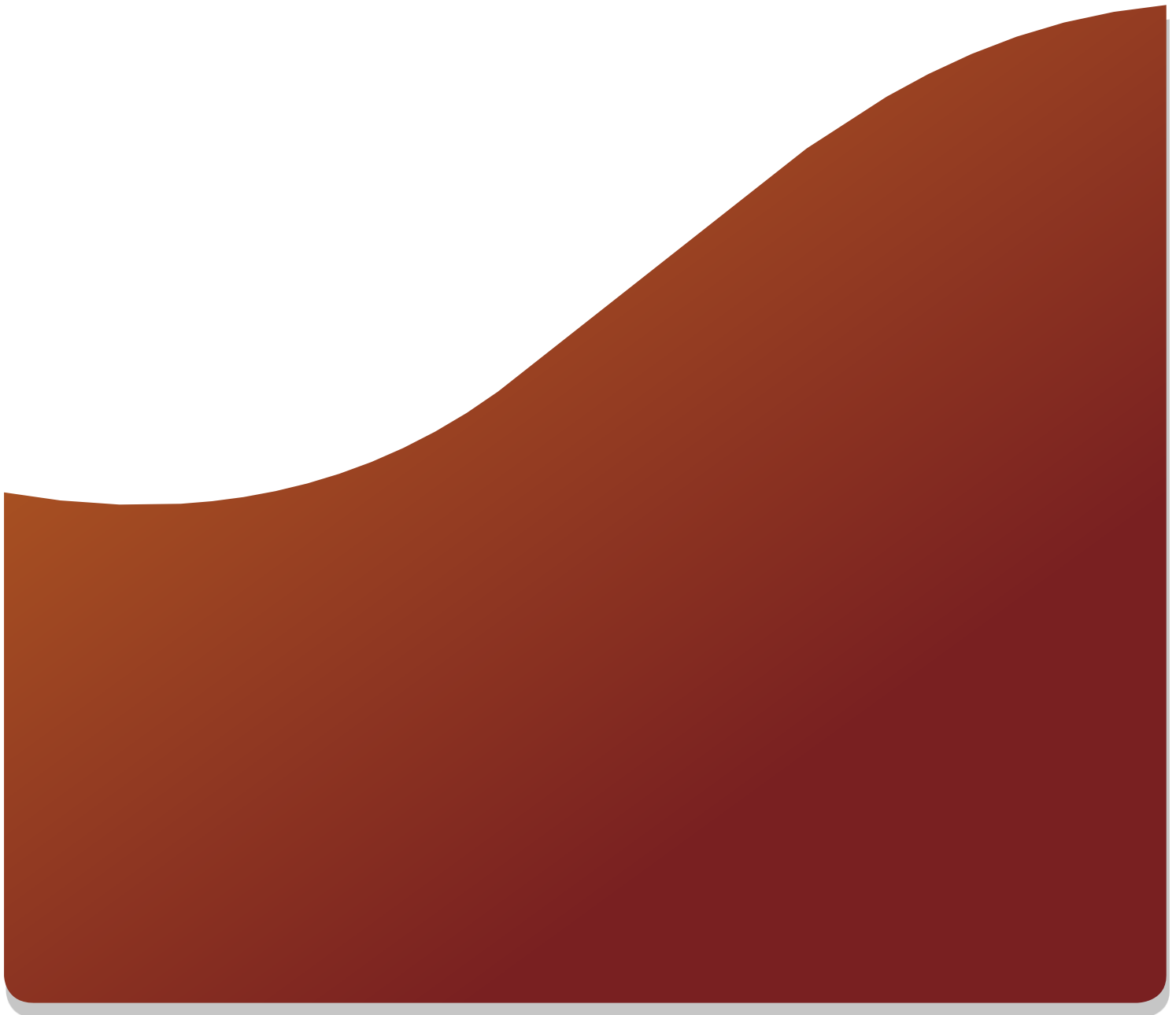


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**Council Meeting
Wednesday 23 July 2025 at 7:00 PM
Gisborne Administration Centre
40 Robertson Street, Gisborne**



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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Macedon Ranges Shire Council acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land and waterways. Council recognises their living cultures and ongoing connection to Country and pays respect to their Elders past, and present.

Council also acknowledges local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander residents of Macedon Ranges for their ongoing contribution to the diverse culture of our community.

