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Mansfield Shire

Council Meeting

Tuesday 18 August 2026 5:00 pm
Mansfield Shire Council Chamber

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Commencing at 5pm

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.

Councillors

Cr Steve Rabie (Mayor)
Cr James Tehan (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Mandy Treasure
Cr Bonnie Clark
Cr Tim Berenyi

Officers

Kirsten Alexander, Chief Executive Officer
Melissa Crane, General Manager Investment & Planning
Janique Snyder, Executive Manager Community Health & Wellbeing
Justin Hotton, Executive Manager Capital Works & Operations
Maya Balvonova, Executive Manager Development & Customer Service

Order of Business

1. Opening of the meeting

The Mayor, who chairs the meeting, will formally open the meeting and welcome all present.

2. Present

Where a meeting is held virtually, Councillors will confirm that they can see and hear each other.

3. Apologies

Where a Councillor is not present, their absence is noted in the Minutes of the meeting.

4. Statement of commitment

The Council affirms its commitment to ensuring its behaviour meets the standards set by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

5. Acknowledgement of Country

The Council affirms its recognition of the Taungurung people being traditional custodians of this area, and pays respect to their Elders past and present.

6. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*, a Councillor must declare any Conflicts of Interest pursuant to sections 126 and 127 Act in any items on this Agenda.

Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to any items listed on this Agenda must declare a Conflict of Interest regarding the specific item.

7. Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting are placed before Council to confirm the accuracy and completeness of the record.

8. Representations

Council receives or presents acknowledgements to the general public. Deputations may also be heard by members of the general public who have made submission on any matter or requested to address the Council. Council may also receive petitions from residents and ratepayers on various issues. Any petitions received since the previous Council meeting are tabled at the meeting and the matter referred to the appropriate Council officer for consideration.

9. Notices of Motion

A Motion is a request (Notice of Motion) that may be made by a Councillor for an issue not listed on the Agenda to be discussed at a Council meeting and for a decision to be made.

10. Mayor's report

The Mayor provides a report on their activities.

11. Reports from council appointed representatives

Councillors appointed by Council to external committees will provide an update where relevant.

12. Public question time

Councillors will respond to questions from the community that have been received in writing, by midday on the Monday prior to the Council meeting. A form is provided on Council's website.

13. Officer reports

13.1 Council considers a report from the Chief Executive Officer on the current operations, activities and projects undertaken with each department over the past month

13.2-13.4 Officer reports are presented to the Council, where required.

14. Council resolutions report

Council reviews the outstanding actions arising from resolutions from previous Council meetings.

15. Advisory and Special Committee reports

Council considers reports from Advisory Committees that Councillors represent Council on.

16. Authorisation of sealing of documents

Any documents that are required to be endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer under delegated authority and sealed by the Council are presented to the Council.

17. Closure of meeting to members of the public

Whilst all Council meetings are open to members of the public, Council has the power under the Local Government Act 2020 to close its meeting to the general public in certain circumstances which are noted where appropriate on the Council Agenda. Where this occurs, members of the public are excluded from the meeting while the matter is being discussed.

18. Presentation of confidential reports

19. Reopen meeting to members of the public

The Mayor will reopen the meeting to members of the public.

20. Close of meeting

The Mayor will formally close the meeting and thank all present for attending.

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Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Present

The Chair will call on any Councillor/s attending the meeting virtually and ask them to confirm verbally that they can see all Councillors and hear the proceedings.

Councillor/s attending virtually will respond to their name with: "I can hear the proceedings and see all Councillors and Council officers".

The Chair will ask the Councillor/s to confirm by raising their hand that they could all hear each statement of the Councillors.

Councillors will raise their hand to acknowledge they can hear each other.

3. Apologies

The Chair will call on the CEO for any apologies.

4. Statement of commitment

The Chair will read the statement and call 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 Councillor Code of Conduct. We will, at all times, faithfully represent and uphold the trust placed in us by the community."

5. Acknowledgement of Country

The Deputy Mayor will recite 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

The Chair will call on each Councillor in turn and ask them to declare whether they have any conflicts of interest in relation to any agenda items:

- Councillor Tehan
- Councillor Treasure
- Councillor Clark
- Councillor Berenyi

7. Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

THAT the Minutes of the Mansfield Shire Council meeting held on 21 July 2026 and 4 August 2026 be confirmed as an accurate record.

8. Representations

9. Notices of motion

Nil

10. Mayor's report

Mayor Steve Rabie will present the monthly Mayor's report to the Council as follows:

August has been another busy month across Mansfield Shire, with plenty happening despite the cold weather.

One of the real highlights was having the Melbourne Cup Tour visit Mansfield and Mt Buller. It's not every day that one of the most famous sporting trophies in the world comes to the best little shire!

A lot of work went on behind the scenes by Council, Mt Buller and the Mansfield and District Racing Club to put together a great series of events, culminating in a free community afternoon at the racecourse. I hope those of you who wanted to get a photo with the Cup managed to get down there and be part of it.

Having the Melbourne Cup travel through our region was also a wonderful opportunity to showcase Mansfield Shire and Mt Buller to a much wider audience. We have a lot to be proud of here, and events like this give us the chance to show people what makes our part of Victoria so special.

We also partnered with the Delatite Chamber of Commerce this month for a Town Booster workshop, bringing local business owners and community members together to talk about practical, low-cost ideas that could make Mansfield township even more vibrant.

I was really pleased to see the enthusiasm in the room. Some of the best ideas don't necessarily have to cost a fortune - sometimes it's simply about getting the right people together, having a conversation and finding ways we can make things happen.

Our Winter Beats program has also been bringing live music into hospitality venues across the shire as part of the Mansfield Shire Winter Festival. The program grew out of our bushfire recovery efforts and has a very simple purpose: support our local businesses, support local performers and give people another reason to get out and enjoy what our shire has to offer during winter.

Cr Mandy Treasure attended the opening night at Anvil Brewing Co. and there are more events to come. Keep an eye on Council's Facebook page for what's happening and, if you can, get along and support our local venues and performers.

I'm also pleased that Council's Outlying Communities Infrastructure Fund has reopened for applications.

Our smaller towns and communities are an incredibly important part of Mansfield Shire and this fund is about helping them deliver the infrastructure and improvements that matter locally. If you're involved with a community group in one of our outlying towns and have a good idea that could make a difference I'd encourage you to put it forward.

And finally, some good news on our local roads.

Sealing works on Church Street and New Street in Mansfield and Glen Creek Road in Bonnie Doon are now complete. They might not be the most glamorous projects Council delivers, but anyone who has lived on an unsealed road knows what a difference sealing makes - less dust in summer, better access in winter and a better road for everyone who uses it.

