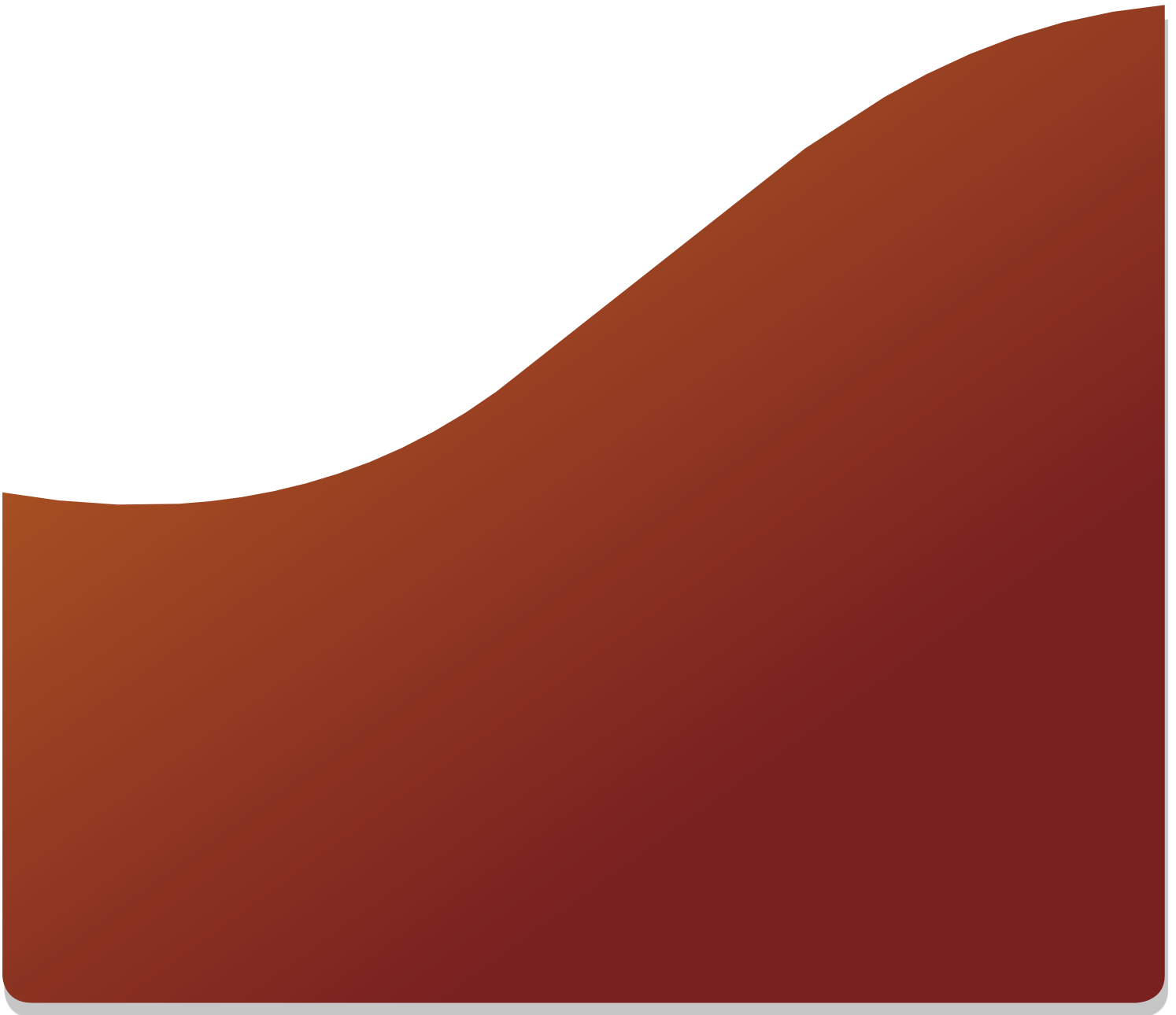


# Minutes

**Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 9 October 2024 at 6:00 PM**

**Held online and livestreamed at [mrsc.vic.gov.au](https://mrsc.vic.gov.au)**



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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 Annette Death (Mayor), Cr Janet Pearce (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jennifer Anderson, Cr Dominic Bonanno, Cr Rob Guthrie, Cr Geoff Neil, Cr Mark Ridgeway, Cr Christine Walker, Cr Rob Ball

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Bernie O'Sullivan (Chief Executive Officer), Adele Drago-Stevens (Director Corporate), Rebecca Stockfeld (Interim Director Assets and Operations), Maria Weiss (Director Community), Rob Ball (Acting Planning and Environment), Lucy Olson (Senior Governance Officer - Council Business), Jess

**4 APOLOGIES**

Cr Bill West

**5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**6 DIRECTOR CORPORATE REPORTS****COR.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024****Summary**

The annual financial statements (the Statements) for the year ended 30 June 2024 are attached for Council's consideration and 'in principle' approval.

The Statements comply with the Australian Accounting Standards (AAS), other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB), the *Local Government Act 2020*, and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*.

The Statements are audited by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office.

Council's Audit and Risk Committee considered the financial statements at its meeting on 25 September 2024.

Prior to submitting the statements to the Victorian Auditor-General's Office for final approval, the *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to pass a resolution giving its approval in principle.

**Resolution 2024/149**

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway

Seconded: Cr Geoff Neil

**That Council:**

- 1. Approves 'in principle' the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024, on the recommendation of the Audit and Risk Committee.**
- 2. Delegates authorisation to certify the Financial Statements to its Councillor members of the Audit and Risk Committee.**
- 3. Endorses the Financial Statements be included in the Annual Report upon certification.**

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**CARRIED**

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**COR.2 PERFORMANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024****Summary**

Council's Performance Statement has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and the Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2020 (the regulations).

The Performance Statement was audited by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) and considered by the Audit and Risk Committee at its 25 September 2024 meeting. Prior to finalising the Performance Statement with VAGO for final approval, the Performance Statement must be given in principle support by Council.

Once the Performance Statement has been audited by VAGO has been finalised, it must be certified in its final form by two Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Accounting Officer.

**Resolution 2024/150**

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway

Seconded: Cr Geoff Neil

**That Council:**

- 1. Approves 'in principle' the Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2024, on the recommendation of the Audit and Risk Committee.**
- 2. Delegates authorisation to certify the Performance Statement to the nominated Councillor members of the Audit and Risk Committee.**
- 3. Endorses the Performance Statement be included in the Annual Report upon certification.**

**CARRIED**

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**The meeting closed at 6:05pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 23 October 2024.**