUMMARY – OCTOBER 2024			
DEVELOPMENT	No.	Value \$	
Residential New	10	\$ 6,431,185	63%
Residential Additions	2	\$ 721,850	7%
Commercial/Industrial	2	\$ 2,178,105	21.5%
Outbuildings	10	\$ 640,061	6.5%
Demolitions	0	\$ 0	0%
Miscellaneous	2	\$ 210,262	2%
Private Building Surveyor	26	\$ 10,181,463	100%
Council Issued Permits	0	\$ 0	0%
TOTAL	26	\$ 10,181,463	

Building Permits – October 2024

The following is graphical representation of accumulated monthly total building development costs.



Environmental Health

Septic Permits to Install / Alter Issue

The following Permits have been issued to either install or alter an On-site Wastewater Management System (OWMS) / Septic system during the month of November 2024:

	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	6	3	6	5
February	12	10	8	2
March	12	16	6	3
April	7	8	4	0
May	9	4	8	3
June	11	7	13	16
July	8	11	7	4
August	3	8	16	3
September	8	8	2	5
October	4	8	7	5
November	9	7	8	3
December	8	12	5	
TOTAL	98	102	90	49

Certificates of Registration

The following Certificates of Registration (i.e. Food, Prescribed Accommodation and Health Premises) have been issued during the month of November 2024:

	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	36	91	114	69
February	6	25	25	45
March	4	13	33	22
April	4	25	15	6
May	4	13	7	4
June	17	7	7	1
July	4	19	5	2
August	9	10	5	3
September	6	3	6	4
October	3	2	6	1
November	0	24	33	35
December	44	21	87	
TOTAL	137	253	343	192



Energy Projects

Attachment

Energy Projects November 2024



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

Energy Projects

Projects pre-construction / under construction / being commissioned

Hawkesdale Wind Farm	GPG	23 turbines – tip height 180 metres – 96.6	
STATUS/ISSUE	WHO	ACTION	UPCOMING
Undergoing commissioning	Minister for Planning	As of 28 November: Reporting on 'Hold Point 2' testing is being prepared for submission to the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) An official opening ceremony was held on 10 December.	Newsletters and endorsed management plans are available via the project website.
CEC	Council	Community representative positions spilled. Vacancies to be advertised.	Next meeting date TBC
Ryan Corner WF – GPG – 56 turbines – Tip Height 180 metres, 224 megawatts			
CEC	Council	Community representative positions spilled. Vacancies to be advertised.	Next meeting date TBC
Undergoing commissioning	Minister for Planning	As of 28 November: 'Hold Point 3' testing (All 51 turbines at a time) is almost completed. An official opening ceremony was held on 10 December.	Newsletters and endorsed management plans are available via the project website.
CEC	Council	Community representative positions spilled. Vacancies to be advertised.	Next meeting date TBC



Woolsthorpe WF – Enerfin – 12 turbines, Tip Height 230 metres, 68 megawatts			
Pre-construction	Minister for Planning	Zenviron has been selected as the lead contractor. Construction is proposed to commence in early 2025.	
CEC	Council	Community representative positions spilled. Vacancies to be advertised.	Next meeting date TBC



Operational projects

ISSUE	WHO	ACTION	UPCOMING
Salt Creek – Tilt Renewables – 15 Turbines, tip height 150 metres, 54 megawatts			
Grey Headed Flying Fox	Council	Monitoring for GHFF and Southern Bent-wing Bat ongoing.	
Dundonnell – Tilt Renewables – 80 turbines, tip height 180 metres, 336 megawatts			
BAM plan monitoring	Council/DEECA	BAMP: Year 1 and 2 annual reports submitted to DEECA. Noise monitoring: Year 2 report placed on the project website.	
CEC	Council	Community representative positions spilled. Vacancies to be advertised.	Next meeting date TBC
Mortons Lane Wind Farm – 13 turbines, tip height 150 metres, 63 megawatts			
	Council		
Yambuk and Codrington Wind Farms– 13 turbines, tip height 150 metres, 63 megawatts			
	Council and Dept of Transport and Planning		
Macarthur – AGL – 140 turbines, tip height 140 metres, 420 megawatts			
	Minister for Planning		
Mortlake South WF – Acciona – 35 turbines, tip height 185 metres, 150 megawatts			
	Minister for Planning	The wind farm is operational and commissioned.	
CEC	Council	Community representative positions spilled. Vacancies to be advertised.	Next meeting TBC