It's been a busy winter, and as we head towards spring, there's plenty more happening across the shire.

As always, thank you to everyone who gets involved, volunteers, supports our local businesses and helps make Mansfield Shire the great community it is.

*Cr Steve Rabie
Mayor*

Recommendation

THAT COUNCIL receive the Mayor's report for the period 22 July 2026 to 12 August 2026.

11. Reports from council appointed representatives

Councillors appointed by Council to internal and external committees will provide a verbal update where relevant.

Committee	Responsible Councillor(s)
Australia Day Awards Committee	- Mayor Cr Steve Rabie - Cr James Tehan - Cr Mandy Treasure
Goulburn Murray Climate Alliance (GMCA)	Cr Tim Berenyi
Hume Regional Local Government Network (HRLGN)	Mayor Cr Steve Rabie
Mansfield Shire Council Audit and Risk Committee	- Mayor Cr Steve Rabie - Cr Mandy Treasure
Mansfield Shire CEO Employment Matters Committee	- Mayor Cr Steve Rabie - Cr James Tehan - Cr Bonnie Clark
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	- Mayor Cr Steve Rabie - Substitute - Deputy Mayor Cr James Tehan
North East Local Government Waste and Recovery Forum	Cr Tim Berenyi
Rural Councils Victoria (RCV)	Cr James Tehan
Station Precinct Museum Community Asset Committee	Mayor Cr Steve Rabie
Taungurung-Local Government Forum	Mayor Cr Steve Rabie

Recommendation

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

12. Public question time

Council welcomes questions from the community. A question must be submitted by midday on the Monday prior to the Council meeting. The [‘ask a question’ form](#) is available from Council's website.

The Mayor will read out the question and answer at the meeting.

13. Officer reports

13.1. Chief Executive Officer's report

File Number: E103

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer, Kirsten Alexander

Introduction

The Chief Executive Officer's report allows a short briefing to be provided to the Council on the current operations, tasks and projects undertaken within each department over the past month.

The Chief Executive Officer report will provide information relation to:

- ▶ Customer Service
- ▶ Capital Works
- ▶ Statutory and Strategic Planning
- ▶ Waste Services (Landfill)
- ▶ Field Services
- ▶ Youth Services and Events
- ▶ Library
- ▶ Communications
- ▶ Digital Transformation Project

Recommendation

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

Support Attachments

1. CEO Monthly Report - July 2026 [13.1.1.1 - 36 pages]

13.2. Investment and Planning

13.2.1. Statutory Planning Applications - Referral to Council Policy

File Number	E1533	Responsible Officer	Senior Coordinator Planning, Nicole Embling
Purpose			

To seek Council endorsement of the reviewed Statutory Planning Applications – Referral to Council Policy.

Executive Summary

Council, as a Responsible Authority, has powers under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to grant, refuse or amend planning permit applications under the Mansfield Planning Scheme. Council has delegated the majority of these powers to Council officers.

The Statutory Planning Applications – Referral to Council Policy sets out the process for referring Development Plan applications and planning permit applications to Council for determination. The Policy has been reviewed and no substantive changes are proposed.

Key Issues

The Policy continues to set out clear triggers for referring applications to Council for determination including objection thresholds, development cost, refusal recommendations and applications involving Council employees or Councillors while preserving Council's ability to 'call up' any application.

Recommendation

THAT COUNCIL endorse the Statutory Planning Applications – Referral to Council Policy 2026.

Support Attachments

1. DRAFT Statutory Planning Applications - Referral to Council Policy 2026 [13.2.1.1 - 5 pages]
2. Tracked Changes - Statutory Planning Applications - Referral to Council Policy 2026 [13.2.1.2 - 5 pages]

Considerations and Implications of Recommendation

Sustainability Implications

Not Applicable

Community Engagement

Community engagement has not been undertaken due to the minimal changes proposed and the technical nature of the document. Following consideration by Council the community will be notified of the revised policy through Council's Mansfield Matters column and it will be published on Council's website.

Collaboration

Not Applicable

Financial Impact

Work to review the policy has been undertaken internally by Council Officers within existing staff resources.

Legal and Risk Implications

Reputation Risk: Consistency and clarity in Council's approach to referring Development Plan applications and/or planning permit applications to Council for determination provides certainty of the process for applicants, the community and Council officers.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

Delegations to grant, refuse or amend applications for planning permits under the Mansfield Planning Scheme to Council officers are set in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Not Applicable

Alignment to Council Plan

Theme 3: An Effective and Efficient Council

Strategic Objective 3.1 Deepen community engagement and foster civic responsibility

Strategic Objective 3.3 Maintain strong governance, transparency and accountability

Governance - Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

The author of this report and officers providing advice in relation to this report do not have a conflict of interest to declare in this matter, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

13.2.2. Delatite Valley Plan

File Number	E11415	Responsible Officer	Strategic Planner, Esther Perkins
Purpose			

To provide Council with the Delatite Valley Plan for adoption following the latest round of community engagement, and to seek a resolution of Council to proceed with a planning scheme amendment to incorporate the Delatite Valley Plan into the Mansfield Planning Scheme.

Executive Summary

The report provides information on the community engagement undertaken and the projects that have been included in the final version of the plan. It also recommends that a planning scheme amendment incorporate the Delatite Valley Plan into the Mansfield Planning Scheme.

