



CITY OF
MONASH

MINUTES

MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON

TUESDAY 26 MAY 2026

at 7:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER
CIVIC CENTRE, 293 SPRINGVALE ROAD, GLEN WAVERLEY

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Monash Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we meet, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong People, and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waterways.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

2 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Councillors: S James (Mayor), E Lee (Deputy Mayor), A de Silva, J Fergeus, P Klisaris, G Lake, B Little, C Little, S McCluskey, R Paterson.

Officers: A Diamond, V Blackman, J Doake, I Kelly, P Panagakos, T Scicluna, S Wickes, A Sapolu, C Aslanidis, G Budhiraja.

APOLOGIES

Councillor: N Luo.

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr C Little declared a General Conflict of Interest for Item 7.2.2: Aged care reform.

Due to his role as a director of a company that has subcontracting arrangements within the Home Care Packages program.

Cr Paterson declared a General Conflict of Interest for Item 7.2.5: Public Health Approach Gambling Harm Policy.

Due to her employment with the Alliance for Gambling Reform.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That the minutes of the following meeting be taken as read and confirmed:

- Meeting of Council held on 28 April 2026.

CARRIED

5 RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS, JOINT LETTERS AND MEMORIALS

Nil.

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Mayor advised that no public questions had been received.

7 OFFICERS' REPORTS

7.1 City Development

7.1.1 TOWN PLANNING SCHEDULE

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council notes the report containing the Town Planning Schedules.

CARRIED

7.1.2 RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT POLICY

Moved: Cr B Little

Seconded: Cr Fergeus

MOTION

That Council

1. Notes that the existing Residential Parking Permit Policy (the Policy) is outdated and requires updating having regard to changes that have occurred over time with increased development and planning scheme changes.
2. Resolves to release the draft Residential Parking Permit Policy (Attachment 1) for community consultation in accordance with Councils Community Engagement Policy.
3. Notes that a report will be presented to Council for consideration following completion of the community engagement process.

CARRIED

7.2 Community Services

7.2.1 MONASH COMMUNITY GRANTS & PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM 2026/29 RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council approves the in-principle allocation of the 2026/27 Monash Community Grants and Partnerships Program budget (\$2,210,356), subject to the adoption of Council's 2026/27 budget, in the following way:

- a) Allocates a total of \$1,709,331, in financial and in-kind grant allocations to local community groups and organisations in line with the Monash Community Grants and Partnerships Program Policy & Guidelines.
- b) Allocates a total of \$411,025 for Service Agreements (10 Neighbourhood Houses, Monash Men's Shed, South East Community Links, as manager of Monash-Waverley Community Information and Support and Monash-Oakleigh Community Support and Information Service, South East Volunteers, and Wavecare).
- c) Allocates \$60,000 to Quick Response Grant funds in line with the Monash Community Grants and Partnerships Program Policy & Guidelines.
- d) Allocates \$30,000 to Cultural Celebration funds, capped at \$1,000 per application, in line with the Monash Community Grants and Partnerships Program Policy & Guidelines.
- e) Reduces Quick Response Grant funding cap from \$5,000 to \$3,000 to better fund a higher number of smaller, responsive programs to the Monash community.

Moved: Cr Klisaris

Seconded: Cr C Little

AMENDMENT

Includes the following:

- f) **Allocates an additional \$110,479 for the 2026/27 financial year only to ensure that no community group or club within the designated "hall hire" categories receives a lesser grant allocation than they received in this 2025/26 financial year.**

CARRIED

Moved: Cr B Little

Seconded: Cr McCluskey

AMENDMENT

Includes the following:

- g) **Increases the Friends of Damper Creek grant from \$618.03 to \$900.**

Meeting Note:

- Cr B Little proposed an amendment. In accordance with Governance rules 23 (e) and (f) the Amendment was accepted with the consent of Council.

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grant allocation than they received in this 2026/26 financial year.

- g) Increases the Friends of Damper Creek grant from \$618.03 to \$900.

CARRIED

Meeting Notes:

- Cr Paterson joined the meeting at 7.21pm.
- Cr C Little left the meeting at 7.28pm, after having declared a General Conflict of Interest in item 7.2.2, prior to the discussion of the item.