Proposed Projects – Current Status/Issues

ISSUE/STATUS	WHO	ACTION	UPCOMING
Willatook – Wind Prospect – Up to 59 turbines, Tip Height 250 metres			
EES & Planning Permit	Minister for Planning	Panel report and Minister’s assessment received. The report and assessment required the applicant to provide more information to satisfy Ministerial issues raised.	
CEC	Council	Community representative positions spilled. Vacancies to be advertised.	Next meeting TBC
Mt Fyans – Woolnorth – Up to 81 turbines, Tip Height 200 metres			
Planning Permit application lodged	Minister for Planning	Planning Panels Victoria’s Panel Report: https://www.planningpanels.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0029/700895/Mt-Fyans-Wind-Energy-Facility-Panel-Report-1.pdf Submitters have been invited to consider further information from the applicant.	
CEC	Council	Community representative positions spilled. Vacancies to be advertised.	Next meeting TBC
Hexham - Wind Prospect – Up to 109 turbines, Proposed Tip Height of 250 metres (proposed location is between 4-5kms from the Caramut, Hexham and Ellerslie townships)			
Undertaking an Environment Effects Statement (EES)	Minister for Planning	EES Scoping Requirements released. Technical Reference Group meetings ongoing.	
CEC	Council	Community representative positions spilled. Vacancies to be advertised.	Next meeting TBC



Darlington – GPG – up to 45 turbines			
Undertaking an EES	Minister for Planning	EES Scoping Requirements released. Technical Reference Group meetings ongoing.	
Bushy Creek Wind Farm - NewEn			
Feasibility	Minister for Planning	Wind farm proposed in Southern Grampians Shire, adjacent to Moyne Shire.	Analysing potential transmission routes.
Swansons Lane Wind Farm – 3 turbines in Moyne, 3 in Corangamite			
Planning Permit application	Minister for Planning	Application with DTP, at the further information request stage. Cultural Heritage Management plan being prepared.	
Southern Ocean Offshore Wind Zone: Proposed Spinifex Offshore Wind Farm (Proponents – Alinta and JERA Nex-Parkwind)			
Provisional Feasibility licence granted by the Federal Government	Federal (DCCEEW) and State (DEECA) governments	The proponent is currently monitoring marine mammal activity via baseline surveys which will take 2-3 years. October 2024 project update: https://www.spinifexoffshore.com.au/content/dam/spinifex/site-resources/project-updates-pdf-files/Spinifex%20Update%20-%20October%202024.pdf	



Other Energy Projects

ISSUE	WHO	ACTION	UPCOMING
CO2CRC- carbon sequestration plant			
CO2CRC International Test Centre, Nirranda South	CO2CRC	https://co2crc.com.au/research/otway-international-test-centre/	Next Community Reference Group meeting date TBC.
Wave Energy Research Project			
<i>Controlling Coastlines while Generating Power</i> Research Project	Swinburne University, UNSW, Flinders University, Port of Geraldton	Council has partnered with Swinburne University for a 3 year research project using Port Fairy's East Beach and the Port of Geraldton as case studies, to explore the use of wave energy converters to absorb and reflect wave energy that damages vulnerable coastlines.	The research project will conclude, and a final report released in 2023.
Recent submissions / reports / consultations			
VicGrid draft Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines and study area map	VicGrid	Submission lodged focusing on cumulative impact of energy projects in Moyne, and agricultural land use. https://www.moyne.vic.gov.au/Your-council/Advocacy/Council-submissions	A Feedback report following consultation on the 2024 Victorian Transmission Plan Guidelines and renewable energy zone (REZ) study area map will be published on the Engage Vic webpage in late 2024.
VicGrid draft Community Benefits Program	VicGrid	Submission lodged.	
Mt Fyans Wind Farm – submission on further information	Minister for Planning	Submission lodged.	