2 RECORDING OF LIVE STREAMING OF THIS COUNCIL MEETING

This meeting was recorded and streamed live on the internet in accordance with Council's 'Live Streaming and Publishing Recordings of Meetings Policy, which can be viewed on Council's website.

3 PRESENT

Cr Dominic Bonanno (Mayor), Cr Kate Kendall (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jennifer Anderson, Cr Cassy Borthwick, Cr Alison Joseph, Cr Janet Pearce, Cr Andrew Scanlon, Cr Christine Walker, Cr Daniel Young

IN ATTENDANCE

Bernie O'Sullivan (Chief Executive Officer), Adele Drago-Stevens (Director Corporate), Rebecca Stockfeld (Director Planning and Environment), Maria Weiss (Director Community), Dominic Testoni (Director Assets and Operations), Jessica Clarke-Hong (Manager Governance and Performance), Cherry Stojanovic (Coordinator Governance), Lucy Olson (Senior Governance Officer - Council Business), Zoe Hardiman (Business Support Officer), Vinitha Pinto (Chair Audit and Risk Committee).

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 PETITIONS

Nil

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Vinitha Pinto - Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee, presented the Audit and Risk Committee's Biannual Report – December 2024 to Council.

7.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS - ROWAN KEMP

Questions:

In the June 2025 Council Meeting it was revealed that 5 years after the 'shovel ready' Shared Trail project secured funding only 1% of the trail had been delivered. The project has now reduced in size, increased in cost and failed to meet delivery deadlines. On every measure, over the last 5 years (4 with yourself as CEO), your team has failed to manage and deliver this project responsibly. My first question- if after 5 years, only 1% of a major project is delivered, is there a fundamental flaw with either the culture of your teams; how your teams are organised; or how these teams are being lead?

My second question- in May 2025, weeks before the end of the financial year, officers informed the ratepayers that " Just over 2 kilometres of trail in the Woodend area (or about 10%) is now either completed, is under construction or has been approved for construction and is expected to be completed within this financial year". As at the completion of the financial year, what percentage was actually 'completed'?

Answers:

It is true that the Shared Trail has not progressed at the rate initially anticipated when funding was first announced. Organisational culture, leadership and team structure are of course important elements of any key project management process. However, criticisms of these elements oversimplify what has been a very complex, multi- jurisdictional project with significant environmental, regulatory and land access constraints.

The COVID-19 stimulus project was initially announced as "shovel ready", but subsequent investigations revealed that critical preconditions for delivery including environmental approvals, cultural heritage assessments, landowner agreements, and finalised alignment designs were not in place. These matters have taken significant time to resolve and required extensive consultation with Traditional Owners, State agencies, and private landholders.

The complexity of this project in the early years was also hampered by COVID-19 restrictions, and the challenge of local councils being able to retain their project managers who were being actively recruited into the higher paid private development sector.

With the benefit of hindsight, we do accept that aspects of internal and external coordination and resources could have been improved. Over the last 12 months, the organisation has made changes to strengthen project management capability, improve inter-departmental coordination, and ensure clearer lines of accountability. These changes are already helping to improve delivery on this and other infrastructure projects.

In relation to your second question, as of 30 June 2025, 0.25 kilometres (Stage 1A in Woodend) had been fully completed and delivered to residents. The balance of the 2.17 kilometres referenced in May includes trail segments that are either currently under construction or have received all necessary approvals, with works expected to be completed in the coming months.

8 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 2025/61

Moved: Cr Jennifer Anderson
Seconded: Cr Andrew Scanlon

That the minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council held on Wednesday 18 June 2025 as circulated be confirmed.

CARRIED

9 MAYOR'S REPORT

9.1 MAYOR'S REPORT - JUNE-JULY 2025

Resolution 2025/62

Moved: Cr Cassy Borthwick

Seconded: Cr Christine Walker

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's report.

CARRIED

10 RECORD OF MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STAFF

10.1	RECORD OF MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STAFF - JUNE-JULY 2025
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Summary

Rule 66 of Council's Governance Rules requires a written record of matters discussed at specified meetings of Councillors and Council staff to be reported to the next practicable scheduled Council Meeting and recorded in the minutes of that meeting. This report provides a summary of meetings of Councillors and Council staff held since the last Council Meeting.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the record of meetings of Councillors and Council staff, as outlined in this report.

