



PROPOSED MINUTES

SCHEDULED MEETING OF MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT DANCOCKS ROOM NATHALIA,
WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2026

The meeting commenced at 5:00 PM

PRESENT Chair Administrator Graeme Emonson PSM
Administrator Susan Bedyka

IN ATTENDANCE: Bryan Sword - Director Sustainable Development
Peter Cannizzaro – Director Corporate Performance
Rachael Gadd - Director Infrastructure
Scott Williams - Director Community
Amanda Finn – Manager Governance, Risk & Performance
Rachel Creak – Governance Officer

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1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER – CEO

Presented by Director Corporate Performance, Peter Cannizzaro on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer.

2. PRAYER

Almighty God we humbly ask you to guide our deliberations for the welfare and benefit of the Moira Shire and its people whom we serve.

Amen

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Moir Shire Council acknowledges the Yorta Yorta Nation as the Traditional Owners of this land.

We recognise the deep spiritual connection to land, waterways and community of the eight clan groups of Yorta Yorta Nation.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

4. APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION:

ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA / CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON

That the minutes of the Scheduled Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 22 July 2026, as presented, be adopted.

(CARRIED)

7. ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSES

Chair Administrator - Dr Graeme Emonson PSM

On Saturday 25 July, I had the great pleasure of attending an Allegro Theatre Co production in Yarrawonga titled 'The Real Housewives of Lake Mulwala'. This was a thoroughly entertaining community theatre production that showcased the enormous talent and creativity right here within our Shire. It was a wonderful evening celebrating the spirit and humour of our local community, and I extend my sincerest congratulations to all the cast, crew, and organisers who brought this production to life.

I chaired a meeting of the Numurkah Flood Levee Committee on Tuesday, 28 July. This meeting provided an important opportunity to provide the committee an update on the progress of Stage 1 of the Northern Numurkah Levee Project, and the planning being undertaken for Stage 2. I am pleased to advise that Stage 1 is now nearing practical completion, with Council staff recently undertaking training on the levee's flood barriers to ensure we are fully prepared to deploy the barrier system rapidly during a flood event. The Northern levee extends 3.12 kilometres from the Goulburn Valley Highway to Kinnaird's Road and represents a significant investment in the flood resilience of our Numurkah community. We thank Numurkah residents for their patience and cooperation throughout the construction phase, and we look forward to seeing the completed project delivering the flood protection our community deserves. Planning for Stage 2 is already well underway as part of Council's forward works program.

On Saturday 8 August, Administrator Benedyka and I had the privilege of attending a luncheon hosted by the Yarrawonga Football Netball Club, centred on the critically important issue of opposing violence against women. The luncheon featured guest speaker Phil Cleary, whose passionate and deeply personal advocacy on this issue is well known across Victoria and beyond. Phil has dedicated decades of his life to campaigning for justice and cultural change in violence against women, and it was a great opportunity to hear his powerful message firsthand. Council is strongly committed to supporting efforts to end violence against women in our community, and I commend the Yarrawonga Football Netball Club for using their platform to shine a light on this critical issue.

I also had the great pleasure of participating in the Fairley Leadership Program's 2026 Place Based Day on 12 August, held at Barooga Sporties. The Fairley Leadership Program, delivered through Goulburn Murray Community Leadership, plays an invaluable role in developing the next generation of regional leaders across our area, and it was a wonderful opportunity to contribute to that work. I spoke to participants about local governance and leadership, exploring the unique challenges and opportunities that come with leading cross-border communities such as ours. It is always energising to be in a room full of engaged, passionate people investing in their own growth and in the future of our region.

On Thursday 20 August, I attended the Hume Region Local Government Network meeting, which brings together councils from across the Hume Region to collaborate on shared priorities and advocate collectively to state and federal government. These forums are an important vehicle for amplifying the voice of regional communities, and Council remains an active and committed participant in the Network's work. We look forward to continuing to work alongside our regional colleagues to advance the interests of communities across northern Victoria.

