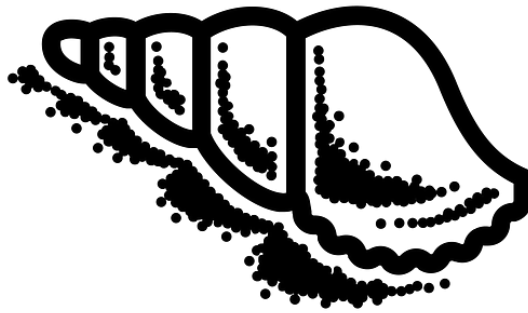




Mornington Peninsula Shire

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 9 JUNE 2026

6:30 PM

**PENINSULA COMMUNITY THEATRE
91 WILSONS ROAD, MORNINGTON**

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

Appointed Chairperson – Acting Mayor, Cr Paul Pingiaro

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

(Read by Cr Stephens)

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

Acting Mayor, Cr Paul Pingiaro (Chairperson)

Cr Andrea Allen

Cr Stephen Batty

Cr Patrick Binyon

Cr David Gill

Cr Max Patton

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.

2.3 Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Minutes of the previous Council Meetings held on 12 May 2026, be confirmed with a change to item 7.2 Notice of Extension – CN2718 – Independent Advisor: Chief Executive Officer Performance and Remuneration Review.

The Council Decision to read as follows:

That Council:

1. Approves an extension of contract CN2718 with TMS Consulting for the Independent Advisor – Chief Executive Officer Performance and Remuneration Review, from 28 May 2026 until 30 September 2026.

2. *Endorses the commencement of a review by Shire officers of the Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Committee Policy (Attachment 2), with the revised policy to be presented to Council for consideration and adoption in July 2026.*

Part B

That Council:

1. *Resolves that the Council Decision is not confidential pursuant to section 3 (1) of the Local Government Act 2020.*
 2. *Resolves that the Report and Attachment 1 to this report be retained as confidential items pursuant to section 3 (1) (g) (ii) of the Local Government Act 2020 as they contain private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage*
2. That the minutes of the previous Unscheduled Council Meeting held on 2 June 2026, be confirmed.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Williams

Seconded: Cr Batty

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

2.4 Councillor Briefing Sessions

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the record of Councillor Workshop Sessions forms for the 30 April 2026, 5 May 2026 and 19 May 2026.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Batty

Seconded: Cr Roper

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

2.5 Petitions and Joint Letters

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Petitions:

1. Objecting to the proposed raised safety platforms on Bellbird Road, Mount Eliza.
2. Requesting a review of the Waste Services Levy and creation of a think tank of locals to come up with an alternative solution.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Binyon

Seconded: Cr Patton

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

2.6 Public Question Time

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Lease on 350 Dunns Road Mornington – MYC Gymnastics

Nerrida Nixon, a resident of Mornington asked the following question:

With reference to the Council's Policy on Lease & Licences. Can the club look forward to another 5 x 5 x 5-year lease from the end of 2029 with the same peppercorn rent agreement, or/and will the club be liable for the introduced "Sinking Fund" dollars and "Administrative Rent" dollars of which the club has had no advice from Council regarding the financial impact?

Council advised that as the Club's current lease is in place until 2029, any future leasing arrangements will be considered closer to the expiry date of the current lease term. At this time, Council is not in a position to confirm the terms of any future lease, as these will form part of a formal lease review process with the Club. This review will be undertaken at the appropriate time and assessed against Council's Lease and Licence Policy. Council officers will continue to work collaboratively with the Club and will ensure appropriate consultation is undertaken as the lease approaches expiry.

Council's Biodiversity Conservation Plan

Dale Stohr, a resident of Crib Point asked the following questions:

With the current Biodiversity Conservation Plan being adopted in August 2019, when will Council release an updated Biodiversity Conservation Strategy that will set objectives to protect and enhance ecological values within the Mornington Peninsula region for the next five to ten years?

Council advised that the Council-adopted Biodiversity Conservation Plan (the Plan) continues to guide the Shire's work to protect and enhance Mornington Peninsula's important ecological values. Implementation of the Plan is ongoing, with continued delivery of priority actions, including on-ground conservation works, community engagement programs, and partnership initiatives that support biodiversity outcomes across the Peninsula.

Consistent with the Plan's commitment to adaptive management, the Shire is currently progressing a review of implementation. This includes preparing an updated progress report on achievements to date and undertaking an internal operational review to inform future priorities.