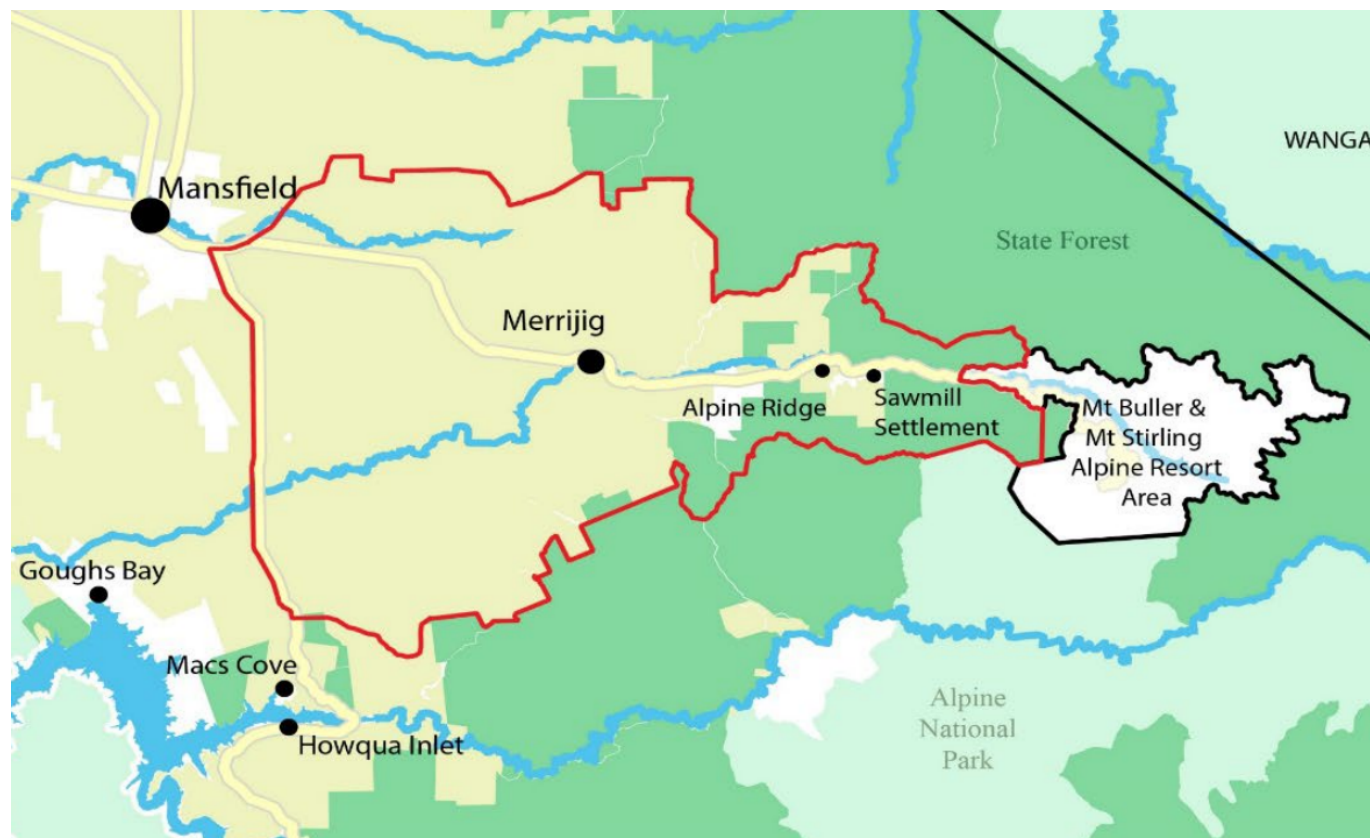
The initial engagement with the Delatite Valley community began in July 2024 and involved a wide range of potential projects being identified and vision statements contributed. The following table outlines the extent of engagement undertaken with the community.

What	When	Submissions
Initial engagement 'Share your vision'	1 July – 16 August 2024	63 submissions
Draft version 1 'Merrijig growth'	7 July – 31 August 2025	127 submissions
Draft version 2 'Limited rezoning'	21 November 2025 – 15 February 2026	63 submissions
Draft version 3 'No change'	21 May – 21 June 2026	18 submissions
Total: 4 draft documents	31 weeks of engagement	271 submissions

The final version of the plan attached has considered all community submissions received. Significant changes have been made since the first draft in line with the submissions made by the local community. The Plan has been developed to incorporate the views of the local community, Traditional Owners and relevant government authorities.

Overall, the Delatite Valley Plan presents a vision to preserve the region's natural beauty, protecting agricultural landscapes and the alpine environment. Development will reflect the unique local character and recognise the significance of tourism, and cultural heritage whilst maintaining a vibrant and sustainable community.

The study area of the Delatite Valley Plan is outlined red below.



Study Area, page 6 of the Delatite Valley Plan

Key Issues

The most recent round of engagement occurred between 21 May and 21 June 2026. The plan was workshopped extensively with consideration of the community and Councillor feedback received following exhibition of each draft version, with the latest version released for engagement being a 'no change' plan with no rezoning proposed, and limited infrastructure projects to reflect the loss of potential future development contributions and population increase.

Compared with previous drafts of the plan, the 'no change' version has attracted significantly less commentary from the community. Although there were few submissions indicating wholehearted support for the latest draft plan, there were notably fewer issues raised.

Submission summary and changes

The submission summaries (attached) show a clear preference for no further growth in Merrijig, in line with the latest draft.

The changes, made in response to the last round of community engagement, are minor in nature and are as follows;

- ▶ Includes reference to local platypus sightings
- ▶ Clarifies McCormack Park rezoning as an investigation item
- ▶ Includes more 'key places'
- ▶ Gateway treatments have been moved to a community-led initiative rather than a Council-led project
- ▶ Minor editorial changes for clarity

- ▶ Changes to the mapping labels to refer to 'strategic settlement boundaries' instead of 'town boundaries' in line with the new Planning Practice Note (PPN99)
- ▶ Includes a recommendation for a review of the Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) boundary, and strengthening of the policy
- ▶ Adds character statements to the Structure Plans, reinforcing the need to protect the existing local character and level of development.

The recommendation for a review of the SLO is a new addition to the latest version of the draft, as the Delatite Valley Plan presents an opportunity for Council to provide strategic justification for a review of the SLO and its boundaries.

Overall, the community submissions have resulted in no substantial changes to the final draft Delatite Valley Plan, due to the amendments made prior to the final round of engagement in response to previous community feedback.

Actions

The Plan includes numerous recommended community-led initiatives, which are projects that could contribute to the vision of the Valley, these include:

- ▶ Seasonal markets
- ▶ Festivals celebrating the natural beauty and outdoor lifestyle
- ▶ Community-led local tours
- ▶ Environmental projects to protect the Delatite River
- ▶ Gateway treatments and landscaping on the approach into Merrijig along Mt Buller Road

The Objectives of the Plan include:

- ▶ *To protect and maintain the natural beauty and environment of the Delatite Valley*
- ▶ *To define the identity of the region, including establishing a local character*
- ▶ *To enhance the social infrastructure in key locations*
- ▶ *To enhance the pedestrian and cycling network between Mansfield and Mirimbah*
- ▶ *To explore housing opportunities with strict character controls within settlement boundaries*
- ▶ *To activate the Delatite River, with park space and trails*
- ▶ *To provide for year-round tourism activities and eco-tourism opportunities*
- ▶ *To promote the unique history of the region*

The Plan outlines priority projects within each Objective for future implementation, nominating the responsible party and appropriate timeframes.

Recommendation

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Adopt the Delatite Valley Plan 2026 to inform the preparation of a planning scheme amendment to develop local policies in accordance with the recommendations of the plan.
2. Commence preparation of a planning scheme amendment to implement the recommendations of the plan.

