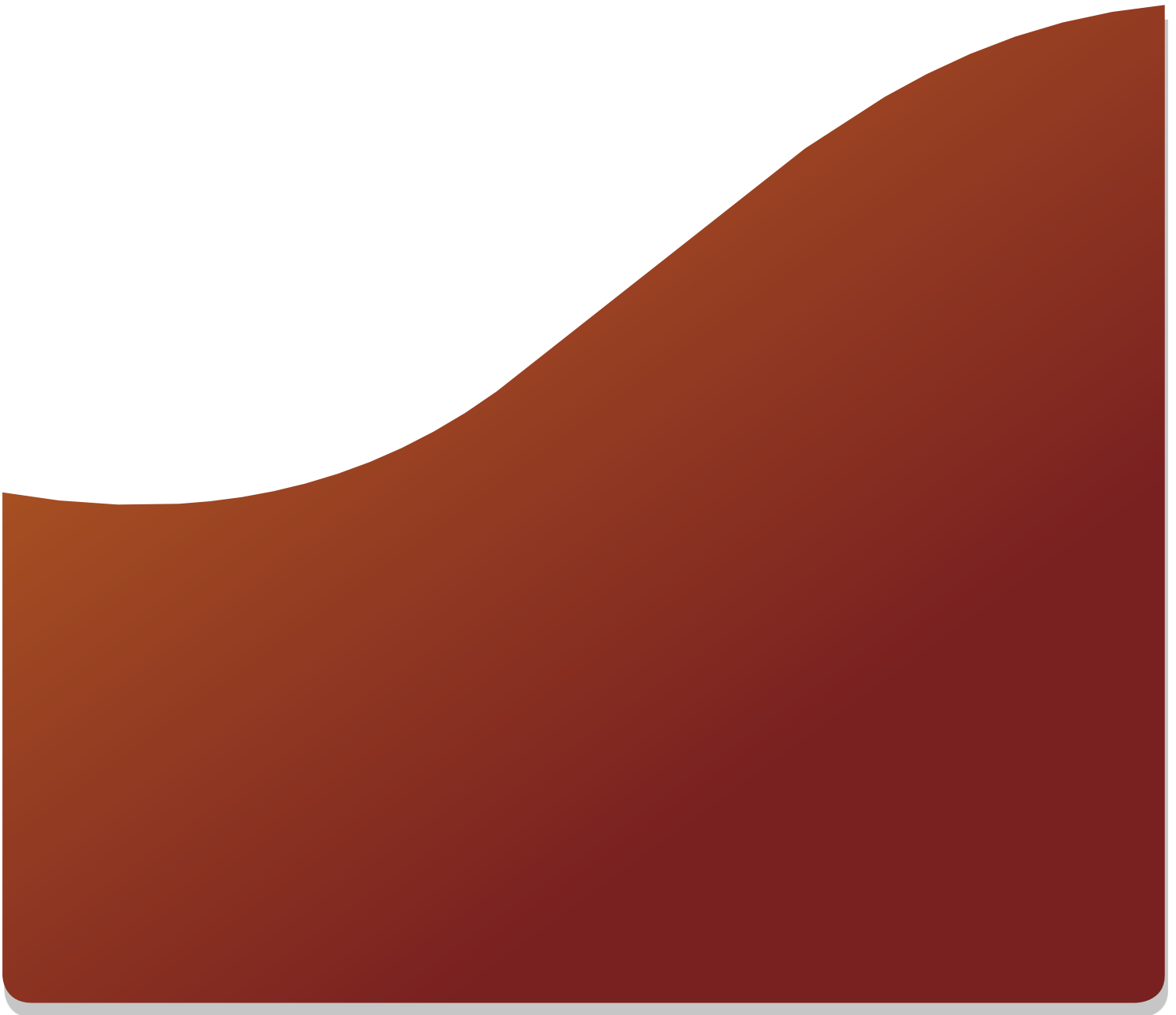


# Minutes

**Council Meeting  
Wednesday 27 November 2024 at 7pm  
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 (Interim Director Assets and Operations), Maria Weiss (Director Community), Rob Ball (Acting Director Planning and Environment), Jessica Clarke-Hong (Manager Governance and Performance), Lucy Olson (Senior Governance Officer - Council Business)

**4 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Pearce declared a general conflict in relation to point 4 of item COR.3 due to a being the current Vice President of the Australian Local Government Women's Association - Victorian Branch and Vice President of the Victorian Local Governance Association.

**6 PETITIONS**

Nil

**7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL**

Nil

**8 ADOPTION OF MINUTES****Resolution 2024/158**

Moved: Cr Kate Kendall

Seconded: Cr Alison Joseph

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**That the minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council held on Wednesday 23 October 2024 as circulated be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**9 MAYOR’S REPORT**

Tonight, due to being only day 6 in the role as Mayor, there is no written Mayor's report in the agenda, but I would like to say a few words.