Electric Vehicle Charging stations Mornington Peninsula

Dale Stohr, also asked the following question:

With sales of electric vehicles (EV) in Australia representing one in five of all new vehicles sold in May 2026, how many new EV charging stations are planned to be built across the Mornington Peninsula in the coming years?

Council advised that public EV charging infrastructure is largely provided by the private market. Requests from private operators to locate infrastructure on Shire owned or managed land will be subject to a public and transparent process, including appropriate market testing and assessed in accordance with the Shire's Property Strategy and Lease and Licence Policy and location suitability.

With latest figures reporting EV uptake has jumped to 20% of new cars sold, the Shire welcomes the opportunity to work with the Federal Government and our Network Operator (United Energy) on two new initiatives to increase EVCI locations across the Shire.

The federal government is engaging with Councils now as they finalise preparations for an October 2026 launch of their \$40 million program to expand Australia's public EVCI network, targeting kerbside and fast-charging sites across the country.

United Energy has recently launched a campaign seeking community recommended locations for their own pole mounted EVCI program on a live map on the United Energy web site: [Pole-Mounted Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure | Engage United Energy](#) .

We encourage the community to participate in the United Energy campaign to help inform the location and number of EVCI's on the Mornington Peninsula and will be promoting this opportunity with our community.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

The following questions were received without notice. Responses will be provided to submitters and published on the Shire website.

Short-term rentals

Geoff Adams, a resident of Dromana asked the following question:

What can be done to make short term rentals e.g. Airbnb, Stays, Peninsula Escapes comply with Council and Environment Protection Authority (EPA) noise and conduct regulations?

Subsidised Pet Care

Heather Cooke, a resident of Mornington asked the following questions:

When will the subsidised pet de sexing and microchipping program be implemented and will this apply to Centrelink recipients only. Also, will this program be available to cat owners, not just dog owners.

Pet Adoption

Heather also asked the following question:

Has the adoption process been streamlined and simplified allowing walks without having to fill out a four-page online adoption form, waiting for a phone call, then visiting the shelter at least twice?. Also, can shelter hours be extended?

Animal Shelter Volunteering

Rosy Fisher, a resident of Mornington asked the following questions:

Will a volunteer and foster care program be implemented at the shelter and if so when and in what capacity? Fostering is particularly beneficial to stressed, elderly, young and nervous pets. Volunteers/foster carers provide socialism and enrichment. They often adopt as well as reducing ill rates and cutting costs.

Pet Adoption / Fostering

Rosy also asked the following question:

Why isn't Community Animal Shelter promoting the pets for adoption in a positive way including names, ages, personalities, etc which will lead to increased adoptions? Many videos/photos do not include information on the shelter's Facebook page.

The Briars Dirt Road

Frederick Crump, a resident of Hastings asked the following questions:

The Dirt Road leading up to the Scout Camp and Mornington Stargazers Building at the Briars is constantly plagued with potholes as big as fruit dishes, why doesn't the Shire tarmac the whole Road instead of filling holes with gravel all the time?

Plastic Pollution

Frederick also asked the following question:

3 years ago, a Dutch CEO invented an interceptor vessel to clean up oceans and rivers. So far, 50 million tons of plastic pollution has been taken from rivers in Panama, Indonesia, India and Los Angeles. Why hasn't Local, State or Federal Governments cottoned on to this fine invention?

3 COUNCILLORS AND DELEGATES REPORTS

Triple A Housing Committee (Cr Patton)

Metropolitan Transport Forum (Cr Patton)

Audit and Risk Committee (Cr Ranken)

Health and Wellbeing Committee (Cr Williams)

South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) (Cr Stephens)

Arts and Culture Advisory Panel (Cr Gill)

4 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

CHIEF OF STAFF

4.1 Quarterly Reports January–March 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Quarterly Community Report and Quarterly Financial Report for January – March 2026 (shown as Attachments 1 and 2 to this report).