Projects located within the Mortlake Gas Fired Power Station / Mortlake Terminal Station site

ITEM/PROJECT	SUMMARY	STATUS
<p>Mortlake Turn-In Project (AusNet)</p>	<p>Currently, two existing 500kV transmission lines run past the Mortlake Terminal Station, but only one connects into the Station. This project will connect the second line to the Station by upgrading existing equipment. The project will reduce generation constraints and improve grid stability. The project is located on the northern side of the Mortlake Terminal Station.</p>	<p>Civil works have been completed including the construction of foundation strengthening pads, temporary access tracks, line stringing pads, swale drain works and bench expansion, footings and foundations. Line works to commence in early 2025, which will take approximately 1 month.</p>
<p>Mortlake BESS (Origin)</p>	<p>Construction of a 300mW 2-hour Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on the site of the Mortlake Gas Fired Power Station and the Mortlake Terminal Station. Includes a new substation being constructed by AusNet. Permit issued by the Minister for Planning.</p>	<p>Civil construction works are ongoing. Concrete pours underway during late November/early December.</p>



Other existing and proposed projects

ITEM/PROJECT	SUMMARY	STATUS
Blue Gums Substation (Tilt Renewables)	The existing Blue Gums Substation is located on land owned by Tilt Renewables, directly adjacent to the eastern boundary of the Mortlake Gas Fired Power Station and Mortlake Terminal Station site. It connects the Dundonnell Wind Farm transmission line to the 500kV transmission line.	Operating
Mortlake Energy Hub – Solar and Battery (Bright Night Power)	A 360MW Solar Farm and 600MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to be constructed on a site approximately 7kms west of Mortlake on the northern side of Connewarren Lane. The applicant is URBIS Pty Ltd on behalf of Bright Night Power.	Permit issued by the Minister for Planning 12 September 2024. The permit will expire if the project is not commenced within four years.
Yangery Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (South Energy)	Located on a 23 hectare site adjacent to Moyne Shire in Yangery, the project would have a storage capacity of approximately 120 megawatts (MW) and 480 megawatt-hours (MWh). Yangery Battery Energy Storage System (yangerybess.com.au)	



Tarrone Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (GPG)	Located on a 7 hectare site, west of Tarrone North Road and adjacent to the existing Tarrone Terminal Station, the project would have a storage capacity of 200MW / 400MWH. globalpower-generation.com.au	Lodgment of application to the Minister for Planning is imminent.
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Resource Recovery & Waste Management



The detailed **information** below regarding Christmas Day public holiday waste service changes, the additional recycling bin collection on the week of 30/12 – 3/01 and transfer station public holiday closure dates – **will be available to our community via -**

Electronic channels; Council’s social media platforms, customer service centre display screens and the much-used website search ‘Which bin, which day’

Print media; Council public notices in The Standard and posters displayed throughout the Shire at early childhood centres, general stores, post offices and supermarkets for the non-digital demographic.

Christmas Day | Waste collection changes – Messages to the community

There will be no waste collection on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th. Bins normally collected on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week will be delayed by one day.

Check your collection days on the printed ‘2024/25 Kerbside Collection Calendar’ or at ‘Which bin, which day’ on Council’s website moyné.vic.gov.au for your collection days

Refer to adjusted waste collection days below for details.

Bins must be placed out for collection on the ‘evening prior’ to the following collection days:

23 – 28 DECEMBER 2024

Monday 23/12/24 – NORMAL COLLECTION SERVICE

Tuesday 24/12/24 – NORMAL COLLECTION SERVICE

Wednesday 25/12/24 – NO COLLECTION, Christmas Day public holiday

Thursday 26/12/23 – Koroit, Southern Cross, Woolsthorpe, Winslow, Mailors Flat, Illowa, Yarpturk, Woodford



Friday 27/12/24 – Mortlake, Ellerslie, Hexham, Caramut, Chatsworth, Woorndoo, Framlingham, Wangoom, Grassmere, Purnim, Minjah

Saturday 28/12/24 – Allansford, Naringal, Ayrford, Nirranda East, Nirranda South, Peterborough, Nirranda, Nullawarre, Mepunga East, Mepunga West, Cudgee, Panmure, Garvoc, Laang

The '2024/25 Kerbside Collection Calendar and Guide' were delivered to each household mid-2024, if you did not receive a Calendar – visit the 'Waste and recycling' on Council's website to check your collection days by using the search function 'Which Bin, Which Day' or call 1300 656 564

Extra Recycling Collection | Week of 30 December 2024 – 3 January 2025 –

To help manage extra recyclables over the busy holiday season, an additional kerbside collection of yellow Recycling bins is being provided this week (30/12/2024 – 3/01/2025).

On your collection day this week you can put out your yellow Recycling bin, green FOGO and red Landfill bins.