This morning administrator Benedyka and I had the great pleasure of joining some of our youngest residents in celebration of Book Week to read the book titled 'One Little Dung Beetle'. It was a wonderful reminder of the joy of reading and the importance of literacy in the lives of our youngest community members. Council is proud to support initiatives that nurture a love of books and learning, and we thank the students and their teachers for such a warm welcome.

Administrator Susan Benedyka

On Thursday 23 July, I attended the official opening of the upgraded hardcourts at the Waaia Recreation Reserve. The \$855,000 project was a three-way partnership between Moira Shire Council, the State Government and the local community. Sport and Recreation Victoria's Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund contributed \$692,000, Council contributed \$133,000, and the Waaia Recreation Reserve Committee of Management contributed \$30,000. Four existing courts have been replaced with two new multipurpose courts designed to meet the standards of Netball Victoria and Tennis Australia. The upgrade also included new shelters for players and officials, improved lighting and secure fencing. These are high-quality facilities that will serve the Waaia community for many years.

Council is committed to investing in communities right across the Shire, including our smaller towns. Denis Brooks, speaking on behalf of the Waaia Recreation Reserve Committee, acknowledged the Waaia Football Netball Club team who drove the project and the long-term support of Sport and Recreation Victoria and Council. These are exactly the kinds of community-led projects that make a genuine difference to local sporting and social life. After the opening, I visited the Waaia Football Netball club training night gathering to catch up with members about the club and their facilities.

On Thursday 30 July, both Chair Administrator Emonson and I attended the opening of a time capsule marking 75 years of Murray Goulburn and Saputo operations in Cobram. This is a significant milestone for the local dairy industry and for Cobram as a community.

The Cobram facility has been a cornerstone of the regional dairy sector for 75 years, supporting local employment and underpinning the agricultural economy of the Shire. The time capsule opening was a fitting acknowledgement of that history and the contribution of the many workers and farmers who have been part of the operation over the decades. It was great to feel the palpable excitement as items were revealed including past awards, newspaper articles and a remarkably well preserved cheese.

Council values the ongoing presence of major agricultural processors in our region and recognises the role they play in sustaining local livelihoods and the broader economy of Moira Shire.

On Thursday 6 August, the CEO and I attended a training night at the Tungamah Football Netball Club. As with previous visits to clubs across the Shire, this was an opportunity to meet community members in their own setting, observe the facilities in use and hear directly from club members about what is working and what may need attention.

These visits continue to be a valuable way to maintain direct connection with communities across Moira Shire. The conversations that happen at club level — about facilities, local needs, and community life — inform Council's understanding of what matters most to residents. Thanks to the leaders who showed us around the Tungamah facilities and helped us understand how they work, and current challenges.

On Tuesday 11 August, Dr Emonson and I attended a meeting of the Moira Shire Youth Council. The Youth Council provides a structured pathway for young people to engage with local government, raise issues that affect them and contribute to decision-making across the Shire.

The meeting provided an opportunity to hear directly from young people about their priorities and concerns. Engaging the next generation in civic participation is an important part of building a connected and resilient community, and the Youth Council continues to demonstrate the value of that investment.

Council looks forward to continuing to support and respond to the work of the Youth Council. I personally appreciate the value of our connection with Youth Council which occurs through these meetings as well as in the community.

On Wednesday 12 August, I attended the Goulburn Integrated Family Violence Partnership (GIFVP) Professionals Networking Session, held at the Cobram Civic Centre. The event was organised by the Goulburn Child and Family Services Alliance and the GIFVP which is a collaborative alliance of agencies working together to strengthen the regional response to family violence. I welcomed participants and thanked them for the partnerships now and in future that help us better deliver vital services and prevention activities in the Moira Shire.

The networking session was designed as an informal forum, with services setting up tables and displays so that professionals from across health, community services, local government, justice, and other sectors could move through the room, build relationships and increase awareness of available local supports.