Cr Jennifer Anderson moved an amended officer recommendation.

Resolution 2025/63

Moved: Cr Jennifer Anderson

Seconded: Cr Alison Joseph

That Council receives and notes the record of meetings of Councillors and Council staff, as outlined in this report with the removal of Bert Candusio from the 15 July 2025 Council Briefing.

CARRIED

11 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS**PE.1 DRAFT DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2026 - 2029****Summary**

This report seeks Council endorsement to release the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026 – 2029 (DAMP 2026 – 2029) and to undertake a second stage of community consultation before the DAMP 2026 – 2029 is presented to Council for finalising and endorsing at the November Council meeting. An overview of community feedback from the first stage of community consultation is also provided, which helped inform development of the draft DAMP 2026 – 2029.

Resolution 2025/64

Moved: Cr Janet Pearce
Seconded: Cr Andrew Scanlon

That Council:

1. **Endorses the release of the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026 – 2029 for community consultation.**
 2. **Notes that submission to this period of community consultation will be presented to Council, together with the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026 – 2029 at the November meeting of Council.**
 3. **Notes the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2026-2029 Community Consultation (Stage 1) Report.**
 4. **Notifies all submitters regarding this resolution, thank them for their feedback and notify them of the second round of consultation commencing August 2025.**
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CARRIED

PE.2 PROPOSED CHANGES TO COUNCIL'S DOG AND CAT ORDER 2019 SCHEDULE 1 (OFF LEASH AREAS) AND SCHEDULE 2 (PROHIBITED AREAS)**Summary**

This report presents proposed amendments to Council's Dog and Cat Order Schedule 1 for designated dog off leash areas and Schedule 2 for designated dog/cat prohibited areas for endorsement to undertake a second stage of community consultation. A summary report of community feedback from the first stage of community consultation undertaken in mid-2024 is also provided.

Resolution 2025/65

Moved: Cr Alison Joseph
Seconded: Cr Janet Pearce

That Council:

1. **Notes community feedback outlined in the attached Dog Off Leash and Prohibited Area Consultation 2024 Report.**
2. **Endorses the release of Proposed Schedules 1 and 2 (of Council's Dog and Cat Order 2019 – Domestic Animals Act 1994) for four weeks of community consultation.**

CARRIED

PE.3 2025-2026 EVENTS AND FESTIVAL GRANT PROGRAM AND THE 2026 ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT FUND

Summary

The Macedon Ranges Events and Festivals Grant Program provides support to events that deliver social and economic benefit to the community.

The ANZAC Day Commemorative Services Support Fund provides support for community organisations that deliver ANZAC Day Commemorative Services and require financial assistance to cover traffic management costs for the safe delivery of these events.

This report details the application and evaluation process, in accordance with the respective guidelines for the Events and Festivals Grant Program and the ANZAC Day Commemorative Services Support Fund, and lists the projects recommended for funding and in-kind support.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. **Endorses the funding recommendations listed in Attachment 1 for the Events and Festivals Grant Program; and**
2. **Endorses the in-kind recommendations listed in Attachment 2 for the Events and Festivals Grant Program; and**
3. **Endorses the funding recommendations listed in Attachment 3 for the ANZAC Day Commemorative Services Support Fund.**

Cr Kate Kendall moved points 1 and 2 of the Officer Recommendation.

Resolution 2025/66

Moved: Cr Kate Kendall
Seconded: Cr Jennifer Anderson

That Council:

1. **Endorses the funding recommendations listed in Attachment 1 for the Events and Festivals Grant Program; and**
2. **Endorses the in-kind recommendations listed in Attachment 2 for the Events and Festivals Grant Program.**

CARRIED

Cr Daniel Young moved an alternative motion.

Procedural Note: In order for all Councillors to consider the proposed wording from Cr Daniel Young, the Mayor adjourned the meeting for a period of 15 minutes from 7:29pm until 7:44pm.

Resolution 2025/67

Moved: Cr Daniel Young

Seconded: Cr Alison Joseph

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the funding recommendations listed in Attachment 3 for the ANZAC Day Commemorative Services Support Fund; and**
- 2. Reopens the ANZAC Day Commemorative Services Support Fund for a 10 day period and applications be brought to the 27 August Council Meeting.**

In Favour: Crs Dominic Bonanno, Kate Kendall, Alison Joseph, Janet Pearce and Daniel Young

Against: Crs Jennifer Anderson, Cassy Borthwick, Andrew Scanlon and Christine Walker

CARRIED 5/4

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

CX.1 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS 2025

Summary

This report seeks to update Council on the results of the 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey, outlining key performance highlights and areas for improvement.