7.2.2 AGED CARE REFORM

Moved: Cr Paterson

Seconded: Cr Fergus

MOTION

That Council

1. **Notes that the Council's Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) contract (Contract) with the Commonwealth Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DHDA) will cease on 30 June 2027.**
2. **Notes the outcomes of the four-week period of communication and engagement with CHSP clients, staff and volunteers, regarding the Contract and Council's intent to transition out of CHSP services.**
3. **Does not seek a further contract and commits to work in partnership with the DHDA to support the transition of existing clients to new providers of their choice (to be advised by the Commonwealth) no later than 30 June 2027.**
4. **Commits to the continued delivery of a comprehensive range of Council-wide and Monash Age Well services, supports and programs for older people residing in the City of Monash.**
5. **Undertakes notification to affected employees, volunteers and Associate Providers (contractors), in relation to the end of the CHSP service contract and consults on the impact of the change with employees, in accordance with Council's Enterprise Agreement.**
6. **Undertakes notification to current Monash CHSP clients, in relation to the transition out of CHSP services and a supported transition process to new providers.**
7. **Acknowledges and thanks all staff and volunteers for their long-standing commitment and professionalism in delivering aged care services across the City of Monash.**

CARRIED

Meeting note:

- Cr C Little returned to the meeting at 7.35pm and did not participate in voting on this item.

7.2.3 POSITIVE AGEING REFERENCE GROUP (PARG) - APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE UPDATE

Moved: Cr B Little

Seconded: Cr Paterson

MOTION

That Council

- 1. Endorses the revised Positive Ageing Reference Group (PARG) Terms of Reference.**
- 2. Endorses the appointment of the following individuals to the Positive Ageing Reference Group (PARG) in accordance with the current Terms of Reference:**
 - a) Community Members – Two years**
 - i) Garry Love**
 - ii) Kinjal Patel**
 - iii) Manami Ray**
 - iv) Amor Sevileno**
 - v) Julia Thiele**
 - b) Industry Members – One year**
 - i) Maria Megas**
- 3. Extends the terms of the following industry members for an additional one year, concluding in November 2027:**
 - a) Jacinta Jarutis – extension joined October 2024**
 - b) Matthew Pase – extension joined October 2024**
- 4. Extends the terms of the following community members for an additional two years, concluding in November 2028:**
 - a) Ian Bjorkman – Third and final extension joined in January 2022**
 - b) Marged Goode – First extension joined in October 2024**
 - c) Antionette Renaut – First extension joined in October 2024**
- 5. Acknowledges Caroline Perry, Eddie Hu, Pari Balsara-Mistry, Pam White and Eva Kladou for their contribution to the PARG.**

CARRIED

7.2.4 GLEN WAVERLEY BOWLS CLUB - COVERED GREENS PROPOSAL

Moved: Cr McCluskey Seconded: Cr Klisaris

MOTION

That Council provides in-principle support to the Glen Waverley Bowls Club (GWBC) by committing up to one-third of the total project cost of either scenario 1 or scenario 2 as outlined in this report for the installation of green canopy cover(s) over the new synthetic bowling green(s) and an undercover alfresco area at the Club.

CARRIED

Meeting Note:

- Cr Paterson left the meeting at 7.40pm after having declared a General Conflict of Interest in Item 7.2.5, prior to the discussion of the item.

7.2.5 PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH GAMBLING HARM POLICY

Moved: Cr B Little Seconded: Cr Lee

MOTION

That Council endorses the revised Public Health Approach to Gambling Harm Policy.

CARRIED

Meeting note:

- Cr Paterson returned to the meeting at 7.41pm and did not participate in voting on this item.

7.3 Corporate Services

7.3.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

Moved: Cr Lee Seconded: Cr McCluskey

MOTION

That Council

1. Endorses the appointment of Paul O'Connor to the role of Audit and Risk Committee Chair for a period of three years ending 30 June 2029, effective 1 July 2026.
2. Endorses the appointment of Sally Bennett as an Independent Member of the Audit and Risk Committee for a period of three years ending 30 June 2029, effective 1 July 2026.

