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Mansfield Shire

MINUTES

Council Meeting

Tuesday 30 June 2026

Our aspiration for our Shire and its community

We live, work and play in an inclusive, dynamic and prosperous place where community spirit is strong and people are empowered to engage in issues that affect their lives.

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1. Opening of the meeting

Councillor Steve Rabie opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

2. Present

- Councillor Rabie
- Councillor Tehan
- Councillor Clark
- Councillor Berenyi

In Attendance:

Chief Executive Officer:

General Manager Investment & Planning:

Executive Manager Development & Customer Service:

Coordinator Governance & Risk:

Senior Coordinator Waste & Environment:

Project Officer Waste Infrastructure:

Financial Controller:

Coordinator Financial Planning and Analysis:

Strategic Property Program Manager:

Project Officer:

Acting Manager Engineering Services:

Manager Capital Works & Operations:

Kirsten Alexander

Melissa Crane

Maya Balvonova

Chelsea Daly

James Alcaniz

Tori Fair

Michael McCormack

Joanne O'Brian

Renee Archibald

Asher Lloyd

Fabian Rukshan

Greg Aldridge

3. Apologies

Councillor Mandy Treasure

4. Statement of commitment

Councillor Steve Rabie read Council's Statement and called on each Councillor to confirm their commitment:

"As Councillors of Mansfield Shire we are committed to ensuring our behaviour meets the standards set by the Model Code of Conduct. We will, at all times, faithfully represent and uphold the trust placed in us by the community."

5. Acknowledgement of Country

Councillor James Tehan recited Council's Acknowledgement of Country:

"Our meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Taungurung people. We wish to acknowledge them as the traditional custodians and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to all members of our community."

6. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

7. Confirmation of minutes

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

THAT the Minutes of the Mansfield Shire Council meeting held on 19 May 2026 be confirmed as an accurate record.

CARRIED

8. Representations

13.2.2. High Street Service Lane - Proposed Closure

- Will Twycross
- Kym Lynch
- Tony Tehan

13.2.3. Gravel Cycling Routes

- Kym Lynch

9. Notices of motion

Nil

10. Mayor's report

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

THAT COUNCIL receive the Mayor's report for the period 20 May 2026 to 24 June 2026.

CARRIED

11. Reports from council appointed representatives

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor James Tehan:

THAT COUNCIL note the verbal reports provided by Councillors in relation to their representation on internal and external Committees.

CARRIED

12. Public question time

Nil

13. Officer reports

13.1. Chief Executive Officer's report

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's report for the period 1 May 2026 to 31 May 2026.

CARRIED

13.2. Investment and Planning

13.2.1. Container Deposit Scheme Public Bin MOU and Advocacy Position on Scheme Expansion

Councillor Tim Berenyi/Councillor James Tehan:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the proposed installation of up to 38 new CDS public bins in public areas across Mansfield Shire with a high volume of visitor or community pedestrian traffic as part of the project, supported by a \$4,000 grant from VicReturn.
2. Endorses the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Green Community Containers Mansfield for collection of containers from the new public bins.
3. Authorises the CEO to undertake any required administrative amendments prior to execution of the MOU agreement.
4. Approves an advocacy position in relation to strengthening of the Container Refund Scheme for expansion of the scheme and increase in the refund amount to a minimum of 20c.
5. Authorises the CEO and Mayor to advocate for and communicate this position statement.

CARRIED

13.2.2. High Street Service Lane - Proposed Closure

Councillor Tim Berenyi/Councillor Bonnie Clark:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Closes the High St service road to through traffic at the Apollo Street end.
2. Seek approval from the Department of Transport and Planning to undertake the closure.
3. Undertake the necessary works to close this through road.
4. Amend the Register of Public Roads to reflect the change in the status of this service road.

Councilor James Tehan proposed an amendment to the recommendation that was accepted by the mover and seconder.

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Closes the High St service road to through traffic at the Apollo Street end.
2. Seek approval from the Department of Transport and Planning to undertake the closure.
3. Undertake the necessary works to close this through road.
4. Amend the Register of Public Roads to reflect the change in the status of this service road.
5. Advocate through the Department of Transport and Planning to add a left hand turning lane into Station Street from High Street.

CARRIED

13.2.3. Gravel Cycling Routes

Councillor James Tehan:

THAT COUNCIL not endorse the Mansfield Gravel Cycling Route Network.