Recommendation

That Council notes the results of the 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey.

Cr Jennifer Anderson moved an alternative motion.

Resolution 2025/68

Moved: Cr Jennifer Anderson

Seconded: Cr Alison Joseph

That Council:

- 1. Notes the results of the 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey and the responses from officers in this report.**
 - 2. Requests the CEO to work with Councillors and staff on potential mechanisms to improve community satisfaction scores.**
 - 3. Requests the CEO to provide a report to Council in March 2026 on what changes have been implemented or are proposed, including those for the 2026/27 budget process, with the aim of improving community satisfaction.**
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CARRIED

CX.2 RECOGNITION OF KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOUR RECIPIENT 2025**Summary**

The 2025 King's Birthday Honours Awards included one person from the Macedon Ranges Shire community. Mrs Rebecca McGrath was recognised in the 2025 King's Birthday Honours of the Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the General Division.

Resolution 2025/69

Moved: Cr Alison Joseph

Seconded: Cr Jennifer Anderson

That Council writes a letter of congratulations to Mrs Rebecca McGrath who was named a Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of her significant service to business through leadership roles in compliance, audit and finance.

CARRIED

13 CORPORATE REPORTS**COR.1 DRAFT INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PLANNING DOCUMENTS FOR CONSULTATION****Summary**

To seek Council's endorsement to place the key documents that form Council's Integrated Strategic Planning and Reporting Framework on public display in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Community Engagement Policy.

Resolution 2025/70

Moved: Cr Kate Kendall

Seconded: Cr Christine Walker

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the release of the following draft documents for public consultation for four weeks:**
 - **Shaping the Ranges 2025-2035**
 - **Financial Plan 2025–2035**
 - **Asset Plan 2025–2035**
 - 2. Notes that the consultation will be conducted in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy**
 - 3. Requests a report be presented to the October 2025 Council meeting, summarising the feedback and presenting the final documents for adoption.**
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CARRIED

COR.2 CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED AT JULY 2025**Summary**

This report provides details of contracts proposed to be awarded under a delegation from Council, from the date of the last report to 28 July 2021. Although this report recommends noting the power delegated to Council officers, Council has the power to:

- a) direct that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) award the contract under the direct delegation from Council; or
- b) specifically delegate the power to the CEO.

Resolution 2025/71

Moved: Cr Janet Pearce
Seconded: Cr Andrew Scanlon

That Council notes that the following contracts will be awarded by Council officers under delegated authority:

1. **C2025-95 Kyneton Showgrounds Netball Courts & Civil Infrastructure Works**
2. **C2025-96 Security Services Council Facilities**
3. **C2025-99 Supply Panel Street Sweeping Waste Processing**

CARRIED

COR.3 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEASE - KYNETON AIRFIELD HANGAR SITES**Summary**

This report seeks Council approval to commence the statutory process under Section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020* to undertake community consultation on the proposed leasing of hangar sites at the Kyneton Airfield. This process will be conducted in accordance with Council's Lease and Licence Policy and Community Engagement Policy.

Resolution 2025/72

Moved: Cr Janet Pearce
Seconded: Cr Christine Walker

That Council:

1. **Commences the statutory process under Section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020* to undertake a community engagement process on the proposed lease of hangar sites at Kyneton Airfield.**
 2. **Schedules a meeting of the Submitters Delegated Committee to be held online at 7pm on Wednesday 3 September 2025, to hear submissions in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, if required.**
 3. **In the event that no submissions are received, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a lease agreement on the following terms:**
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Lease Type	Ground Lease (land only)
Tenant Category	Category 3 – Commercial/General Use – Market Rental
Use	Private aircraft hangars (aviation infrastructure)
Proposed Term	10 years +10 years option
Rental Assessment	Market rental determined by registered valuer

In Favour: Crs Dominic Bonanno, Kate Kendall, Jennifer Anderson, Cassy Borthwick, Janet Pearce, Andrew Scanlon, Christine Walker and Daniel Young

Against: Cr Alison Joseph

CARRIED 8/1

COR.4 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE BIANNUAL REPORT - JUNE 2025

Summary

This report ensures Council transparently discloses a summary of the key matters discussed at the Audit and Risk Committee meetings during the first half of the 2025 calendar year.