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Batty

Seconded: Cr Gill

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

PLANNING & LIVEABILITY

4.2 Road Safety Funding Priorities

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the:

1. 2027/2028 Black Spot Program Projects listed below:
 - A. Collingwood and Lyons Street Intersection, Rye
 - B. McCrae Area Wide
 - C. Somers Area Wide
 - D. Boundary Road and Palmerston Avenue, Dromana
 - E. Arthurs Seat Road and Mornington-Flinders Road Intersection, Red Hill
 - F. Arthurs Seat Road and White Hill Road Intersection, Red Hill
 - G. Frankston-Flinders Road and Stanleys Road Intersection, Balnarring
 - H. Marine Parade, Hastings
 - I. Hendersons Road, Hastings
 - J. Graydens Road and Stumpy Gully Road Intersection, Moorooduc
 - K. Bentons Road and Dunns Road Intersection, Mornington
 - L. Watt Road and Racecourse Road Intersection, Mornington
 - M. Mount Arthur Road and Third Avenue Intersection, Rosebud
 - N. Mornington Peninsula Freeway and Frankston-Flinders Road Interchange, Baxter
2. Delivery of 2027/2028 Black Spot Program Project list shown as Attachment 4 and above, should they receive funding.

4.2 (Cont.)

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Patton

Seconded: Cr Williams

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

4.3 Review of the Climate Emergency Community Reference Group

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Renames the Climate Emergency Community Reference Group to the Climate Resilience Plan Advisory Committee
2. Revokes the Climate Emergency Community Reference Group Terms of Reference
3. Confirms the appointment of the Climate Emergency Community Reference Group members to the Climate Resilience Plan Advisory Committee as per Attachment 3
4. Adopts the Climate Resilience Plan Advisory Committee Terms of Reference shown as Attachment 2 to this report
5. Removes Cr David Gill as Representative and Cr Michael Stephens as Substitute Representative of the Climate Resilience Community Reference Group
6. Confirms Cr David Gill as Representative to the Climate Resilience Plan Advisory Committee and Cr Michael Stephens as Substitute Representative.

Part B

That Council resolves that Attachment 3 to this report remain confidential pursuant to section 3 (1) (f) of the *Local Government Act 2020* until consent has been obtained from all Committee Members for their names to be released.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Roper

Seconded: Cr Stephens

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Against: Cr Gill

Carried

4.4 Integrated Transport Strategy (Draft) – Transport to 2040 – Public Exhibition

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the:

1. Draft Integrated Transport Strategy – Transport to 2040, as at Attachment 1, being placed on public exhibition for a period of 8 weeks from 23 June to 18 August.
2. Director of Planning & Liveability to make any minor administrative or editorial changes to Attachment 1 of this report if required.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Patton

Seconded: Cr Binyon

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

4.5 RFQ-00022 – Large Market Retail Gas (Procurement Australia)**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Approves the participation in the collaborative procurement process for Council's retail energy, currently being undertaken by Procurement Australia, in accordance with section 5.3 of the Procurement Policy.
2. Delegates the execution of the resulting retail energy agreements to the Chief Executive Officer to the value of \$1.8 million.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Roper

Seconded: Cr Stephens

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

5 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

6 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Advice to the Public

All reports, information and recommendations contained in 'Section 7 – Confidential Items' of this Agenda have been designated by the Chief Executive Officer as confidential pursuant to section 66 (2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

The Council may resolve that the meeting be closed to members of the public in accordance with section 66 (5) (a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* if the meeting is discussing any of the following:

- (a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.
- (b) Security information, being information that if released is likely to endanger the security of Council property or the safety of any person.
- (c) Land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values.
- (d) Law enforcement information, being information which if released would be reasonably likely to prejudice the investigation into an alleged breach of the law or the fair trial or hearing of any person.
- (e) Legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies.
- (f) Personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.
- (g) Private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that:
 - (i) Relates to trade secrets.
 - (ii) If released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.
- (h) Confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66 (2) (a).

- (i) Internal arbitration information, being information specified in section 145.
- (j) Councillor Conduct Panel confidential information, being information specified in section 169.
- (k) Information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition.
- (l) Information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the confidential reports listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with section 66 (2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

7.1 RFP00035 – Microsoft Licensing Contract

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3 (1) g (ii) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as they contain private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

7.2 RFQ00020 – Unaddressed Mail Delivery Contract

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3 (1) g (ii) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as they contain private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

7.3 TechnologyOne Contract Over Expenditure

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3 (1) g (ii) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as they contain private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

7.4 Confidential – Aged Care Reform

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 3 (1) (a) and (g) (ii) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as they contain information in relation to Council business information and if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Batty

Seconded: Cr Roper

That the recommendation be adopted.

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

Against: Nil

Carried Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

That the meeting be adjourned at 7.39pm for a short recess.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

That the meeting be resumed at 7.45pm.

8 MEETING CLOSE

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 8.02pm

Confirmed this 7th day of July 2026

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