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Mansfield Shire

MINUTES

Council Meeting

Tuesday 18 August 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 Treasure
- Councillor Clark
- Councillor Berenyi

In Attendance:

Chief Executive Officer:

Acting General Manager Investment & Planning:

Manager People, Communications & Governance:

Executive Manager Community Health & Wellbeing:

Executive Manager Capital Works & Operations:

Coordinator Governance & Risk:

Acting Executive Manager Development & Customer Service:

Senior Coordinator Planning:

Coordinator Community Strengthening

Project Officer:

Manager Operations & Capital Works:

Kirsten Alexander

Maya Balvonova

Tanya Tabone

Janique Snyder

Justin Hotton

Chelsea Daly

James Alcaniz

Nicole Embling

Simon Donohoe

Chloe Bi

Greg Aldridge

3. Apologies

Nil

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

- Councillor Bonnie Clark declared a conflict of interest in respect of item 18.2 'Adaptive Reuse and Commercial Operation of the Visitor Information Centre Building EOI'
- Kirsten Alexander, Chief Executive Officer, declared a conflict of interest in respect of item 18.3 'CEO Performance Plan 2026-27'

7. Confirmation of minutes

Councillor Tim Berenyi/Councillor Mandy Treasure:

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

CARRIED

8. Representations

13.2.2. Delatite Valley Plan

- Mercia Nelson
- Kym Lynch

9. Notices of motion

Nil

10. Mayor's report

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Mandy Treasure:

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

CARRIED

11. Reports from council appointed representatives

Councillor Tim Berenyi/Councillor Bonnie Clark:

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 Mandy Treasure/Councillor Bonnie Clark:

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

CARRIED

13.2. Investment and Planning

13.2.1. Statutory Planning Applications - Referral to Council Policy

Councillor Tim Berenyi/Councillor Mandy Treasure:

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

CARRIED

13.2.2. Delatite Valley Plan

Councillor James Tehan/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

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.

CARRIED

13.2.3. Development Facilitation Program

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Mandy Treasure:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. 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.
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 Chief Executive Officer to respond, where appropriate, 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.

CARRIED

13.3. Community Health and Wellbeing

13.3.1. Council Plan Actions 2025-26

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

THAT COUNCIL accepts the Council Plan 2025-2029 end of financial year report for 2025-26.

CARRIED

13.3.2. Social Inclusion Action Group (SIAG) Update

Councillor Mandy Treasure/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

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.

CARRIED

13.4. Executive Services

13.4.1. Native Title Claim

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

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.

CARRIED

13.4.2. Councillor Interaction with Lobbyists, Developers and Submitters Policy

Councillor Tim Berenyi/Councillor Mandy Treasure:

THAT COUNCIL endorse the Councillor Interaction with Lobbyists, Developers and Submitters Policy 2026.

CARRIED

14. Council Meeting Resolution Actions Status Register

Councillor Bonnie Clark/Councillor Mandy Treasure:

THAT COUNCIL receive and note the Mansfield Shire Council Meeting Resolution Actions Status Register as at 11 August 2026.

CARRIED

15. Advisory and Special Committee reports

Nil

16. Authorisation of sealing of documents

Nil

17. Closure of meeting to members of the public

Councillor Mandy Treasure/Councillor Bonnie Clark:

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 Agenda - 18 August 2026 was closed to the public at 5:55 pm.

18. Confidential Reports

18.1. Tender Award: All Abilities Playground

Councillor Mandy Treasure/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Award a lump sum contract for the CM2627.003 All Abilities Playground Construction to Warrandale Industries Pty Ltd in the amount of \$1,734,014.13 (excl. GST) including a provisional sum amount of \$253,253.50 (excl. GST).
2. Approves a 10% construction contingency of \$173,401.41 (excl. GST).
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract.
4. Make this resolution public by including it within the public minutes of the Council meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor Bonnie Clark left the meeting at 6:03 pm.

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

Councillor Bonnie Clark returned to the meeting at 6:32 pm.

CEO, Kirsten Alexander, left the meeting at 6:32 pm.

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

Councillor Mandy Treasure/Councillor Tim Berenyi:

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

CARRIED

Council re-opened the meeting at 6:35 pm.

20. Close of meeting

The Council Meeting Agenda - 18 August 2026 was closed at 6:39 pm.

CONFIRMED this **fifteenth** day of **September 2026**

Mayor