Together, councillors were sworn in on the 11th November right here in Gisborne and last Friday on the 22nd November, I had the honour of being elected as Mayor and Councillor Kendall as Deputy Mayor. Thank you to our community for voting for us and thank you to councillors for entrusting the role of Mayor to me.

I want to acknowledge the number of women on the council, a majority, 6 - 3. I believe this demonstrates how much we value and hold in high regard, our women, especially the 6 on council here this evening in the Macedon Ranges, well done. For us 3 men, I guess we are not too bad either.

We have 4 returning councillors and 5 new fresh faces and we are now in our third week of induction which included sessions with our executive leadership team, staff, and culminated in a 2-day workshop and smoking ceremony this evening.

All councillors are keen and excited to get out and meet you all so I encourage you to engage with your councillors, whether it be by phone, email, or at a future listening post.

Thank you,

Dom Bonanno

Mayor – Macedon Ranges Shire Council

**MOTION**

**Resolution 2024/159**

Moved: Cr Jennifer Anderson

Seconded: Cr Kate Kendall

**That Council notes the mayor’s report.**

**CARRIED**

**10 RECORD OF MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STAFF**

<b>10.1</b>	<b>RECORD OF MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STAFF - OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2024</b>
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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.

**Resolution 2024/160**

Moved: Cr Alison Joseph  
Seconded: Cr Cassy Borthwick

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

**CARRIED**

**11 DIRECTOR CORPORATE REPORTS****COR.1 CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED AS AT NOVEMBER 2024****Summary**

This report provides details of contracts proposed to be awarded under a delegation from Council, from the date of the last report. 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 2024/161**

Moved: Cr Janet Pearce  
Seconded: Cr Andrew Scanlon

**That Council:**

1. **Notes that the following contracts will be awarded by Council officers under delegated authority:**
  - (a) **C2025-79 Bolinda Hall Renewal Works**
  - (b) **C2025-80 Footbridge Replacement Clarke Street Mount Macedon**
2. **Grants delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to award the following contracts:**
  - (a) **C2025-76 Gilbert Gordon Oval Netball Courts**
  - (b) **C2025-77 Supply Panel Asphalt Works**

**CARRIED**

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**COR.2 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2024****Summary**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council and the community with a report on the financial position of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council to 30 September 2024 for the 2024/2025 financial year (Quarter 1), in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

**Resolution 2024/162**

Moved: Cr Alison Joseph  
Seconded: Cr Christine Walker

**That Council receives the Quarterly Financial report as at 30 September 2024, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020.**

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**CARRIED****MOTION****Resolution 2024/163**

Moved: Cr Jennifer Anderson  
Seconded: Cr Alison Joseph

**That Council resolves to endorse points 1 to 3 of item COR.3 first and separate out point 4 as a separate motion.**

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**CARRIED****COR.3 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT AND COUNCIL MEMBERSHIPS****Summary**

This report is presented to Council to determine Councillor representation on Council's Audit and Risk Committee from November 2024 till November 2025, and to approve the renewal of Council's membership of several peak bodies and associations.

**Resolution 2024/164**

Moved: Cr Jennifer Anderson  
Seconded: Cr Daniel Young

**That Council:**

- 1. Appoints Councillor Alison Joseph and Councillor Christine Walker to be the Councillor delegates to the Audit and Risk Committee.**
- 2. Appoints Councillor Cassy Borthwick and Councillor Daniel Young to be the Councillor delegate substitutes to the Audit and Risk Committee.**

**3. Endorses the ongoing membership to the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance, the Rural Councils Victoria Incorporated and the Municipal Association of Victoria.**

**CARRIED**

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PROCEDURAL NOTE: At 7:11 pm, Cr Janet Pearce left the meeting.

**MOTION**

**Resolution 2024/165**

Moved: Cr Cassy Borthwick  
Seconded: Cr Daniel Young

**That Council endorses the ongoing membership to the Victorian Local Governance Association and the Australian Local Government Women's Association - Victorian Branch.**

**CARRIED**

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PROCEDURAL NOTE: At 7:12 pm, Cr Janet Pearce returned to the meeting.

**COR.4 ALTERATION OF THE DATE OF THE DECEMBER 2024 PLANNING DELEGATED COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Summary**

It is proposed that Council reschedule the November Planning Delegated Committee Meeting due to be held online from 7pm Wednesday 4 December 2024 to a new date 7pm Wednesday 11 December 2024.

**Resolution 2024/166**

Moved: Cr Kate Kendall  
Seconded: Cr Andrew Scanlon

**That Council reschedules the Planning Delegated Committee Meeting currently scheduled to be held online at 7pm Wednesday 4 December 2024 to instead be held online at 7pm Wednesday 11 December 2024.**

**CARRIED**

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**12 NOTICES OF MOTION AND RESCISSION**

Nil

**13 URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**14 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

Nil

**The meeting closed at 7:14.**

**The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 18 December 2024.**