LAPSED

Councillor Tim Berenyi/Councillor Bonnie Clark:

THAT COUNCIL

1. Endorse the Mansfield Gravel Cycling Route Network consisting of:
 - Mansfield – Goughs Bay Picnic Point;
 - Merrijig – Two Rivers Loop; and
 - Mt Samaria Loop.
2. Endorse the implementation of the associated safety improvements, educational resources and rider etiquette initiatives outlined in this report.
3. Note that Council officers will undertake monitoring and review of the promoted route network, including consideration of community feedback, usage data and any identified safety concerns.

CARRIED

Question from Councillor James Tehan taken on Notice: Can the Mayor second a motion?

Council response: Council's Governance Rules do not exclude the Mayor from seconding a motion.

13.2.4. Sporting Wall of Fame

Councillor James Tehan/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note the results of the community engagement undertaken for the Mansfield Sporting Wall of Fame Mural project and endorse the final selection of athletes being the following:
 - Catherine Skinner
 - Will Purcell
 - Max Fricke
 - Alex “Chumpy” Pullin
 - Simon Gerrans
 - Hayley Wilson
 - Domingo “Mingo” Diaz
 - Anton Grimus
 - Michael Walker
 - Hayden Fletcher
 - Sophia Hill
 - Josh Fraser
2. Endorse Council officers working with the Arts Collaboration Forum and local sporting representatives to assist with artist selection and development of the mural concept; and
3. Receive a further report on the preferred mural design and proposed project budget prior to final implementation.

CARRIED

13.3. Development & Customer Service

13.3.1. Creation of Road – Erril Street

Councillor Tim Berenyi/Councillor Bonnie Clark:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves the commencement of the process to formalise and regularise Erril Street as a road reserve, being Lots 1 and 2 on PS311621H and Lot 1 on PS331405B, Mansfield.
2. Endorses the preparation and lodgement of two Section 35 Plans of Subdivision to facilitate the formalisation of the road and vesting of the land as road reserve.
3. Notes that this approach is supported by Goulburn Valley Water as the preferred option and is required to enable final progression of the Bowls Club land transaction at 35–37 Ailsa Street.
4. Notes that Erril Street is already constructed and included in Council's Register of Public Roads, with this process representing an administrative formalisation of existing arrangements rather than the creation of new infrastructure.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute all required documentation and to take any necessary actions to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

13.4. Capital Works and Operations

13.4.1. Tracks and Trails Strategy 2026-2046

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Adopts the Mansfield Shire Tracks and Trails Strategy 2026–2046.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor editorial corrections required to the Mansfield Shire Tracks and Trails Strategy 2026–2046.

CARRIED

13.5. Community Health and Wellbeing

13.5.1. Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Endorse the Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy 2026; and
2. Note the updated Child Safe Reportable Conduct Procedure 2026.

CARRIED

13.6. Executive Services

13.6.1. Revenue and Rating Plan

Councillor James Tehan/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

THAT COUNCIL adopt the Revised Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-29.

CARRIED

13.6.2. 2026-27 Budget

Councillor James Tehan/Councillor Bonnie Clark:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Having considered all submissions received on the Proposed Budget 2026-27, adopts the Budget 2026-27 including the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the financial year ending 30 June 2027.
2. Formally declares and sets the following rates and charges for the 2026-27 rating year:

General Rates

- a. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 161 of the *Local Government Act 1989* the following differential rates be declared for the 2026-27 financial year:
 - A general rate of 0.1716 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value for all rateable residential properties.
 - A general rate of 0.2709 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value for all rateable commercial properties.
 - A general rate of 0.3429 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value for all rateable vacant land.
 - A general rate of 0.1475 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value for all rateable rural residential properties.
 - A general rate of 0.1046 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value for all rateable farmland properties.
- b. Recorded that it believes each differential rate will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of Council functions. Details of the objectives of each differential rate, the types of classes of land which are subject to each differential rate and the uses of each differential rate are set out in the Revised Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-29 and shown at item 4.1.1 of the Budget 2026-27.
- c. In accordance with the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963*, the cultural and recreational charge, in lieu of rates in respect of the 2026-27 financial year, be applied to all land to which the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963* applies.

Municipal Charge

- d. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 159 of the Local Government Act 1989, a municipal charge be declared in respect of the 2026-27 financial year.
- e. The municipal charge be declared for the purpose of covering some of the administrative costs to Council.
- f. The municipal charge in the sum of \$362 for each rateable land (or part) in respect of which a municipal charge may be levied is declared in respect of the 2026-27 financial year.
- g. It be confirmed that the municipal charge is declared in respect of all rateable land within the municipal district of which a municipal charge may be levied.