Support Attachments

1. Delatite Valley Plan [13.2.2.1 - 67 pages]
2. Submission Summary 1 - draft Delatite Valley Plan [13.2.2.2 - 26 pages]
3. Submission Summary 2 - revised draft Delatite Valley Plan [13.2.2.3 - 25 pages]
4. Submission Summary 3 - third draft Delatite Valley Plan [13.2.2.4 - 11 pages]

Considerations and Implications of Recommendation

Sustainability Implications

Economic: The plan supports sustainable growth, infrastructure, and economic development in the Delatite Valley.

Environmental: The plan supports protecting the Delatite Valley and Delatite River, including tributaries and other waterways.

Social: The plan supports enhancing and promoting community connectivity which aligns with social sustainability goals.

Community Engagement

Community Engagement has been undertaken in accordance with the Council Community Engagement Policy through four rounds of public engagement with the local community, across three draft plans. The draft plans have continually been updated in line with community feedback. Feedback was captured through online and in-person meetings, a township walk, online surveys, written submissions, and in-person community meetings.

Collaboration

Collaboration with relevant government bodies, Traditional Owners and the community was sought during the development of the Delatite Valley Plan.

Financial Impact

All work to develop the Plan has been undertaken internally by Council Officers within existing staff resources. Implementation of the plan has additional resourcing and financial implications which have been detailed through the implementation section of the Delatite Valley Plan.

Legal and Risk Implications

Strategic Risk: The Delatite Valley Plan addresses this and will provide the strategic direction for land use and development across the Delatite Valley for the next 20 years.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

The Delatite Valley Plan aligns with the Planning Policy Framework, as well as local policies, plans, and reports, ensuring a consistent approach to planning and management.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

The Delatite Valley Plan promotes innovative approaches to community engagement, sustainability, and resilience in decision-making.

Alignment to Council Plan

Theme 1: A Healthy and Connected Community

Strategic Objective 1.1 Strengthen community connection, inclusion and participation

Theme 2: Vibrant Liveability

Strategic Objective 2.2 Plan and deliver sustainable, future-ready infrastructure and land use

Theme 3: An Effective and Efficient Council

Strategic Objective 3.1 Deepen community engagement and foster civic responsibility

Governance - Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

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13.2.3. Development Facilitation Program

File Number	E14964	Responsible Officer	Senior Coordinator Planning, Nicole Embling
Purpose			

To seek a Council resolution to provide the Chief Executive Officer with authorisation and support to respond to applications received through the State Government Development Facilitation Program to ensure that community feedback is heard.

Executive Summary

The Development Facilitation Program (DFP) was launched in October 2020, with the stated aim of providing an expediated planning pathway for projects that 'inject investment into the Victorian Economy and create homes for people'.

The DFP enables planning permit and planning scheme amendment applications to be made to the Minister for Planning rather than to Council. This removes the power of local government to consult with its community or to make decisions on behalf of its community when related to eligible projects under the DFP.

The provisions provide for:

- ▶ *projects that will make a significant contribution to Victoria's economy and provide substantial public benefit, including by creating jobs for Victorians*
- ▶ *significant residential development that includes affordable housing*
- ▶ *redevelopment and renewal of public housing stock*
- ▶ *residential development carried out by the State of Victoria or jointly or in partnership with the private sector*
- ▶ *residential development that is of high quality design, liveability and sustainability.*

The Minister for Planning has additional powers for applications made under the DFP which enables them to:

- ▶ *waive or vary mandatory planning scheme requirements relating to building height, setbacks and garden area*
- ▶ *waive or vary a condition opposite a use in Section 2 in a zone or a schedule to a zone for an application made under Clause 53.23 (Significant Residential Development with Affordable Housing)*
- ▶ *waive any application requirement if it is determined irrelevant to the assessment of the application.*

Applications processed via the DFP remain subject to public notice provisions; however, notice is discretionary rather than mandatory.

Decisions made by the Minister for Planning under the DFP and Clauses 53.22 Significant Economic Development, 53.23 Significant Residential Development with Affordable Housing and 53.25 Great Design Fast Track of the Victoria Planning Provisions (within the Mansfield Planning Scheme) cannot be appealed to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT). Therefore, any concerns raised by the community, the local council or referral

authorities must be considered as part of the decision-making process but do not hold any rights to appeal the final decision once made.

The Victoria State Government, Department of Transport and Planning website for the DFP includes the following summary of considerations:

“DFP planning permit applications are subject to the same referral and public notice requirements as any other permit application. DTP [Department of Transport and Planning] will consult referral authorities and local governments and notify adjoining property owners and potentially affected parties if required by the planning scheme. Authority and community views will be considered as part of DTP’s planning assessment.”

Additionally, the Minister for Planning may assume responsibility for amending a planning scheme to facilitate the approval of an eligible project.

The application fees, in line with the *Planning and Environment Act Fees Regulations* apply and all fees are made to the State Government - Council does not realise any of the fees received under the DFP, yet these applications will have a significant impact on Council resources due to the limited timeframe for response.

Key Issues

The process for applications under the DFP includes an extensive pre-application phase, whereby submissions are made with consideration of the eligibility criteria, which is set out in the relevant Planning Provision. Local councils and other referral authorities are consulted and required to respond (within 10 business days) with the following:

- ▶ Information relevant to the site and/or proposal
- ▶ Advice previously provided regarding the proposal
- ▶ Further information required to consider the proposal
- ▶ Changes to the proposal to gain support
- ▶ Draft planning permit conditions

Following the pre-application phase, if determined by the State Government that the proposal complies with the eligibility criteria and can proceed, a Certificate of Eligibility (by the State Government) is provided and the Developer is encouraged to submit a formal application for a planning permit through the DFP.

Through the planning permit application process where public notice is applicable the community, local Council and referral authorities will be provided with a 14-day timeframe to make submissions. This 14-day timeframe means local governments, which typically meet once a month to make decisions, will be under significant pressure to make determinations in relation to these applications. If a permit application process is undertaken for a project that, in the view of the local government, does not meet community expectations, 14 days is insufficient time to properly engage the community to determine a position or to support the community to have their say on the project.

Council has a limited window of opportunity, not only to consider an application or consult the community, but also to provide a substantial response addressing gaps in information, concerns or to outline any permit conditions that should be included if the development is approved. This process places significant constraint on Council resources and often requires input from multiple

internal departments to ensure cross-collaboration and future infrastructure needs will be met. It is critical to ensure that development provides for future infrastructure, so that the burden is not placed on Council and reliant on rate payer funds.