The report also ensures the requirements of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter are met by providing a biannual report to Council that summarises the work of the Committee performed, to fully discharge its responsibilities.

The Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report – June 2025 is attached and the Chairperson, Vinitha Pinto will attend the Council Meeting to present the report.

Resolution 2025/73

Moved: Cr Alison Joseph

Seconded: Cr Christine Walker

That Council notes the Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report – June 2025 and thanks the committee for the report.

CARRIED

COR.5 INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORISATION**Summary**

This report seeks Council's approval to appoint one authorised officer under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act) and the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) by an Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation. Under these Acts, only Council, by a resolution, can appoint authorised officers who must be employees of Council.

An Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation is required for officers who have recently commenced with Council.

Resolution 2025/74

Moved: Cr Alison Joseph

Seconded: Cr Jennifer Anderson

That Council resolves that in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and section 313 of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

- 1. The Council officer named in the Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation provided in Attachment 1 be appointed and authorised;**
- 2. The Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation to come into force upon signing and remain in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it;**
- 3. The Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation in Attachment 1 is signed.**

CARRIED

14 COMMUNITY REPORTS**COM.1 COMMUNITY FUNDING SCHEME 2025/2026 RECOMMENDATIONS****Summary**

This report provides an overview of the 2025-26 Community Funding Scheme (CFS), including applications received, assessment process and recommendations for funding.

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Approves the 2025-26 Community Funding Scheme allocations as described in this report and attachment.**
- 2. Approves the allocation of the remaining unspent budget of \$37,779.27, with \$5,000 directed towards grant capacity-building activities and \$32,779.27 returned to Councils reserves.**

Cr Cassy Borthwick moved an alternative motion.

Resolution 2025/75

Moved: Cr Cassy Borthwick

Seconded: Cr Andrew Scanlon

That Council:

1. Approves the 2025-26 Community Funding Scheme allocations as described in this report and attachment.

2. Requests that the CEO prepares a report to Council by the end of September 2025, that proposes the use of the remaining surplus funds, and considers the completion of:

- a. a priority missing link footpath; and/or**
- b. the renewal of the Riddell's Creek Recreation Reserve Master Plan.**

CARRIED

COM.2 SMALL PROJECTS GRANT RECOMMENDATION

Summary

Council's Small Project Grants annual budget is \$30,000 and not-for-profit groups can apply for a maximum of \$3,000 per application.

Applications are assessed against set criteria outlined in the Small Project Grants Guidelines. Funding recommendations are presented at a Council meeting for review and consideration.

The Small Project Grants program supports projects and initiatives that:

- Support local needs
- Are unlikely to be funded by other council funding programs, and
- Align with council plan priorities.

This month two applications have been received, seeking a total of \$3,400.00 in funding. These applications have been evaluated against the eligibility criteria and are deemed to be eligible.

Resolution 2025/76

Moved: Cr Alison Joseph

Seconded: Cr Janet Pearce

That Council approves:

- 1. Approves the awarding of \$1,900.00 small project grant to Lancefield Mechanics Institute, for their Laptop for Lancefield Mechanics Institute Committee of Management Treasurer position project.**
- 2. Approves the awarding of \$1,500.00 small project grant to Jubilee Hall Committee of Management, for their Personal Computer (PC) Replacement project.**

CARRIED

15 ASSETS AND OPERATIONS REPORTS**AO.1 DRAFT ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025-2029****Summary**

The Road Management Plan is a risk management tool that identifies inspection and repair frequencies for Council managed roads and road infrastructure. This report presents to Council the Road Management Plan 2025-2029 (Attachment 1) for Council's consideration and adoption.

Resolution 2025/77

Moved: Cr Janet Pearce
Seconded: Cr Andrew Scanlon

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the Draft Road Management Plan 2025-2029.**
- 2. Notifies all submitters regarding this resolution and thanks them for their feedback and participation.**

CARRIED

AO.2 RESPONSE TO PETITION IN RELATION TO THE SPEED LIMIT ON CABBAGE TREE LANE, GISBORNE SOUTH**Summary**

A petition has been received from Jane Brook in Gisborne South on behalf of 20 residents stating:

"Mayor and Councillors of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, we the undersigned, petition Macedon Ranges Shire Council as of Wednesday 12 March 2025 to reduce the speed limit on Cabbage Tree Lane, Gisborne South.

