



AGENDA

Moorabool Growth Management Committee Meeting Wednesday, 5 March 2025

**I hereby give notice that a Moorabool Growth Management Committee Meeting
will be held on:**

Date: Wednesday, 5 March 2025

Time: 3.30pm

Location: Council Chamber, 15 Stead Street, Ballan & Online

**Derek Madden
Chief Executive Officer**

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1 OPENING**2 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES****3 RECORDING OF MEETING**

As well as the Council for its minute taking purposes, the following organisations have been granted permission to make an audio recording of this meeting:

- The Moorabool News; and
- The Star Weekly.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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5 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**6 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS**

Conflict of interest laws are prescribed under the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and in the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020 (the Regulations). Managing conflicts of interest is about ensuring the integrity and transparency of decision-making.

The conflict of interest provisions under the Act have been simplified so that they are more easily understood and more easily applied. The new conflict of interest provisions are designed to ensure relevant persons proactively consider a broader range of interests and consider those interests from the viewpoint of an impartial, fair-minded person.

Section 126 of the Act states that a Councillor has a conflict of interest if they have a general conflict of interest or a material conflict of interest. These are explained below:

- A Councillor has a general conflict of interest in a matter if an impartial, fair-minded person would consider that the member's private interests could result in them acting in a manner that is contrary to their public duty as a Councillor.
- A Councillor has a material conflict of interest in a matter if an affected person would gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of the matter.

A relevant person with a conflict of interest must disclose the interest in accordance with Council's Governance Rules and not participate in the decision-making process on the matter. This means the relevant person must exclude themselves from any discussion or vote on the matter at any Council meeting, delegated committee meeting, community asset committee meeting or, if a Councillor, any other meeting conducted under the auspices of the Council. The relevant person must also exclude themselves from any action in relation to the matter, including an action taken to implement a council decision, for example, issuing a planning permit.

7 UPDATE ON TRENDS, ISSUES AND OTHER MATTERS

8 OTHER BUSINESS

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 4 June 2025.

10 CLOSED SESSION OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

10.1 Bacchus Marsh Growth Areas Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1) - c and e of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values and legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies.

10.2 Ballan Growth Areas Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1) - c and e of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values and legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies.

10.3 Special Projects Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1) - a, c and e of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released, land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values and legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies.

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