With many services in Moira delivered through outreach from Shepparton and surrounding areas, face-to-face events of this kind play an important role in strengthening cross-sector connections.

Council's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029 and our advocacy priorities include a specific focus on family violence prevention and response, and participation in the GIFVP reflects Council's commitment to working collaboratively with partner agencies on this issue.

On Monday 24 August, I represented Moira Shire Council at the Welcome event for the Murray Darling Association 2026 National Conference in Shepparton. The conference, themed *Working Together for Our Basin's Future*, runs from 24 to 27 August and brings together water policy leaders, scientists, communities, local governments, and industry from across the Murray-Darling Basin.

The conference is a key advocacy forum for councils in the Basin region. Moira Shire Council's participation (through administrators and officers) reflects the importance of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan to our community. Water security, the ongoing impacts of the Basin Plan on agricultural production and local economies, and long-term planning for the region are all matters that require sustained engagement at the national level. More advocacy and continual attention will be required to ensure that the interests of communities like ours are properly considered in Basin policy and planning decisions.

FILE NO:
ENHANCED NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS.

ITEM NO: 8.1
(DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
BRYAN SWORD)

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY 2026 - 2031

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider endorsing the draft *Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2026-2031* for the purpose of community engagement, to be undertaken in accordance with Council's *Community Engagement Policy* for a period of four weeks.

MOTION

ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA / CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON

That Council:

1. endorse the draft *Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2026-2031* as included in Attachment 1 for the purpose of community engagement for a minimum period of 21 days; and
2. note that the draft *Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2026-2031* will undergo graphic design prior to the commencement of community engagement.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
A COMMUNITY-CENTERED ORGANISATION
FOCUSED ON BEST PRACTICE.

ITEM NO: 8.2
(MANAGER GOVERNANCE, RISK AND
PERFORMANCE, AMANDA FINN)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE,
PETER CANNIZZARO)

REVIEW OF THE RISK APPETITE STATEMENT

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider endorsing the Risk Appetite Statement, which has been reviewed with suggested changes, as presented in Attachment 1.

MOTION

CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON / ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA

That Council:

1. note that the revised Risk Appetite Statement was presented to the Audit and Risk Committee on 16 July 2026, for their review and feedback, and
2. endorse the Risk Appetite Statement, as presented in Attachment 1.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
A COMMUNITY-CENTERED ORGANISATION
FOCUSED ON BEST PRACTICE.

ITEM NO: 8.3
(EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ROBYN BONADDIO)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE,
PETER CANNIZZARO)

REAPPOINTMENT OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE EXTERNAL INDEPENDENT MEMBER

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the reappointment of Steven Lambert to the Audit and Risk Committee (Committee) as External Independent Member for a second term in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter (Charter).

MOTION

ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA / CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON

That Council reappoint Steven Lambert to the Audit and Risk Committee as an External Independent Member for a second term from 13 December 2026 for a period of three years in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
WELL PLANNED AND MAINTAINED PLACES
AND SPACES

ITEM NO: 8.4
(PROJECT MANAGER - INFRASTRUCTURE,
EDWARD THOMSON)
(MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
AND DELIVERY, THOMAS LYLE)
(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE, RACHAEL
GADD)

**C009/23 - PROVISION OF SPRAY SEALING AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES (PA
2609/0338)**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider awarding tender C009/23 for the Provision of Spray Sealing and Associated Works.

The report recommends the tender submission from Fulton Hogan Pty Ltd for Contract C009/23 Provision of Spray Sealing and Associated Services be accepted by Council

Pursuant to the Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer, the value of this contract exceeds the financial limit, and a Council motion is now required to accept the recommendation to award the contract.