To create the opportunity for any consultation, consideration and response, Council officers will need to be authorised to consider the application at an officer level. Councillors are asked to authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enable Council officers to engage with the community and consider a position on applications under the DFP without requiring a Council determination, while keeping Councillors informed.

Recommendation

THAT COUNCIL

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to respond via a written submission to any application received through the Development Facilitation Program, to provide a copy of the submission to Council and make it publicly available.
2. Authorises the CEO and Mayor to advocate on behalf of the community where a position can be determined from previous community consultation on a relevant matter.
3. Authorises the CEO and Mayor to advocate against the DFP itself, as this planning pathway removes the power of local government to consult with its community or to make decisions on behalf of its community and removes rights of review at VCAT.

Support Attachments

1. Clause 53.22 - Significant Economic Development [13.2.3.1 - 5 pages]
2. Clause 53.23 - Significant Residential Development with Affordable Housing [13.2.3.2 - 5 pages]
3. Clause 53.25 - Great Design Fast Track [13.2.3.3 - 2 pages]

Considerations and Implications of Recommendation

Sustainability Implications

Not Applicable

Community Engagement

It is noted that any proposed engagement for a planning permit application under the DFP would not meet Council's community engagement requirements, as the state government has only allowed 14 days for permit approval timelines. Council considers this length of time to be insufficient for projects that may be eligible for the DFP. Council may decide to take a position that the time allowed for community feedback is inadequate in its submission to the DFP.

Collaboration

Not Applicable

Financial Impact

Assessment of pre-application documents and planning permit applications will be undertaken within existing staff resources. Fees for a proposal through the Development Facilitation Program will be paid to the State Government, with no allocation to Council despite the significant officer time involved in assessing and responding to applications.

Legal and Risk Implications

There are reputational and financial risk implications for applications made under the DFP. Council will not be the decision-maker on projects that may have significant impacts on local communities. The short timeframe and lack of local community input may result in development that is poorly planned, impacts the local character and does not contribute appropriately to infrastructure, creating future financial impacts for Council and its ratepayers.

There is also financial risk in the loss of income for Council from the permit fees, and significant impacts on Council's planning resources due to the short timeframes for response. A typical application for these substantial developments is likely to take at least a week of a planner's time to assess and respond to the notification, with no fees received by Council as the planning permit fee will be paid to the State Government.

Community anger over the lack of consultation and loss of appeal rights is also likely to be directed towards local government as Council is likely to be seen to be the relevant authority by those communities negatively impacted, when it is not. To mitigate this risk, Council will need to communicate strongly to community but will only have a limited opportunity to do this within the short timeframes allowed.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

Applications under the Development Facilitation Program are required to be considered under the Victoria Planning Provisions (Planning Scheme) in accordance with the *Planning & Environment Act 1987*.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Not Applicable

Alignment to Council Plan

Theme 1: A Healthy and Connected Community

Strategic Objective 1.1 Strengthen community connection, inclusion and participation

Theme 2: Vibrant Liveability

Strategic Objective 2.1 Look after the land, the environment and our country character

Strategic Objective 2.2 Plan and deliver sustainable, future-ready infrastructure and land use

Strategic Objective 2.4 Strengthen and diversify the local economy and visitor appeal

Theme 3: An Effective and Efficient Council

Strategic Objective 3.1 Deepen community engagement and foster civic responsibility

Strategic Objective 3.3 Maintain strong governance, transparency and accountability

Governance - Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

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13.3. Community Health and Wellbeing

13.3.1. Council Plan Actions 2025-26

File Number	E11960	Responsible Officer	Executive Manager Community Health & Wellbeing, Janique Snyder
Purpose			

The purpose of this report is to inform Council on progress made against the Council Plan 2025-2029 Actions for the 2025-26 financial year.

Executive Summary

The Mansfield Shire Council Plan 2025–2029 is the key strategic document to guide Council’s decision making over the four-year term and articulates the role Council will play in leading, supporting and advocating for the best possible outcomes for the Mansfield Shire community.

The Council Plan is split into three key supporting themes:

- ▶ Theme 1: A Healthy and Connected Community
- ▶ Theme 2: Vibrant Livability
- ▶ Theme 3: An Effective and Efficient Council

Within each of these themes, there are:

- ▶ Strategic objectives - what Council will focus on to achieve its vision.
- ▶ Initiatives - what steps Council will take to achieve the strategic objectives.

Progress against these objectives and initiatives has been included in the attached report with outcomes reported against budget initiatives, and additional activities undertaken during the 2025-26 financial year.

Key Issues

The end of financial year report shows that considerable progress has been made against the Council Plan 2025-2029 initiatives. Some highlights are summarised below for each theme.

Theme 1: A Healthy and Connected Community

- ▶ Council's volunteer program has increased by 10 participants since its establishment to 27 participants. The waste team is currently in the process of partnering with MASS and Yooralla to contribute volunteers for the RRC.
- ▶ Arts Collaboration Forum: The Forum has been created with initial meeting held on 21 April 2026 and subsequent meeting held on 29 July 2026.
- ▶ Outlying Communities Infrastructure Fund (OCIF): All approved community groups have signed their OCIF funding agreement, and payment has been transferred. One community group has already completed and acquitted their project.
- ▶ SIAG: successfully expanded its community impact during this financial year. By combining standard annual funding with previous years' underspend, the program funded 64 individual initiatives through local community groups.

- ▶ Shower Pod: The new shower pod has been completed and is accessible for people of all abilities, with an operating agreement executed with Vinnies and the MAD Potters.
- ▶ Antenatal Classes: A new antenatal program has been developed in collaboration with MDH, CGP and Dads Group Inc. Two groups have so far been delivered with planning to continue quarterly.
- ▶ Sports and Recreation: Completion of design for new female friendly changerooms at the Mansfield Sporting Complex as part of the Play our Way grant funded project. Completion of upgraded toilet amenities and commencement of the new Pavillion at Lords Reserve as part of the grant funded package of works.