This report provides recommendations based off regulatory and technical considerations to Councillors in regard to the speed limit along Cabbage Tree Lane, Gisborne South, McGeorge Road, Gisborne and Weigall Road, Gisborne.

Procedural Note: At 9:08 pm Cr Daniel Young left the meeting and returned at 9:10pm.

Resolution 2025/78

Moved: Cr Christine Walker
Seconded: Cr Janet Pearce

That Council:

- 1. Maintains the speed limit along Cabbage Tree Lane, Gisborne South as 80km/h.**
 - 2. Notifies the Head Petitioner of the decision of Council.**
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3. Proceeds with seeking approval from the Department of Transport and Planning to increase the speed limit along McGeorge Road, Gisborne between Couangalt Road and Brooking Road to 80km/h from 60km/h.
4. Proceeds with seeking approval from the Department of Transport and Planning to reduce the speed limit along Weigall Road, Gisborne to 80km/h from 100km/h.
5. Notifies residents of the recommendation of Council and the speed limit changes.
6. Installs speed signs once approval from the Department of Transport and Planning is received.
7. Continues reviewing other instances of potential historical speed limit inconsistencies and proceed with formalising these with appropriate speed limits.

.CARRIED

AO.3 DRAFT WOODEND RACECOURSE RESERVE MASTER PLAN

Summary

The purpose of this report is to present the draft Woodend Racecourse Reserve Concept Plan (Attachment 1) and associated background report (Attachment 2) for endorsement to be placed on a four-week public exhibition period and to seek community feedback to inform the direction and development of the final Woodend Racecourse Reserve Master Plan.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the release of the draft Woodend Racecourse Reserve Master Plan for four weeks of community consultation.

Cr Kate Kendall moved an alternative motion.

Resolution 2025/79

Moved: Cr Kate Kendall
Seconded: Cr Jennifer Anderson

That Council:

1. Endorses the release of the draft Woodend Racecourse Reserve Master Plan for four weeks of community consultation.
 2. Includes in the public consultation a proposal to investigate the provision of a suitable area for the potential inclusion of a facility to accommodate a Woodend Men's Shed, acknowledging previous interest expressed by the group.
 3. That Council officers prepare and provide a map for inclusion in the Master Plan that identifies and delineates:
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- a. State-owned land within the reserve where Council acts as the Committee of Management
 - b. Council-owned land within the reserve area and its zoning designation
 - c. Clarification of whether the Council-owned land forms part of the Woodend Racecourse Reserve Master Plan area.
 - d. The extent of the Vegetation Protection Overlay (VPO3)

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

16 NOTICES OF MOTION AND RESCISSION

NO. 72/2025-26: NOTICE OF MOTION - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

I, Councillor Janet Pearce, give notice that at the next Meeting of Council to be held on 23 July 2025, I intend to move the following motion:

Resolution 2025/80

Moved: Cr Janet Pearce
Seconded: Cr Jennifer Anderson

That Council grants me (Councillor Janet Pearce) leave under Section 35 of the *Local Government Act 2020* for the Council meeting on 27 August 2025.

CARRIED

NO. 73/2025-26: NOTICE OF MOTION - INTERPRETATION OF THE GAMBLING HARM MINIMISATION POLICY IN RELATION TO AUSPICING

I, Councillor Daniel Young, give notice that at the next Meeting of Council to be held on 23 July 2025, I intend to move the following motion:

Motion

Moved: Cr Daniel Young
Seconded: Cr Kate Kendall

That Council affirms the interpretation that for the purpose of assessing grant applications, the Gambling Harm Minimisation Policy does not preclude grant funding being provided to an unincorporated organisation through an auspice arrangement with an incorporated body that receives revenue from electronic gaming machines (EGMs), provided that:

- 1. The funded activity itself is not held in a gambling venue; and**
 - 2. The funded activity does not receive sponsorship or financial support from a gambling provider in the same financial year.**
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In Favour: Kate Kendall and Daniel Young

Against: Crs Dominic Bonanno, Jennifer Anderson, Cassy Borthwick, Cr Alison Joseph, Janet Pearce, Andrew Scanlon and Christine Walker