3. Notes that all other applicants will be advised of Council's decision and thanked for their interest in the positions.
4. Expresses thanks to retiring Audit and Risk Committee Chair and Independent Member, Andrew Dix and John Watson.

CARRIED

7.3.2 2026/27 ANNUAL BUDGET

Moved: Cr B Little

Seconded: Cr Klisaris

MOTION

That Council

1. Adopts the Annual Budget 2026/27, as presented, for the purpose of adoption of the annual budget for 2026/27 at its meeting 26 May 2026.
2. Adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges, as detailed in the Annual Budget 2026/27, to be effective from 1 July 2026 (except as otherwise indicated).
3. Applies differential rating using Capital Improved Value (CIV) as the basis of valuation to all rateable land to raise rates by 2.75 per cent in 2026/27.
4. Applies the final confirmation to the valuation data provided by the Valuer General and signed by the Minister in order to comply with Minister's rate cap determination.
5. Applies a Kerbside Bin Charge as a fixed charge per property under Section 162 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, with differential pricing for residential and non-residential properties, applicable to all properties receiving council kerbside bin services, to fully recover the costs of providing and managing council kerbside waste and recycling services.
6. Consolidates the existing pensioner concession of \$50 on rates and \$65 on waste and recycling levy to offer a single 40 percent concession (\$142.40 in 2026-27), to be provided under Section 171 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and applied against the Kerbside Bin Charge for eligible pensioners.
7. Applies a concession of \$150 for eligible low-value properties (valued under \$600,000) and for ratepayers experiencing financial hardship.
8. Applies a Public Waste Service Rate under Section 162 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, being a variable charge calculated as a percentage of the Capital Improved Value (CIV) of each property, applicable to all rateable properties within the municipality, to fully recover the costs associated with the management of public waste services.
9. Endorses that the Rates will be separately levied in respect of each portion of rateable land for which Council has as separation valuation (unless Council has determined a charge in lieu of rate in accordance with the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963*).
10. Provides a concession of 60% of the relevant rate for qualifying properties in accordance with the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963* (CRLA).

11. In accordance with Section 167 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, declares the rates and charges must be paid:
- a) in a lump sum on or before 15 February 2027 or
 - b) by 4 instalments on or before:
 - 30 September 2026
 - 30 November 2026
 - 01 March 2027
 - 31 May 2027 or
 - c) by 10 instalments on or before:
 - 01 September 2026
 - 01 October 2026
 - 02 November 2026
 - 01 December 2026
 - 04 January 2027
 - 01 February 2027
 - 01 March 2027
 - 01 April 2027
 - 03 May 2027
 - 01 June 2027
12. Applies interest to overdue rates and charges payments in accordance with Section 172 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, noting that the rate of the interest is payable on the rates and charges which have not been paid by the dates declared, is fixed in accordance with Section 2 of the Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983.
13. Allows for overdue non-instalment payers, an additional 21 days from the 15 February to pay any overdue rates, before the application of the interest referred to in part 12 of this resolution.
14. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any administration changes as required to the Annual Budget 2026/27 and make final documents available for public inspection.
15. Advises the members of the public who provided submissions to the development of the Annual Budget 2026/27 that Council considered their submission, thank them for their contributions, and advise them of the outcome of the consideration as it relates to their submission.

Moved: Cr James

Seconded: Cr Lee

AMENDMENT

16. Commits to delivering Package 2a of the Waverley Women's Sports Centre Precinct Plan (2020), on the land that Council manages, and allocates \$300,000 from the open space reserve to deliver this in the 2026/27 financial year.
17. Writes to the local member for Glen Waverley, the Minister for Sports and the Minister for the Environment advising them of Council's commitment and urging them to delivering the part of the package on Crown Land to ensure adequate sealed footpaths and lighting to address pedestrian safety, particularly at night.

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CARRIED

7.3.3 INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCILLORS RECORDS

Moved: Cr Klisaris

Seconded: Cr B Little

MOTION

That Council notes the records of Informal Meetings of Councillors as attached to this report.

