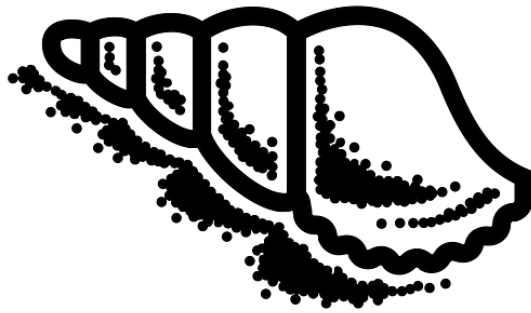




**Mornington
Peninsula Shire**

MINUTES

UNSCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 16 JUNE 2026

6:00 PM

**MUNICIPAL OFFICES
BESGROVE STREET, ROSEBUD**

MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE COUNCIL**WARDS AND COUNCILLORS**

Beek Beek	Cr Kate Roper
Benbenjie	Cr Max Patton
Briars	Vacant
Brokil	Cr Patrick Binyon
Coolart	Cr David Gill
Kackeraboite	Cr Stephen Batty
Moorooduc	Cr Bruce Ranken
Nepean	Cr Andrea Allen
Tanti	Cr Paul Pingiaro
Tootgarook	Cr Cam Williams
Warringine	Cr Michael Stephens

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Mr Mark Stoermer Ms Cheryl Casey Mr Andrew Pomeroy Mr Davey Smith Ms Kelly Gillies	Chief Executive Officer Director – Communities Director – Planning and Liveability Director – Assets and Infrastructure Chief of Staff
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OBSERVERS

Prue Digby Rebecca McKenzie	Municipal Monitor Municipal Monitor
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1 OPENING AND WELCOME

Meeting opened at 6.30pm

Temporary Chairperson – Mark Stoermer, Chief Executive Officer

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

(Read by Cr Binyon)

Mornington Peninsula Shire acknowledges the Bunurong people, who have been the custodians of this land for many thousands of years; and pays respect to their elders past and present. We acknowledge that the land on which we meet is the place of age-old ceremonies, celebrations, initiation and renewal; and that the Bunurong peoples' living culture continues to have a unique role in the life of this region.

2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Present

Cr Andrea Allen
Cr Stephen Batty
Cr Patrick Binyon
Cr David Gill
Cr Max Patton
Deputy Mayor, Cr Paul Pingiaro
Cr Bruce Ranken
Cr Kate Roper
Cr Michael Stephens
Cr Cam Williams

Mr Mark Stoermer, Chief Executive Officer

2.1 Apologies

Nil.

2.2 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest Pursuant to Sections 126 – 131 of the *Local Government Act 2020*

Nil.

3 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

OFFICE OF THE CEO

3.1 Election of the Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in accordance with Council's Governance Rules elects Councillor ____ as Mayor for the period from 16 June 2026 until the Annual Council Meeting on 24 November 2026, having received an absolute majority of votes cast.

The Chair invited nominations for the office of Mayor advising the nominations do not need to be seconded.

- Cr Bruce Ranken nominated Cr Paul Pingiaro – Cr Pingiaro accepted the nomination
- Cr Max Patton nominated Cr Kate Roper – Cr Roper accepted the nomination.

The Chair then asked for a motion to Suspend Standing Orders to allow the nominees to speak to their nomination.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Moved: Cr Patton

Seconded: Cr Binyon

That Standing Orders be suspended at 6.04pm.

For: Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton, Cr Roper and Deputy Mayor, Cr Pingiaro

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

3.1 (Cont.)**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS****Moved: Cr Batty****Seconded: Cr Patton****That Standing Orders be resumed at 6.08pm.**

For: Cr Gill, Cr Stephens, Cr Williams, Cr Allen, Cr Ranken, Cr Batty, Cr Binyon, Cr Patton, Cr Roper and Deputy Mayor, Cr Pingiaro

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

The Chair called for a vote in alphabetical order in accordance with Council's Governance Rules.

The vote for each candidate was then taken:

Councillors	Votes
Cr Paul Pingiaro	5
Cr Kate Roper	5

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6.11pm for a short recess.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

That the meeting be resumed at 6.38pm.

The Chair advised as no Councillor received an absolute majority of votes, the call for nominations for Mayor was reopened and two nominations were received:

- Cr David Gill nominated Cr Stephen Batty – Cr Batty accepted the nomination
- Cr Andrea Allen nominated Cr Paul Pingiaro – Cr Pingiaro accepted the nomination.

3.1 (Cont.)

The Chair called for a vote in alphabetical order in accordance with Council's Governance Rules.

The vote for each candidate was then taken:

Councillors	Votes
Cr Stephen Batty	6
Cr Paul Pingiaro	

As an absolute majority was achieved, there was no requirement to proceed with any further rounds of voting.

COUNCIL DECISION

The Temporary Chairperson declared Councillor Stephen Batty as Mayor for the period from 16 June 2026 until the Annual Council Meeting on 24 November 2026, having received an absolute majority of votes cast.

3.2 Election of the Deputy Mayor

As Councillor Batty was elected Mayor, item 3.2 lapsed. Councillor Paul Pingiaro remains Deputy Mayor in accordance with Council's resolution of 18 November 2025 establishing the office of Deputy Mayor until the next Annual Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council in accordance with Council's Governance Rules elects Councillor ____ as Deputy Mayor for the period from 16 June 2026 until the Annual Council Meeting on 24 November 2026, having received an absolute majority of votes cast.

4 MEETING CLOSE

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 6.47pm

Confirmed this 7th day of July, 2026

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Mayor, Cr Stephen Batty