Check your collection days on your printed '2024/25 Kerbside Collection Calendar' or at 'Which bin, which day' on Council's website moyne.vic.gov.au

Transfer Station closures –

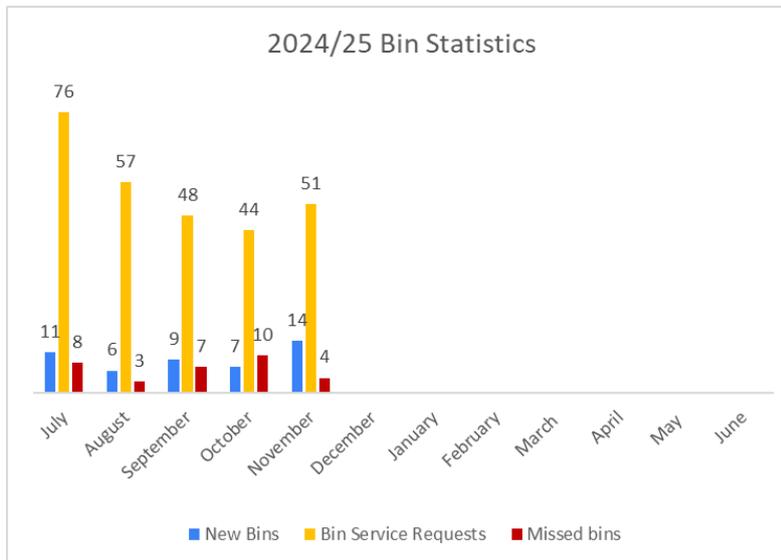
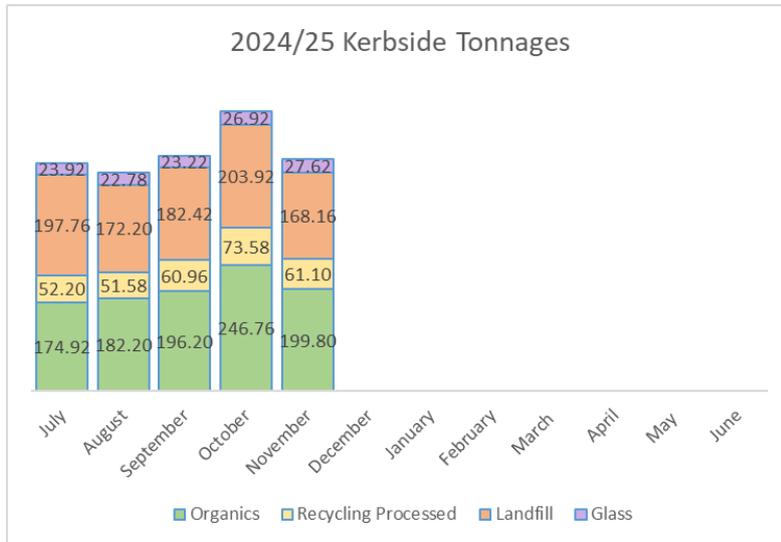
Please note Moyne Shire Transfer Stations will be closed on –

Christmas Day – Wednesday, 25 December 2024

Boxing Day – Thursday, 26 December 2024 and

New Year's Day – Wednesday, 1 January 2025

For more information about Council's Transfer Station, visit 'Waste facilities (tips)' on the website 'moyne.vic.gov.au'



Transfer Stations 2024/25	November	Total	November	Total	November	Total	November	Total
Caramut	0.00	0.70	0.00	1.02	3.18	9.80	17.50	19
Hawkesdale	0.00	1.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2
Killarney	0.00	5.91	7.36	18.48	38.94	221.68	378.51	1378
Macarthur	0.00	0.00	1.12	2.14	0.00	10.58	11.75	22
Mortlake	0.00	3.04	1.50	8.34	8.06	64.94	46.75	150
Peterborough	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.80	6.92	37.94	20.75	61
Woolsthorpe	0.00	1.88	0.00	3.40	2.92	17.08	n/a	n/a
Woorndoo	0.00	0.85	0.00	0.86	0.00	1.90	n/a	n/a
Totals	0.00	13.63	9.98	38.04	60.02	363.92	475.26	1632



Economy & Tourism

Work and Play Update

So far, 13 seasonal workers have moved into Southcombe Lodge, where they will stay until 25 January 2025. The workers are employed at more than seven local hospitality businesses, many of them working two jobs this summer. Feedback from the business owners have been extremely positive, and they are highly appreciative of this program which has helped them secure seasonal staff.