CARRIED

7.4 City Services

7.4.1 CLIMATE RESILIENCE PLAN 2026-2030

Moved: Cr B Little

Seconded: Cr Paterson

MOTION

That Council

1. Notes the results of community engagement on the draft Climate Resilience Plan 2026-2030 detailed in the Community Engagement Summary Report.
2. Notes the revised draft Climate Resilience Plan 2026-2030, which has been updated in accordance with community feedback submitted during the consultation process.
3. Adopts the Climate Resilience Plan 2026-2030.

CARRIED

Meeting Note:

- Cr Lake left the meeting at 8.03pm and returned at 8.06pm.

7.4.2 2025075 MT WAVERLEY RESERVE CAR PARK REDEVELOPMENT

Moved: Cr McCluskey Seconded: Cr Paterson

MOTION

That Council

1. Approves additional contingency funds of \$346,099.93 to Contract 2025075 Mt Waverley Reserve Car Park Redevelopment with Ramsay Civil Pty Ltd.
2. Approves additional budget funding of \$297,800.64 for project C09999 Mount Waverley Reserve Car Park.
3. Notes that this request for additional contingency funds is compliant with Council's Contract Variation Delegation Rules as approved by Council on 31 October 2023 and
4. Notes the revised anticipated final project expenditure is \$1,947,800.64.

Please Note: All values in this report are GST exclusive unless stated otherwise.

CARRIED

7.5 Chief Executive Officer

Nil.

8 NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION- COUNCIL'S DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURE FUND APPLICATION - MAY 2026

Moved: Cr McCluskey Seconded: Cr Paterson

MOTION

That Council resolves to approve the following application for funding from the Council's Discretionary Expenditure Fund in accordance with the guidelines.

APPLICANT	PURPOSE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
Anna Kang	Partial Financial assistance to participate in 2026 Australian National Age Championships at Gold Coast Aquatic Centre.	\$350

CARRIED

8.2 EASTERN AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALLIANCE

Moved: Cr Paterson

Seconded: Cr C Little

MOTION

That Council

1. Notes that the current Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the City of Monash and the Eastern Affordable Housing Alliance (EAHA) membership ends on 30 June 2026.
2. Notes the efforts of the EAHA since its inception in 2010 as a local government leader in advocating for action on affordable housing and housing affordability.
3. Notes the recent progress that has been made on the inclusion of affordable housing provisions into the planning and development system in Victoria, which change the scope and potential for future advocacy in relation to affordable housing.
4. Notes that two member councils decided to leave the EAHA and as of March 2026 the number of councils reduced from six (6) to four (4).
5. Notes that due to the change in membership, along with the inclusion of affordable housing within in the planning system, and with the MoU expiring, it is timely to reconsider our membership of the EAHA and whether it is still possible to be effective given the shrinking membership and decreased scope.
6. Not seek a further MoU with the EAHA and allow our membership of the EAHA to lapse on 30 June 2026 and write to the member Councils to advise of Councils decision and thank them for the opportunity to partner with them to champion affordable housing in the East since 2010.
7. Retains the budget (\$15,000 excl GST) that was to be allocated for the EAHA membership in the 2026/27 draft budget, to be utilised to further affordable housing outcomes in the City of Monash including furthering any recommended actions (as appropriate) within the adopted Monash Affordable Housing Strategy.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Paterson

Seconded: Cr Lee

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That the speaking time for the speaker be extended.

CARRIED

9 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

10 CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil.

11 PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

Nil.

12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Mayor, Cr James provided comments on:

- The passing of Neale Daniher, former footballer and coach and extended his condolences to his family and friends and the FightMND community.

13 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

13.0 MOVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Moved: Cr Lee

Seconded: Cr Klisaris

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That Council, having reviewed and considered the certificates in relation to the matter listed for confidential business, and being satisfied that it is appropriate and necessary to consider these matters in confidential business, resolve to:

Close the meeting to the public in accordance with section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* for the reasons specified in the certificates.

CARRIED

The Council moved into Confidential Business at 8.21pm.

RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL

The Council returned to open Council at 8.30pm.

14 MEETING CLOSURE

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

MAYOR:

DATED: XX

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