



Unconfirmed Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 22 October 2025 at 6:00pm

Maryborough Town Hall, 71 Clarendon Street, Maryborough.

The meeting commenced at 6:00pm.

PRESENT

Councillors:

Grace La Vella (Mayor)

Ben Green (Deputy Mayor)

Geoff Bartlett

Liesbeth Long

Jake Meyer

Anna de Villiers

Gerard Murphy

Officers:

Chief Executive Officer, Peter Harriott

General Manager Community Wellbeing, Emma Little

General Manager Assets Infrastructure and Planning, Amber Ricks

General Manager Corporate Performance, Liam Routledge

Manager Governance Property and Risk, Avi Maharaj

1 Welcome

The Mayor, Cr Grace La Vella welcomed attendees to the meeting and then read an Acknowledgment of Country and the Council Prayer.

2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Nil.

3 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Council Meetings

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 September 2025 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Meyer

Seconder: Cr Bartlett

CARRIED

5 Minutes of Delegated and Advisory Committees

Nil.

6 Petitions

Nil.

7 Council Reports

7.1 2024-25 Annual Report for adoption

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Adopt the Annual Report 2024-2025
2. Notes the Annual Report 2024-2025 has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

Moved: Cr Meyer

Seconder: Cr Long

CARRIED

7.2 Council Plan, Action Plan and Community Panel Outcomes Report for adoption

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Adopts the Council Plan 2025–2029, incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, as presented and amended following public exhibition and Councillor discussion on 8 October 2025. Adopts the Council Plan 2025–2029, incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, as presented and amended following public exhibition.
2. Adopts the Year 1 Annual Action Plan 2025–26 as the operational plan to guide implementation of the Council Plan during the 2025–26 financial year.
3. Adopts the Community Panel Outcomes Report (2025), including Council's formal responses to each of the fifty-one recommendations arising from the deliberative Community Panel process.
4. Notes that submitters to the public exhibition process and members of the Community Panel will be provided with a written summary of Council's responses and notified of Council's resolution.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor editorial or administrative amendments to the adopted documents as required for final publication.
6. Endorses the publication of the Council Plan 2025–2029, Annual Action Plan 2025–26 and Community Panel Outcomes Report on Council's website and through other relevant communication channels.

Moved: Cr de Villiers

Seconder: Cr Murphy

CARRIED

7.3 Draft Financial and Asset Plan for adoption

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Adopts the attached Financial Plan 2025-2035 (as attachment 1 to this report) and Asset Plan 2025 (as Attachment 2 to this report);
2. Having considered all feedback received and having complied with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020;
3. Thanks the community members who participated in the community engagement process to inform the Financial Plan 2025-2035 and Asset Plan 2025; and
4. Make available the Financial Plan 2025-2035 and Asset Plan 2025 via Council's website.

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Cr de Villiers

CARRIED

7.4 D044-23 42 Victoria St Carisbrook VCAT consent order

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Notes the outcome of the compulsory conference held by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) in relation to Planning Permit Application No. D044/23 for the two-lot subdivision of land in the General Residential Zone, Erosion Management Overlay and Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (Schedule 2) at 42 Victoria Street, Carisbrook.
2. Notes the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) conditional request for consent order dated 9 September 2025 (Attachment One).
3. Acknowledges that the consent order reflects negotiated outcomes that address Council's original concerns, including: revised lot layout to improve integration with surrounding residential character; updated drainage strategy to address localised flooding risks; traffic management improvements, including clearer access arrangements to Victoria Street; retention of existing vegetation where feasible, enhanced landscaping conditions; and clarification of permit conditions to ensure compliance with overlays and transport zone requirements.
4. Accepts the VCAT consent order and authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to direct Council's representative to notify VCAT of its' acceptance of the consent order by 23 October 2025.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to issue Planning Permit D044/23, consistent with the terms of the order and Council's obligations under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
6. Acknowledges that acceptance of the VCAT consent order sets aside Council's original decision at the 26 March 2025 Council Meeting.
7. Notes that with the acceptance of the consent order, the scheduled VCAT hearing on 7 November 2025 will be vacated, and no further attendance is required.

8. Acknowledges its ongoing commitment to addressing broader flooding risks across the municipality by supporting sustainable development in appropriate locations. This commitment is reflected in strategic land use initiatives including The Land Use Framework Plan; The Rural Living Zone Review; the update of the Carisbrook Flood Study; and the proposed C44cgo Flood Amendment to the Central Goldfields Planning Scheme.

Moved: Cr Green

Seconder: Cr Murphy

CARRIED

8 General and other Urgent Business

Cr Murphy thanked Mayor La Vella for her dedication, her willingness and happiness to the community in her year as the Mayor and acknowledged that the Mayor had put her life on hold. Mayor La Vella thanked Cr Murphy for his acknowledgement.

9 Notices of Motion

Nil

11 Confidential Business

Nil

12 Meeting Closure

The Mayor, Cr La Vella closed the Council Meeting at 6:38pm.