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Mansfield Shire

Additional Council Meeting

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Notice and Agenda of meeting livestreamed via the
[Mansfield Shire Council website](#)
Commencing at 9am

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, his/her 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. 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.

8. Officer reports

Officer reports are presented to the Council, where required.

9. 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.

10. Presentation of confidential reports

11. Reopen meeting to members of the public

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

12. 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. Representations

8. Officer reports

8.1. Executive Services

8.1.1. Financial Statements 2025-26

File Number	E11037	Responsible Officer	Financial Controller, Michael McCormack
Purpose			

To present Council the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026 and seek Council's approval in principle for their certification, subject to any changes required or recommended by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO).

Executive Summary

The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026 have been prepared by Council officers in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*, *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*, Australian Accounting Standards and the Local Government Victoria model.

The Financial Statements were presented to the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) on 15 September 2026. The Committee recommended that Council adopt the Financial Statements 2025–26, subject to any changes required by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO).

Following Council's approval in principle, the Financial Statements will be submitted to VAGO for audit. Any changes required or recommended by VAGO will be incorporated into the final Financial Statements. VAGO's closing report will be circulated to the Committee.

The certified Financial Statements will form part of Council's Annual Report 2025–26.

Key Issues

The Financial Statements 2025–26 are attached to this report.

Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to pass a resolution giving approval in principle to the Financial Statements before the statements are submitted to the auditor (VAGO) for the purpose of preparing the auditor's report. Following Council's approval in principle, the Financial Statements will be submitted to the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) for audit.

Following the audit process, any changes required or agreed with VAGO will be incorporated into the Financial Statements. The final Financial Statements will then be certified by two Councillors authorised by Council, the Chief Executive Officer and Council's Principal Accounting Officer.

The Financial Statements for 2025-26 show the following key statistics:

- Surplus for the year of \$9.982 million.
- Net asset revaluation increment of \$17.095 million.
- Net assets/Total equity of \$333.322 million
- Cash and other current assets totalling \$24.629 million including term deposits.
- Net loss on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment of \$1.907 million

Net Asset Revaluation

To ensure the carrying value of Council assets does not materially differ from that which would be determined using fair value on 30 June 2026, a full revaluation was undertaken on transport assets Roads, Footpaths & Car parks.

Managerial revaluations using an indexation method were undertaken for all other asset classes.

The managerial revaluations were undertaken by Brightly Assetic – other than Land assets that were assessed by LG Valuations. Revaluations are in line with best practice ensuring that carrying amounts in the accounts are relevant. These revaluations saw an increase in the Net Asset Revaluation reserve of \$17.095 million.

Waste Management Reserve

Since 2022-23, Council has made significant efforts to both decrease waste transferred to landfill and raise additional income from recovery of materials. These continued efforts into the 2025-26 period have yielded an accumulated surplus of \$0.353 million resulting in a total Waste Reserve surplus as of 30 June 2026 of \$2.226 million.

The Waste Management Reserve is required to enable delivery of the Resource Recovery Centre Masterplan and other waste initiatives and programs in future years.

Significant Accounting Judgements and Estimates

There have been no significant accounting judgements and estimates applied to the 2025-26 financial statements that require specific review.

Recommendation

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves in principle the Mansfield Shire Council Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026; and
2. Authorises Mayor Cr Rabie and Deputy Mayor Cr Tehan to certify the Mansfield Shire Council Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026 on behalf of Council, subject to any amendments or changes made as required by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office.

Support Attachments

1. DRAFT Financial Statements 2025-26 [8.1.1.1 - 62 pages]

Considerations and Implications of Recommendation

Sustainability Implications

Not Applicable

Community Engagement

The Financial Statements form part of Council's Annual Report which will be available to the community on Council's website. Notice of the meeting at which the Annual Report is discussed is also advertised locally.

Collaboration

Not Applicable

Financial Impact

Not Applicable

Legal and Risk Implications

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020* which require Council to prepare an Annual Report containing audited statements. Ensuring compliance with these provisions reduces the risk of regulatory breach and maintains transparency and accountability to the community.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

- *Local Government Act 2020*
- *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Not Applicable

Alignment to Council Plan

Theme 3: An Effective and Efficient Council

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*.

8.1.2. Performance Statement 2025-26

File Number	E11037	Responsible Officer	Coordinator Governance & Risk, Chelsea Daly
Purpose			

To present Council the Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2026 and seek Council's approval in principle for its certification, subject to any changes required or recommended by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO).

Executive Summary

The Performance Statement is a statutory document required under the *Local Government Act 2020* and forms part of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF).

The Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2026 has been prepared by Council officers in accordance with the requirements of sections 98 and 99 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*.

The Performance Statement was presented to the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) on 15 September 2026. The Committee recommended that Council adopt the Performance Statement 2025–26, subject to any changes required by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO).

Following Council's approval in principle, the Performance Statement will be submitted to VAGO for audit. Any changes required or recommended by VAGO will be incorporated into the final Performance Statement.

The certified Performance Statement will form part of Council's Annual Report 2025–26.

Key Issues

The Performance Statement 2025–26 is attached to this report.

Section 99(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to pass a resolution giving approval in principle to the Performance Statement before the statement is submitted to the auditor (VAGO) for the purpose of preparing the auditor's report. Following Council's approval in principle, the Performance Statement will be submitted to the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) for audit.

Following the audit process, any changes required or agreed with VAGO will be incorporated into the Performance Statement. The final Performance Statement will then be certified by two Councillors authorised by Council, the Chief Executive Officer and Council's Principal Accounting Officer.

Recommendation
THAT COUNCIL: 1. Approves, in principle, the Mansfield Shire Council Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2026; and 2. Authorises Mayor Cr Rabie and Deputy Mayor Cr Tehan to certify the Performance Statements of Mansfield Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2026, subject to any amendments or changes made as required by the Victorian Auditor General's Office (VAGO).
Support Attachments
1. DRAFT Performance Statement 2025-26 [8.1.2.1 - 19 pages]

Considerations and Implications of Recommendation

Sustainability Implications

Not Applicable

Community Engagement

The Performance Statement forms part of Council's Annual Report which will be available to the community on Council's website.

Collaboration

Not Applicable

Financial Impact

Not Applicable

Legal and Risk Implications

The Performance Statement has been prepared in accordance with requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020* which require Council to prepare an Annual Report containing audited statements. Ensuring compliance with these provisions reduces the risk of regulatory breach and maintains transparency and accountability to the community.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

- *Local Government Act 2020*
- *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Not Applicable

Alignment to Council Plan

Theme 3: An Effective and Efficient Council

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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.

9. 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 10 below.

10. Confidential Reports

10.1. Mansfield Whitfield Road - Dead Horse Lane Roundabout Update

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

10.2. Tender Award: Concrete Path and Kerb Program 26/27

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.

11. Reopen meeting to members of the public

Recommendation

THAT COUNCIL reopen the meeting to members of the public.

12. Close of meeting