Love Local

Late night shopping

This year's late-night shopping event was a success, drawing people to Port Fairy's central shopping precinct to enjoy an evening of activities and entertainment. The Village Green was a hub of activity, featuring live music that created a lively atmosphere. The sunny weather played a big part in encouraging people to come out and take part in the festivities, adding to the overall positive energy of the evening.

Feedback from local retailers has been positive, with many reporting increased foot traffic and sales throughout the evening. To gain insights and refine the event for the future, a survey has been distributed to participating businesses. The feedback collected will be compiled which will help guide planning and improvements for next year's event.

Secret Star

The Secret Star campaign has officially begun! This Christmas activation is designed to create awareness around the Love Local brand and encourage community engagement.

Each day for the two weeks leading up to Christmas, a hidden star will be placed somewhere within the shire. A clue to its location will be posted daily on the Love Local Facebook page, inviting residents and visitors to join in the fun and search for the star.

The campaign highlights local businesses, with a daily prize of a gift voucher from a local business. This initiative aims to promote shopping locally during the festive season.

Visitor Information Centre

The Visitor Information Centre has had a strong start to the financial year, with retail sales currently \$2,000 ahead of the same period last year. Visitor numbers have also shown significant growth, with 2,200 more people coming through the doors compared to this time last year.

To celebrate International Volunteers Day, we treated our highly valued volunteers to a tour and lunch at Suffoir Winery. It was a fantastic way to spend time together outside of the Visitor Information Centre while also learning more about Suffoir.



Caravan Parks

All parks combined

November 2023	November 2024
Guests: 3532	Guests: 3639
Sites used: 4492	Sites used: 4827

Caravan park guest numbers were slightly up compared to same time last year which is pleasing. We have been fortunate this year with relatively consistent weather conditions attracting last minute campers that wish to get away.

5 of 6 of our caravan parks are booked out for the traditional holiday break period from boxing day up till the third week in January which is another terrific effort by our parks staff and team.

- **Update of Videography & photography** completed in all six parks end of November, to better showcase the parks updated facilities, accommodation options and accessibility to be utilised in updating the websites and marketing campaigns. The footage will also showcase local product and activities on offer to visitors to the region.
- **Work and Play** lodge accommodation workers over summer for local business have arrived and settled in well.

Port of Port Fairy

The Port Fairy yacht club was the location for the last Southwest Local Ports Forum held on 5 December 2024.

Department of Transport and Planning officers organised an agenda for the forum. It provides an opportunity to workshop ideas and different issues arising from the port.

Many guest speakers are invited and this last forum had speakers from Ag Vic which talked about the work they do monitoring marine pests in Victorian ports and how they best mitigate the spreading of such pests.

The other guest speaker was the Harbour Master from the commercial Port of Portland whose topics of discussion based on safety in ports and best practice for mitigation/elimination.

The port has also been busy with dredge operations creating a safe waterway for the busy summer period.

Lastly the port has been given another \$62,000 (project funding) from DTP for the continuation of our pile wrapping project.

Events

Moyneyana Festival 24 December 2024 to 16 January 2025

The ever-popular Moyneyana Festival has finalised its program with plenty of activities for all to enjoy over the summer, including the unique NYE parade along with 2 firework shows. Continuing to extend and develop the event this year the program is starting with Christmas eve carols and craft and finishing with a closing party on the 16 January 2025. The committee has worked hard to upgrade the Christmas Decoration on the Fiddlers Green along with new roundabout decorations. For the full program please see below or on facebook [\(1\) Facebook](#)

PROGRAM

TUES 24 DEC
CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS AND CRAFT
 5PM - 7PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN
 Clinton Baulch MOTOR GROUP WARRNAMBOOL

FRI 27 DEC
LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS
 10AM - 12PM
 2PM - 4PM
 GLYPH GALLERY STUDIO, 38 BANK ST PORT FAIRY
LIVE MUSIC - EVIE MAE
 3PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN
 VICTORIA HOTEL

SAT 28 DEC
COMMUNITY HOUSE MARKET
 9AM - 2PM
 RAILWAY PLACE
INFLATABLE FUN
 10AM - 4PM
 BANK STREET

SUN 29 DEC
MOVIE MARATHON
 5PM - 10PM
 BANK STREET
 IF 4PM
 WONKA 4PM
 BEETLEJUICE 4PM

MON 30 DEC
NYE BIKE DECORATING DAY
 10AM - 2PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN
 TEXTILES

TUES 31 DEC
THE STUMP HOTEL
Nye Countdown Carnival
NYE PARADE
 7PM
 MAIN STREET
GOOD FACES 4 RADIO
 9PM - MIDNIGHT
 FIDDLERS GREEN
FIREWORKS
 9:30PM & MIDNIGHT
 RAILWAY PLACE