MOTION

CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON / ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA

That Council:

1. award the 2026/27 annual reseal works program under contract C009/23 – Provision of Spray Sealing and Associated Services to Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd for the Lump Sum amount of \$1,728,755.19 ex GST; and
2. authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or a delegate of the Chief Executive Officer, to sign and execute all contract documents and take all necessary actions to give effect to the contract award.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
WELL PLANNED AND MAINTAINED PLACES
AND SPACES

ITEM NO: 8.5
(MANAGER OPERATIONS, TROY METZNER)
(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE, RACHAEL
GADD)

C005/26 - MAINTENANCE GRADING - PANEL

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the award of Contract C005/26 – Maintenance Grading – Panel, a Schedule of Rates contract establishing a panel of pre-qualified suppliers to deliver routine and reactive maintenance grading services across the Moira Shire road network.

MOTION

ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA / CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON

That Council:

1. Award the schedule of rates contract C005/26 – Maintenance Grading - Panel to the following suppliers for an initial term of 1 year, commencing on 1 September 2026 with an option to extend in single periods of 1 year for a maximum contract period of 3 years (1+1+1).
 - Lawrence Brothers Quarries Pty Ltd
 - Northern Grader Hire Pty Ltd
 - O'Loughlin Excavations Pty Ltd
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute all contract documentation in accordance with the approved terms and conditions of the contract.
3. Note that payments for works completed will be made in accordance with the rates specified in Attachment 3 – Schedule of Rates (Confidential).
4. Note that the total Grade unsealed roads program expenditure will be determined through the Council approved annual works budget, which for the 2026/27 financial year is \$2,750,000.
5. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to exercise contract extension options in accordance with the terms of the Contract, subject to satisfactory contractor performance and alignment with Council's budgetary objectives.
6. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to award individual maintenance grading works to suppliers on the contracted panel over the life of the contract, provided that:
 - a. the awarded works are within the Council approved annual works budget for the relevant financial year: and
 - b. the engagement of the supplier demonstrates value for money for council.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
HEALTHY, SAFE, WELL SERVICED AND
CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

ITEM NO: 8.6
(COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
RECOVERY, JESSICA FERNANDEZ)
(MANAGER COMMUNITY WELLBEING,
HOLLIE BARNES)
(DIRECTOR COMMUNITY, SCOTT
WILLIAMS)

MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL'S RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement and adoption of Moira Shire Council's inaugural Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) for the period October 2026 to April 2028.

The RAP provides a structured framework for Council to strengthen relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples while improving cultural capability, organisational practices and community outcomes.

The Reflect RAP has been developed in accordance with Reconciliation Australia's Reconciliation Action Plan Framework and represents a meaningful and practical commitment to building respectful relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, with particular focus on the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation as the Traditional Owners of the lands within Moira Shire.

Adoption of the RAP fulfils a key major initiative within the Council Plan 2025–2029 (Community Pillar) to "*Develop and implement a Reconciliation Action Plan 2025–2027*".

MOTION

ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA / CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON

That Council:

1. note that Reconciliation Australia has issued conditional endorsement of the Moira Shire Council Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan, included in Attachment 1, subject to minor essential amendments being incorporated into the final designed version; and
2. endorse and adopt the Moira Shire Council Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (October 2026 – April 2028) as included in Attachment 1.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
HEALTHY, SAFE, WELL SERVICED AND
CONNECTED COMMUNITIES.

ITEM NO: 8.7
(COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
RECOVERY, JESSICA FERNANDEZ)
(MANAGER COMMUNITY WELLBEING,
HOLLIE BARNES)
(DIRECTOR COMMUNITY, SCOTT
WILLIAMS)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL AND YORTA YORTA NATION ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider endorsing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Moira Shire Council and Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation (YYNAC), and to authorise the Chief Executive Officer of Council to sign the document together with the Chief Executive Officer of YYNAC.

The MOU formalises the commitment of both parties to build a meaningful and enduring partnership that supports reconciliation and improves outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within the Moira Shire community.