Annual Service Charge

- h. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 162 of the Local Government Act 1989 an annual service charge relating to waste management be declared for the 2026-27 financial year for each rateable property to remain unchanged as follows:
 - Kerbside rubbish collection 80 litre bin \$163.70
 - Kerbside rubbish collection 120 litre bin \$245.55
 - Kerbside rubbish collection 240 litre bin \$491.10
 - Kerbside recycling collection 240 litre bin \$131.70

- Kerbside recycling collection 240 litre additional bin \$131.70
 - Kerbisde FOGO collection 240 litre bin \$102.00
 - Community Waste \$76.70
- i. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 221 of the Local Government Act 1989 an annual service charge relating to waste management be declared for the 2026-27 financial year for each non-rateable property to be the same as for a rateable property.
3. Declares that rates are due and payable in four (4) instalments:
- First Instalment: 30 September
 - Second instalment: 30 November
 - Third instalment: 28 February
 - Fourth instalment: 31 May
4. Thanks all submitters for their participation in the budget development process.

CARRIED

13.6.3. Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) Levy Payment

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

THAT COUNCIL authorises the Chief Executive Officer to pay the Q3 \$696,451.94 and Q4 \$843,675.78 Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund for a total amount of \$1,540,127.72 (ex GST).

CARRIED

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

THAT COUNCIL adjourn the Council Meeting for 3 minutes.

CARRIED

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

THAT COUNCIL resume the Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Council re-opened the meeting at 6:50 pm.

13.6.4. LG Community Satisfaction Survey 2026

Councillor Tim Berenyi/Councillor James Tehan:

THAT COUNCIL receives and notes the 2026 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey report.

CARRIED

13.6.5. Public Interest Disclosures Policy

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

THAT COUNCIL endorsed the Public Interest Disclosures Policy 2026.

CARRIED

13.6.6. Municipal Boundary Re-Alignment Request: 2946 Mansfield-Whitfield Road, Tolmie

Councillor James Tehan/Councillor Bonnie Clark:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approve and support the proposed municipal boundary realignment.
2. Give public notice of the proposed municipal boundary realignment.
3. Endorse the Chief Executive Officer to write, in collaboration with the Rural City of Wangaratta, to the Minister for Local Government advising of Council's support for the proposed municipal boundary realignment in accordance with section 238(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

CARRIED

13.6.7. Audit and Risk Committee Charter

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

THAT COUNCIL endorse the Audit and Risk Committee Charter 2026.

CARRIED

14. Council Meeting Resolution Actions Status Register

Councillor Tim Berenyi/Councillor James Tehan:

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the Mansfield Shire Council Meeting Resolution Actions Status Register as at 22 June 2026.

CARRIED

15. Advisory and Special Committee reports

15.1. Audit & Risk Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Councillor Tim Berenyi/Councillor James Tehan:

THAT COUNCIL receive the Agenda & Minutes of the Mansfield Shire Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 25 May 2026.

CARRIED

16. Authorisation of sealing of documents

Nil

17. Closure of meeting to members of the public

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

THAT COUNCIL close the meeting to members of the public under Section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider Confidential Reports in accordance with section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 for reasons defined in section 18 below.

CARRIED

The Council Meeting was closed to the public at 6:57 pm.

18. Confidential Reports

18.1. Contract Award: Landfill Disposal

Councillor Tim Berenyi/Councillor Bonnie Clark:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes that the contract with Shepparton City Council for Landfill Disposal has been terminated by agreement.
2. Awards a schedule of rates contract for CM2223.026 Landfill Disposal to Benalla Rural City with a rate per tonne of \$172.00 and an estimated total contract amount of \$647,689 (ex GST) for the contract term of 3-years plus a further 3-year option, making a total 6-year potential contract term.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract.
4. Makes this resolution public by including it within the public minutes of the Council meeting.

CARRIED

19. Reopen meeting to members of the public

Councillor James Tehan/Councillor Bonnie Clark:

THAT COUNCIL reopen the meeting to the public and resume transmission and this resolution be made public.

CARRIED

Council re-opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

20. Close of meeting

The Council Meeting Agenda - 30 June 2026 was closed at 7:12 pm.

CONFIRMED this **twenty first** day of **July 2026**



Mayor