WED 1 JAN
PORT FAIRY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BANK
New Years Day
SANDCASTLE COMPETITION
 11AM
 EAST BEACH
NEW YEARS DAY DUCK DERBY
 1PM - 3PM
 EAST BEACH
COMMUNITY HOUSE NYD MARKET
 9AM - 2PM
 RAILWAY PLACE
 Bendigo Bank

THURS 2 DEC
MINI EXPLORERS SENSORY PLAY
 11AM - 1PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN
GIANT GAMES
 11AM - 1PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN

FRI 3 JAN
KIDS MUSIC WORKSHOP
 with Scott and Dani Stearman
 11AM - 2PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN
CORNHOLE BAG TOSS
 3PM - 5PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN
PORT FAIRY BASALT BASH
 4PM - 6PM
 SOUTHCOMBE PARK
 Clinton Baulch MOTOR GROUP WARRNAMBOOL

SAT 4 JAN
INDIGENOUS ART WORKSHOP BY EMMA STENHOUSE
 10AM - 12PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN
COMMUNITY HOUSE MARKET
 9AM - 2PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN

SUN 5 JAN
EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY
 11AM - 1PM
 RAILWAY PLACE
SWIFTE SING - ALONG
 3PM - 6PM
 RAILWAY GOODS SHED
 METALPRO

MON 6 JAN
PAWS DAY
 10:30AM - 1PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN

TUES 7 JAN
MENS SHED TOY WORKSHOP
 10AM - 2PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN

WED 8 JAN
CORNHOLE BAG TOSS
 11AM - 2PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN
COZY CINEMA
 4PM - 6PM
 RAILWAY GOODS SHED

THURS 9 JAN
BUTTON BONANZA
 10AM - 12PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN
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FRI 10 JAN
WICKED WILDLIFE
 10AM - 2PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN
YOUTH OPEN MIC NIGHT
 5PM - ONWARDS
 FIDDLERS GREEN

SAT 11 JAN
INDIGENOUS ART WORKSHOP BY EMMA STENHOUSE
 10AM - 12PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN
COMMUNITY HOUSE MARKET
 9AM - 2PM
 RAILWAY PLACE
FISHING CLINIC
 9AM - 12PM
 PORT FAIRY WHARF

SUN 12 JAN
POI TWIRLING
 11AM - 12PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN
SOUTH WEST STREET RODDERS SHOW AND SHINE
 10AM - 1PM
 SOUTHCOMBE PARK SPORTING COMPLEX

MON 13 JAN
CREATIVE CLAY
 11AM - 1PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN

TUES 14 JAN
COMMUNITY SPORTS JAM
 FIDDLERS GREEN
 5 - 10 YEARS OLD 10AM - 11AM
 10 YEARS OLD + 11AM - 12PM

WED 15 JAN
LETS GET GROWING
 10AM - 12PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN

THURS 16 JAN
MOYNEYANA FESTIVAL CLOSING PARTY
 5PM - 7PM
 FIDDLERS GREEN

Orford Vintage Rally 17 –19 January 2025

Enjoy a day out in a beautiful bush setting in Orford with a Blacksmith, Vintage trucks, cars, stationary engines and the Vintage tractor pull. With food & drinks available this is a great family event.



Koroit Truck Show 25 January 2025

Located at Vitoria Park Koroit the Koroit Truck Show has plenty for everyone, priding itself on a family event. Highlights from the day will include a large truck display, a car and bike show, a wood chop, truckie 50m sprint, live music, kids' entertainment and Factory MFX motorbike demo. For more information please see the Koroit Truck Show Facebook page

[\(1\) Koroit Truck Show | Facebook](#)

6 Confidential Items

Overview: Under section 3 of the Act, the council may consider report items in closed business if they contain certain information which is defined to be confidential information because premature or improper release may cause harm to the Council or to a person or persons.

Confidential Information remains confidential unless it can lawfully be released and the Council has determined that it should be publicly available.

The following is a list of confidential Items:

- 6.1 Cleaning Services Extension MS914

7 Close Meeting