Theme 2: Vibrant Liveability

- ▶ Flood Study: Draft flood modelling mapping received, engagement with affected landowners commenced in June 2026 with direct phone calls and follow up letters.
- ▶ Community Local Laws review: The review has been completed and the new local laws adopted by Council, incorporating enhanced protections for significant trees in response to community concerns regarding the loss of old red gums through subdivision activity.
- ▶ Parking Study: The parking study consultant's report has been received, and is undergoing review by Council, prior to undertaking final community engagement.
- ▶ Track and Trails Masterplan: The Masterplan was completed and adopted at the June Council meeting.
- ▶ Mansfield Station Precinct Activation: Design works have progressed with stakeholder engagement completed for the Changing Places facility, the all-abilities playground, the Fertiliser Shed and the Taungurung art trail. A contract has been awarded for the pump track, Dog Park, Goods Shed, Platform toilets, with procurement underway for other packages. The Withers Lane car park has been completed and the Museum fit-out is on track for completion in September 2026, followed by the exhibition fit-out, with a soft opening planned in December 2026. Works have also commenced on the Goods Shed.
- ▶ MRRC Master Plan: Works progressed this financial year included upgrades to the access road and internal pavements and award of a contract for cladding of the shed.
- ▶ Wasp Program: A total of >200 queens were captured as a result of the program. A total of 80L of sugar/yeast formula was collected by community members to support the program.
- ▶ Waste management: Festive period waste management was completed which saw an additional 35 bins installed across the shire. Most of these were placed in Bonnie Doon, Goughs Bay, and Jamieson. A total of 1827 bags of camper waste were also dropped off for free at the RRC between 19 December 2025 and 1 January 2026. Illegal dumping was kept to a minimum with public areas collected by Cleanaway on an increased frequency.
- ▶ Spring Clean Up: Spring Clean-up event concluded. Separate green waste voucher program continued with a 25% uptake.
- ▶ Weed Management: Savings were achieved and allocated to additional spraying of Patterson's Curse in collaboration with Up2Us Landcare group during 2025-26, and the Paxton's Reserve revegetation initiative in collaboration with GBCMA, DEECA, DTP and Up2Us was a success.
- ▶ Delatite Valley Plan (DVP): the DVP had 4 rounds of community engagement, and generated significant community interest, with the final round resulting in less submissions. The final draft plan will be presented to Council for adoption at the August Council meeting.

Theme 3: An Effective and Efficient Council

- ▶ CIVICA Altitude: Successfully implemented in all 4 Councils through Project CODI providing a new platform for finance, payroll and customer request management.
- ▶ Local Laws Department review: A local Laws Team Leader has been appointed and administrative efficiencies identified through the implementation of the new local laws.
- ▶ Council internet and intranet platforms: An audit resulted in a successful migration of the internet and intranet to new effective platforms achieving significant ongoing cost savings.
- ▶ Council continued to identify opportunities to grow revenue through grant applications.

Grants applied for in 2025-26 include:

- Tiny Towns Fund - Round 3 - Jamieson Police Stables Restoration - \$50,000
- Look Over the Farm Gate - Round 2 - Unbreakable Farmer Workshop - \$5,000
- Foundation Rural Regional Renewal - Jamieson Equipment Shed and Sandbagging area upgrade - \$25,000
- Trunk Infrastructure Fund - Stage 1 Lakins Road Industrial Precinct - \$2,000,000
- Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program - Tranche 5 - Design and Construction Graves Road Bridge Mansfield - \$1,271,712
- Integrated Water Management: Stream 1 - Partnerships Projects - Goughs Bay Integrated Water - \$240,553
- Country Football Netball Program 2026-27 - Lighting the Way for AFLW in Mansfield - \$250,000
- DEECA 100 Neighbourhood Batteries Program - Creating Reliable Energy Mansfield - \$70,853
- Local Jobs Program - Mansfield's Skilled Pathways Initiative - \$204,520
- 2025-26 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund - Bonnie Doon Netball Court Dual Upgrade - \$447,000 (unsuccessful)
- Safer Local Roads and Streets Program (SLRSP) - Upgrading School Crossings in Mansfield Township - \$321,000
- VicHealth Partners in Place - Community Wellbeing & Active Living Project \$500,000 (unsuccessful)
- Business Acceleration Fund 2023-2027 - VISION (Virtual Intelligence for Service Innovation and Operational Navigation) - \$1.4m (unsuccessful)
- TAC - Mansfield Safer Streets Initiative - VMS with Radar - \$26,425
- Living Libraries Infrastructure Program (LLIP) 2025-26 - Mobile Library Van - \$248,000
- ▶ Successful grant funding announced between 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026:
 - Safer Local Roads and Streets Program (SLRSP) - Upgrading School Crossings in Mansfield Township - \$321,000
 - Look Over the Farm Gate - Round 2 - Unbreakable Farmer Workshop - \$5,000
 - TAC - Mansfield Safer Streets Initiative - VMS with Radar - \$26,425
 - 2025-26 Cemetery Grants Program - Jamieson Cemetery - \$17,565
 - Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF) - College Park upgrades - \$25,000
 - Sport and Recreation Victoria - Mansfield LAPS - Learner Accessible Pool Scheme Package - \$1,000,000 for infrastructure project & \$46,134 for Participation Initiative
 - Living Libraries Infrastructure Program (LLIP) 2025-26 - Mobile Library Van \$248,000
 - Department Energy, Environment and Climate Action - Station Precinct New Dog Park \$250,000

Recommendation
THAT COUNCIL accepts the Council Plan 2025-2029 end of financial year report for 2025-26.
Support Attachments
1. 2025 2026 Council plan actions Dashboard [13.3.1.1 - 7 pages]

Considerations and Implications of Recommendation

Sustainability Implications

Not Applicable

Community Engagement

Not Applicable

Collaboration

Not Applicable

Financial Impact

All activities undertaken to fulfil the Council Plan 2025-2029 actions have been completed within the approved 2025-26 Budget, or within the grant funding awarded for specific projects and initiatives.

Legal and Risk Implications

Not Applicable.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

It is a legislative requirement of the *Local Government Act 2020* that each Council adopt a Council Plan. This end of financial year report is presented in accordance with Section 98 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Schedule 1 of the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Not Applicable

Alignment to Council Plan

Theme 1: A Healthy and Connected Community

Strategic Objective 1.1 Strengthen community connection, inclusion and participation

Strategic Objective 1.2 Enable active lifestyles through inclusive, accessible and utilised public spaces

Strategic Objective 1.3 Promote health and wellbeing across all life stages

Theme 2: Vibrant Liveability

Strategic Objective 2.1 Look after the land, the environment and our country character

Strategic Objective 2.2 Plan and deliver sustainable, future-ready infrastructure and land use

Strategic Objective 2.3 Enhance recreation, sport and community facilities

Strategic Objective 2.4 Strengthen and diversify the local economy and visitor appeal

Theme 3: An Effective and Efficient Council

Strategic Objective 3.1 Deepen community engagement and foster civic responsibility

Strategic Objective 3.2 Ensure responsible and innovative resource management
Strategic Objective 3.3 Maintain strong governance, transparency and accountability

Governance - Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

The author of this report and officers providing advice in relation to this report do not have a conflict of interest to declare in this matter, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

13.3.2. Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG) Update

File Number	E12320	Responsible Officer	Project Officer Community Strengthening, Simon Donohoe
Purpose			

To update Council on the Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG) results for the 2025-26 financial year.