MOTION

CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON / ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA

That Council:

1. Endorse the Memorandum of Understanding between Moira Shire Council and Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation (YYNAC), as included in Attachment 1; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer of Moira Shire Council, or a delegate of the Chief Executive Officer, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of Council.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
**A COMMUNITY-CENTERED ORGANISATION
FOCUSED ON BEST PRACTICE.**

ITEM NO: 8.8
(GOVERNANCE OFFICER, RACHEL CREAK)
(GOVERNANCE AND RISK COORDINATOR,
NATALIE EVANS)
(MANAGER GOVERNANCE, RISK AND
PERFORMANCE, AMANDA FINN)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE,
PETER CANNIZZARO)

2027 PROPOSED SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider fixing the time, dates and locations of the Scheduled Council Meetings for 2027.

MOTION

ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA / CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON

That Council fix the dates, locations and time of the 2027 Scheduled Council Meetings as shown in Table 1 of the report, in accordance with section 4.1 of the Moira Shire Council Governance Rules.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
A COMMUNITY-CENTERED ORGANISATION
FOCUSED ON BEST PRACTICE.

ITEM NO: 8.9
(GOVERNANCE AND RISK COORDINATOR,
NATALIE EVANS)
(DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
BRYAN SWORD)

MUNICIPAL BUILDING CONTROL INTERVENTION POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider adopting the revised Municipal Building Control Intervention Policy (formerly titled *Intervention where a Private Building Surveyor is Responsible Policy*), as presented in Attachment 1.

The revised policy reflects an updated policy title, alignment with current legislative requirements, and a strengthened risk-based framework for responding to complaints involving private building surveyors operating within the Moira Shire municipal district.

MOTION

CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON / ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA

That Council

1. Adopt the *Municipal Building Control Intervention Policy* as presented in Attachment 1, subject to amendments where required:
 - a. To reflect that the Victorian Building Authority has been replaced by the Building and Plumbing Commission
 - b. To correct minor typographical errors
2. That the current *Intervention Where a Private Building Surveyor is Responsible Policy* be revoked.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
A COMMUNITY-CENTERED ORGANISATION
FOCUSED ON BEST PRACTICE.

ITEM NO: 8.10
(MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
AND DELIVERY, THOMAS LYLE)
(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE, RACHAEL
GADD)

2026/27 CARRY FORWARD AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS REPORT

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the 2025/26 End of Financial Year Carry Forward and Budget Adjustment schedule, prepared following finalisation of the 2025/26 financial statements to enable the continued delivery of Capital works prior to the budget Quarter 1 process

The report identifies the projects and values proposed for carry forward from the 2025/26 financial year, together with budget increase and budget reduction requests required to reflect the current cost and delivery status of Council's capital works and project program, separately identifying the Capital Expenditure and Operating Expenditure components of each adjustment.

MOTION

CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON / ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA

That Council:

1. Adopt the 2025/26 financial year carry forward budget allocations of \$7,934,016, comprised of \$7,640,320 in capital works carry forwards and \$293,696 in operating budget initiatives.
2. Authorise increases to the 2026/27 Annual Budget of \$1,710,967, comprised of \$100,000 in new capital budget allocations, \$1,300,967 in additional funding for existing capital projects, and \$310,000 for new operating budget initiatives.
3. Authorise a reduction of the 2026/27 Annual Budget of \$1,253,302, comprised of \$40,000 in operating budget reductions and \$1,213,302 in capital works budget reductions.
4. Authorise the deferral of works valued at \$457,665 from the 2026/27 Pavement Renewal Program to a future financial year, with the deferred works to be re-programmed and funded in the relevant future budget year.
5. Note that the combined effect of the above adjustments results in a net increase to the 2026/27 capital works budget of \$7,370,320, producing a revised total capital works budget of \$40,930,779, together with an additional \$563,696 in operating budget expenditure.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
HEALTHY, SAFE, WELL SERVICED AND
CONNECTED COMMUNITIES.