LOST 2/7

NO. 74/2025-26: NOTICE OF MOTION - DEVELOPMENT OF AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICY

I, Councillor Kate Kendall, give notice that at the next Meeting of Council to be held on 23 July 2025, I intend to move the following motion:

Resolution 2025/81

Moved: Cr Kate Kendall

Seconded: Cr Alison Joseph

That Council:

1. **Requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a draft Artificial Intelligence Policy that sets clear direction for the safe, effective and innovative use of AI, supports compliance with relevant legislation and guidelines, and builds community trust.**
2. **Notes that the draft Policy should:**
 - (a) **Incorporate relevant elements of Council's existing internal AI Protocols and Guidelines;**
 - (b) **Align with the Administrative Guideline for the Safe and Responsible Use of Generative AI in the Victorian Public Sector;**
 - (c) **Define requirements for risk, procurement, staff training, compliance, monitoring, and effective innovation; and**
 - (d) **Provide for regular review to respond to emerging technologies and community expectations.**
3. **Requests that the draft Policy be presented to a Council Briefing within four months, for consideration to progress to a Council Meeting.**

In Favour: Crs Dominic Bonanno, Kate Kendall, Alison Joseph, Janet Pearce, Andrew Scanlon and Daniel Young

Against: Crs Jennifer Anderson, Cassy Borthwick and Christine Walker

CARRIED 6/3

NO. 75/2025-26: NOTICE OF MOTION - INNOVATION COMMITTEE

I, Councillor Alison Joseph, give notice that at the next Meeting of Council to be held on 23 July 2025, I intend to move the following motion:

That Council:

1. **Supports the establishment of an “Innovation Committee” as an Advisory and Investigatory Committee of Council with the purpose of:**
 - (a) **investigating and providing recommendations to Council on improving the efficiency and oversight of the Council;**
 - (b) **developing new and innovative ways of delivering services to the Community;**
 - (c) **working with the CEO and Officers to improve customer satisfaction with Council services; and**
 - (d) **ensuring public value.**
2. **Requests Councillors (in consultation with the CEO) prepare draft Terms of Reference for the proposed committee, to be brought to the August 2025 Council Meeting in a Notice of Motion for consideration and adoption, and the notes that the Committee will:**
 - (a) **Provide advice to Council only and not exercise any delegated powers or make binding decisions.**
 - (b) **Have the power to request and receive information necessary for evidence-based decision making.**
 - (c) **Consist of at least 3 Councillors and is open to all Councillors to join.**
 - (d) **Meet regularly to develop and consider proposals.**
 - (e) **Receive ideas and suggestions for organisational improvements directly from the Community and Council staff.**
 - (f) **Regularly reports back to the Community via Council meetings.**
 - (g) **Regularly review its performance and operations to ensure continuous improvement.**

Cr Alison Joseph moved an alternative motion.

Resolution 2025/82

Moved: Cr Alison Joseph

Seconded: Cr Kate Kendall

That Council:

1. **Explores the establishment of an “Innovation Committee” as an Advisory and Investigatory Committee of Council with the purpose of:**
 - (a) **investigating and providing recommendations to Council on improving the efficiency and oversight of the Council;**
 - (b) **developing new and innovative ways of delivering services to the Community;**
 - (c) **working with the CEO and Officers to improve customer satisfaction with Council services; and**
 - (d) **ensuring public value.**
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2. Requests the CEO to provide a report to Council including a draft Terms of Reference for the proposed committee to the October 2025 Council Meeting for consideration, noting that the Committee should:
- (a) Provide advice to Council only and not exercise any delegated powers or make binding decisions.
 - (b) Have the power to request and receive information necessary for evidence-based decision making.
 - (c) Consist of at least 3 Councillors and is open to all Councillors to join.
 - (d) Meet regularly to develop and consider proposals.
 - (e) Receive ideas and suggestions for organisational improvements directly from the Community and Council staff.
 - (f) Regularly report back to the Community via Council meetings.
 - (g) Regularly review its performance and operations to ensure continuous improvement.

In Favour: Crs Dominic Bonanno, Kate Kendall, Jennifer Anderson, Cassy Borthwick, Alison Joseph, Janet Pearce, Andrew Scanlon and Daniel Young

Against: Cr Christine Walker

CARRIED 8/1

17 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil.

The meeting closed at 10:37pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 27 August 2025.