Executive Summary

The Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG) has successfully delivered its 2025-26 budget, fully utilising the program's core contracted annual funding plus the additional approved carried forward funds from previous years for the benefit of the community.

Despite significant operational challenges during 2025-26, the team executed a highly proactive community engagement plan, which successfully elevated local awareness of SIAG's role and funding opportunities. As a direct result, the program funded 64 diverse initiatives, successfully extending health and wellbeing support to all corners of the shire.

Key Issues

The Social Inclusion Action Group 2025-26 budget of \$510,897 included the core contracted annual funding of \$236,759 plus the additional approved carried forward funds from previous years of \$274,138. The SIAG team are pleased to have fully expended the total budget and have submitted the final acquittal to the Wellness Promotion Office (Division of the Victorian Government Department of Health).

Challenges experienced through the financial year included a change in leadership of the program in the first half of the financial year and the significant impact of the January bushfires; notwithstanding this, the team have successfully delivered a wide range of initiatives through the approved budget.

Through intensive efforts, the team raised awareness of the program and the potential opportunities that the funding could provide for community groups. The team developed a solid plan in collaboration with SIAG members, and then through extensive face to face community engagement, and major efforts in promotional activities via the Courier newspaper, Council's website and social media platform, achieved a significant uplift in community engagement in the program this year.

The media and promotional activities summary reports are attached and have been submitted as part of the grant acquittal to the funding body. The team managed to achieve all the planned outcomes for 2025-26 despite the early challenges. This work resulted in the program supporting 64 different initiatives that reached all corners of the shire.

The SIAG members and team are very grateful for the support of Council and look forward to carrying this momentum into the future.

Recommendation

THAT COUNCIL notes the successful expenditure of the Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG) 2025-26 budget that includes the core contracted annual funding plus the carried funds from previous financial years.

Support Attachments

1. Mansfield SIAG Acquittal - Part 1 Media Mentions July 2026 [13.3.2.1 - 15 pages]
2. Mansfield SIAG Acquittal - Part 2 Media Mentions Website and Social Media July 2026 [13.3.2.2 - 15 pages]

Considerations and Implications of Recommendation

Sustainability Implications

Social Inclusion Action Groups (SIAGs) were established to support grassroots work and build on the strengths of the community to support mental health and wellbeing, with a focus on social inclusion and connection. The initiatives supported for funding were selected with the objective of creating sustainable and demonstrated improvement in social inclusion and connection in the Mansfield Shire community.

Community Engagement

Community engagement was undertaken by Council's Community Strengthening team in collaboration with SIAG members and organisational partners. Engagement with community organisations and groups occurred through the SIAG project development processes over several months to identify potential new initiatives following the previous funding rounds.

Collaboration

SIAG operates as a collaborative advisory group comprising community members and partner organisations.

Financial Impact

All initiatives and program costs have been accounted for in the 2025-26 SIAG budget.

Legal and Risk Implications

The Mansfield Shire SIAG was empowered by Council to make decisions on the allocation of the initiative grant funding, with funding awarded through a collaborative process based on objective criteria determined by the group. Group members assessing the applications have been provided with training and information to ensure that potential conflicts of interest are managed and declared.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

Not Applicable

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Not Applicable

Alignment to Council Plan

Theme 1: A Healthy and Connected Community

Strategic Objective 1.1 Strengthen community connection, inclusion and participation

Strategic Objective 1.2 Enable active lifestyles through inclusive, accessible and utilised public spaces

Strategic Objective 1.3 Promote health and wellbeing across all life stages

Theme 2: Vibrant Liveability

Strategic Objective 2.3 Enhance recreation, sport and community facilities

Theme 3: An Effective and Efficient Council

Strategic Objective 3.1 Deepen community engagement and foster civic responsibility

Governance - Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

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13.4. Executive Services

13.4.1. Native Title Claim

File Number	E3720	Responsible Officer	Coordinator Governance & Risk, Chelsea Daly
Purpose			

To seek Council approval for the Chief Executive Officer to give notice of intention that Mansfield Shire Council become a party to a native title determination application to the Federal Court of Australia by Bernadette Ellen Franklin & Others (Ors) on behalf of the Taungurung People and the State of Victoria.

Executive Summary

On 11 February 2026 Bernadette Ellen Franklin & Ors on behalf of the Taungurung People and the State of Victoria (native title claim group) submitted an application asking the Federal Court of Australia to determine that the group holds native title in the area shaded below.



Figure 1: Native Title Claim (Source: National Native Title Tribunal)

The application area covers approximately 20,220 sq km in northern Victoria spanning from the Campaspe River in the west to Ovens River in the east and south to Kyneton/Kinglake/Woods Point. The whole of Mansfield Shire is within the application area.

The Native Title Registrar accepted the application for registration on 31 March 2026. Any party wishing to participate in the proceedings must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to Become a Party) with the Federal Court on or before 28 October 2026. After this date a party would need to seek leave of the Federal Court to be joined to the proceedings.

Key Issues

In addition to Mansfield Shire, the application area affects the following local government areas:

- ▶ Shires of Alpine, Baw Baw, Campaspe, Macedon Ranges, Mitchell, Mount Alexander, Murrindindi, Strathbogie, Wellington and Yarra Ranges; Cities of Benalla Rural, Greater Bendigo, Greater Shepparton, Wangaratta Rural and Whittlesea; and
- ▶ Lake Mountain, Mount Buller, Mount Hotham and Mount Stirling Alpine Resorts (Unincorporated).

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* there can only be one determination of native title for a given area. As the whole of Mansfield Shire falls within the application area, becoming a party preserves Council's ability to participate in proceedings and be kept informed throughout the process. Becoming a party does not commit Council to a position on the claim but secures Council's standing to respond appropriately as more information becomes available.

Council officers have been advised that the process is likely to take many years until a decision is made.

To participate in proceedings Council must file a Notice of Intention to Become a Party by 28 October 2026. If Council does not do so by this date it would need to seek leave of the Federal Court to be joined at a later stage.

Recommendation

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to give notice of Mansfield Shire Council's intention to become a party to a native title determination application made by Bernadette Ellen Franklin & Ors on behalf of the Taungurung People and the State of Victoria, in the Federal Court of Australia (File No. VID140/2026), by filing a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to Become a Party) prior to 28 October 2026; and
2. Notes that Council can choose to withdraw at any time during the process.