ITEM NO: 8.11
(VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICES
OFFICER, LEAH MCGRATH)
(MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND TOURISM, STEPHEN PYKETT)
(DIRECTOR COMMUNITY, SCOTT
WILLIAMS)

DISBANDMENT OF THE BARMAH FOREST HERITAGE AND EDUCATION CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council resolution to disband the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre Advisory Committee (the Advisory Committee).

MOTION

ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA / CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON

That Council:

1. Disband the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre Advisory Committee; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to notify all Advisory Committee members of the disbandment in writing in accordance with Council's obligations; and
3. Acknowledge and formally thank all Advisory Committee members for their dedication, commitment, and valuable contribution to the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre and the broader Moira Shire community; and
4. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to endorse a Terms of Reference to establish a Friends of the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre group to support the ongoing activation and community engagement of the Centre.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
**A COMMUNITY-CENTERED ORGANISATION
FOCUSED ON BEST PRACTICE.**

ITEM NO: 9.1
**(GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER,
RACHEL CREAK)**
**(GOVERNANCE AND RISK COORDINATOR,
NATALIE EVANS)**
**(MANAGER GOVERNANCE, RISK AND
PERFORMANCE, AMANDA FINN)**
**(DIRECTOR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE,
PETER CANNIZZARO)**

**AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING UNCONFIRMED MINUTES - 16 JULY
2026**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to note the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 16 July 2026, included as confidential Attachment 1.

MOTION

CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON / ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA

That Council:

1. receive and note the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 16 July 2026, included in confidential Attachment 1; and
2. note that any substantive changes arising from confirmation of the minutes will be reported to Council.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
A COMMUNITY-CENTERED ORGANISATION
FOCUSED ON BEST PRACTICE.

ITEM NO: 9.2
(MANAGER GOVERNANCE, RISK AND
PERFORMANCE, AMANDA FINN)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE,
PETER CANNIZZARO)

**AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE BIENNIAL AUDIT AND RISK REPORT JANUARY
TO JUNE 2026**

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to receive and note the Biennial Audit and Risk Report for January to June 2026 as required under the *Local Government Act 2020*.

MOTION

ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA / CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON

That Council receive and note the Audit and Risk Committee Biennial Audit and Risk Report for 1 January to 30 June 2026, as shown in confidential Attachment 1 and prepared in accordance with section 54(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
**A COMMUNITY-CENTERED ORGANISATION
FOCUSED ON BEST PRACTICE.**

ITEM NO: 9.3
**(EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ROBYN BONADDIO)**
**(CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MATTHEW
MORGAN)**

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA DELEGATES REPORT

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a quarterly summary of the work of the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) for the period of April to June 2026.

MOTION

CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON / ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA

That Council note the MAV Delegates Report for the period of April to June 2026.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
A COMMUNITY-CENTERED ORGANISATION
FOCUSED ON BEST PRACTICE.

ITEM NO: 9.4
(MANAGER GOVERNANCE, RISK AND
PERFORMANCE, AMANDA FINN)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE,
PETER CANNIZZARO)

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - ANNUAL SELF ASSESSMENT

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to table the results of the Annual Self-Assessment conducted by the Audit and Risk Committee of its performance against the Audit and Risk Committee Charter, in accordance with section 54 (4)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

MOTION

CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON / ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA

That Council receive and note the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Self-Assessment Report and the related attachment, presented in confidential Attachment 1, of its performance against the Audit and Risk Committee Charter, in accordance with section 54 (4)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: VARIOUS

ITEM NO: 13

URGENT BUSINESS

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

NIL

**9. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS
MOTION**

ADMINISTRATOR SUSAN BENEDYKA / CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON

In accordance with the Moira Shire Council Governance Rules, that:

1. the petition requesting the development of a public walking track along Cobram-Koonoomoo Road be received; and
2. the petition be referred to the Chief Executive Officer or relevant Director for a report to a future Council Meeting.

(CARRIED)

10. COUNCIL SEAL

NIL

11. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

**12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
NIL**

13. CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 6:09pm

