

Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday 7 April 2026

Commenced at 5:00 PM

Council Chambers
20 Siding Avenue, Officer
Victoria

Members: Cr Brett Owen Mayor
Cr Liz Roberts Deputy Mayor
Cr Casey Thomsen (Online Attendance)
Cr David Nickell
Cr Collin Ross
Cr Trudi Paton

Officers: James Collins Chief Executive Officer (Online Attendance)
Ana Caicedo Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Environment
(Online Attendance)
Wayne Mack Acting General Manager Community & Planning Services
(Online Attendance)
Allison Southwell Acting General Manager Corporate Services
(Online Attendance)
Peter Harris Manager Governance, Safety & Property
Natasha Berry Senior Governance Officer

Meeting opened at 5.00pm.

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1 Opening And Reflection

I would ask those gathered to join us now for a few moments of silence as we reflect on our roles in this chamber. Please use this opportunity for reflection, Prayer or thought, to focus on our shared intention to work respectfully together for the well-being of our whole community.

2 Traditional Owners Acknowledgement

Cardinia Shire Council acknowledges that we are on the traditional land of the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

3 Apologies

Cr Pomeroy
Cr Kowarzik
Cr Potter

4 Declaration Of Interests

Nil

14. Confidential Business

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), section 66 provides that if a council or delegated committee determines that a meeting is to be closed to the public to consider confidential information, the Council or delegated committee must record in the minutes of the meeting that are available for public inspection:

- a) the ground or grounds for determining to close the meeting to the public by reference to the grounds specified in the definition of **confidential information** in section 3(1); and
- b) an explanation of why the specified ground or grounds applied.

The Act defines **confidential information** in s.3(1)(a)-(l), and includes information that may prejudice or impact; commercial negotiations, the security of Council, land use planning, law enforcement, legal privilege, personal information, private commercial information, confidential meeting information, internal arbitration, Councilor conduct panel information and information specified under s.77 of the previous *Local Government Act 1989*.

Once confidential information has been considered and decided in a closed session of a Council Meeting, a further resolution to resume open Council is required.

Resolution

Moved Cr Ross, seconded Cr Roberts.

That Council pursuant to section 66(5)(a) and (b) of the *Local Government Act 2020* close the Council Meeting to the public to consider the following confidential information:

1. Agenda Item 5.1 – VCAT Hearing – 13-15 Mahon Ave, Beaconsfield is designated confidential on the grounds that it relates to s.3(1)(e) legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies. The grounds for designation have been made to ensure that Council's position is not impeded.

For: Cr Nickell, Cr Owen, Cr Paton, Cr Roberts, Cr Ross and Cr Thomsen

Against: Nil

Carried

6 Meeting Closure

Meeting closed at 5.14pm.

Minutes confirmed
Mayor