Support Attachments

1. Notice of an application for determination of native title in Victoria [13.4.1.1 - 1 page]

Considerations and Implications of Recommendation

Sustainability Implications

Not Applicable

Community Engagement

The native title claim has been publicly advertised by the National Native Title Tribunal.

Collaboration

Council will continue to liaise with the other local government areas affected by the native title claim and the Taungurung Land & Waters Council as the application progresses through the Federal Court of Australia.

Financial Impact

There is no filing fee to provide a notice of intention and this can be prepared/submitted within existing staff resources.

Legal and Risk Implications

While the implications of the native title claim are not known at this point, by becoming a party Council can participate in court proceedings, negotiate to ensure that its interests are protected and that it is kept informed through the process.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

The *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) provides a process through which Indigenous Australians can lodge an application to seek a determination of native title.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Not Applicable

Alignment to Council Plan

Theme 2: Vibrant Liveability

Strategic Objective 2.1 Look after the land, the environment and our country character

Theme 3: An Effective and Efficient Council

Strategic Objective 3.3 Maintain strong governance, transparency and accountability

Governance - Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

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13.4.2. Councillor Interaction with Lobbyists, Developers and Submitters Policy

File Number	E1533	Responsible Officer	Coordinator Governance & Risk, Chelsea Daly
Purpose			

To seek Council endorsement of the Councillor Interaction with Lobbyists, Developers and Submitters Policy.

Executive Summary

In August 2022, the Local Government Inspectorate (LGI) released an article within their winter newsletter (Attachment 2) titled 'Interactions with developers must be appropriate'. The article stated that to improve transparency and minimise the risk of corruption in relation to planning and property development decisions, councils should follow these 5 guidelines:

1. Councillors should avoid comment before a decision
2. Councillors should avoid meeting developers one-on-one
3. Councillors should avoid accepting gifts and hospitality from developers
4. Councils should create a policy to guide councillor interactions with developers
5. Councils should keep a register of councillor interactions with developers

Council has developed a Councillor Interaction with Lobbyists, Developers and Submitters Policy (Attachment 1) which takes all 5 guidelines into account.

Key Issues

The Policy establishes a framework to guide Councillor interactions in relation to development requiring a planning permit. It aims to ensure transparent and responsible exercise of duties by elected representatives by providing clear expectations regarding appropriate interactions, while recognising that Councillors may legitimately engage with stakeholders as part of their role.

The policy encourages Councillors to refer enquiries from lobbyists, developers and submitters relating to planning matters to Council's Planning Department so that accurate and consistent advice is provided and appropriate records of interactions are maintained and, where interactions do occur, involve relevant Council officers.

The policy also formalises expectations regarding Councillor interactions with lobbyists, developers and submitters, including:

- ▶ Avoiding one-on-one meetings with lobbyists and developers, particularly where a planning matter is before Council.
- ▶ Refraining from expressing a final opinion on a planning matter before considering the relevant Council officer report and all submissions.
- ▶ Documenting meetings and interactions with lobbyists and developers through Council's records management system and maintaining a public register of those interactions.
- ▶ Registering interactions with submitters where a Councillor considers it necessary to address any actual or perceived concerns regarding inappropriate or corrupt behaviour,

conflicts of interest or attempts to unduly influence a Councillor's position on a planning matter.

- ▶ Avoid getting involved in any planning enforcement or compliance issues.

The Policy complements existing governance frameworks, including the Model Councillor Code of Conduct, Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy and Public Transparency Policy and does not alter Councillors' existing obligations to declare conflicts of interest under the Local Government Act 2020.

Recommendation	
THAT COUNCIL endorse the Councillor Interaction with Lobbyists, Developers and Submitters Policy 2026.	
Support Attachments	
1.	DRAFT Councillor Interaction with Lobbyists, Developers and Submitters Policy 2026 [13.4.2.1 - 7 pages]

Considerations and Implications of Recommendation

Sustainability Implications

Not Applicable

Community Engagement

Community engagement has not been undertaken due to the technical nature of the document. Following consideration by Council the community will be notified of the revised policy through Council's Mansfield Matters column and it will be published on Council's website.

Collaboration

Not Applicable

Financial Impact

The policy has been drafted internally within existing staff resources. It builds on other local government policies.

Legal and Risk Implications

Formalising clear expectations regarding Councillor interactions with lobbyists, developers and submitters minimises potential reputational risk, including the potential for perceptions of bias, undue influence or corrupt conduct in planning decision-making.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

The Policy supports Councillors' obligations regarding conflicts of interest and good governance principles under the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Not Applicable

Alignment to Council Plan

Theme 3: An Effective and Efficient Council

Strategic Objective 3.3 Maintain strong governance, transparency and accountability

Governance - Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

The author of this report and officers providing advice in relation to this report do not have a conflict of interest to declare in this matter, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

14. Council Meeting Resolution Actions Status Register

This report presents to Council the Mansfield Shire Council Meeting Resolution Actions Status Register

Recommendation	
THAT COUNCIL receive and note the Mansfield Shire Council Meeting Resolution Actions Status Register as at 11 August 2026.	
Support Attachments	
1.	Mansfield Shire Council Action Register as at 11 August 2026 [14.1.1 - 9 pages]
2.	CONFIDENTIAL Mansfield Shire Council Action Register as at 11 August 2026 [14.1.2 - 3 pages]

15. Advisory and Special Committee reports

Nil

16. Authorisation of sealing of documents

Nil

17. Closure of meeting to members of the public

Council has the power to close its meeting to the public in certain circumstances pursuant to the provisions of Section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020. The circumstances where a meeting can be closed to the public are:

- a) the meeting is to consider confidential information; or
- b) security reasons; or
- c) it is necessary to do so to enable the meeting to proceed in an orderly manner.

The definition of confidential information is provided in Section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Recommendation
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 set out in section 18 below.

18. Confidential Reports

18.1. Tender Award: All Abilities Playground

Confidential

This report contains confidential information pursuant to the provisions of Section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 under Section 3(a) - Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

18.2. Adaptive Reuse and Commercial Operation of the Visitor Information Centre Building EOI

Confidential

This report contains confidential information pursuant to the provisions of Section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 under Section 3(g) - private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that:(i) relates to trade secrets; or (ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage

18.3. CEO Performance Plan 2026-27

Confidential

This report contains confidential information pursuant to the provisions of Section 66(2) of the Local Government Act 2020 under Section 3(f) - personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

19. Reopen meeting to members of the public

Recommendation
THAT COUNCIL reopen the meeting to members of the public.

20. Close of meeting