

MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

Monday 1 December 2025



Minutes of the City of Mount Gambier Special Council Meeting held at:

Time: 5:00 pm
Date: Monday 1 December 2025
Location: Civic Centre, Level 1 Conference Room
10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier

PRESENT: Mayor Lynette Martin (OAM)
Cr Max Bruins
Cr Paul Jenner
Cr Josh Lynagh
Cr Sonya Meziniec
Cr Frank Morello
Cr Jason Virgo

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| OFFICERS IN | Chief Executive Officer | - Mr Paul Simpson |
| ATTENDANCE: | General Manager City Infrastructure | - Ms B Cernovskis |
| | General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services | - Mrs J Fetherstonhaugh |
| | General Manager People, Place and Liveability | - Mr C White |
| | Executive Administrator | - Ms S Wilson |

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THE LAND.

2 CONDUCT OF THE GALLERY

MEMBERS OF THE GALLERY ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST NOT BEHAVE IN A DISORDERLY MANNER OR CAUSE AN INTERRUPTION TO THE MEETING. WHILST AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS IS PERMITTED, PHOTOGRAPHING, FILMING AND TELEVISIONING ARE PROHIBITED UNLESS EXPRESS PRIOR PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER. WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE PLACE YOUR PHONES ON SILENT. SHOULD AN EMERGENCY OCCUR AT ANY STAGE, PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTION OF COUNCIL STAFF TO VACATE THE BUILDING.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5 COUNCIL REPORTS

Nil



6 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

6.1 WULANDA RECREATION AND CONVENTION CENTRE - PROJECT UPDATE

RESOLUTION SCM 2025/20

Moved: Cr Frank Morello

Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that all members of the public, except the Mayor, Councillors and P Simpson, B Cernovskis, J Fetherstonhaugh, C White and S Wilson be excluded from attendance at the meeting for the receipt and consideration in confidence of Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre - Project Update.

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to the Agenda Item is:

- (b) information the disclosure of which -
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the council; and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which -
 - (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.
- (g) matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the council does not breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law, any duty of confidence, or other legal obligation or duty.
- (h) legal advice.

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the information contained within the report and attachments presents matters relating to commercially sensitive contracts associated with the construction and operation of the Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre. The disclosure of information contained in this report and attachments could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of Council or the third parties and is considered on balance to be contrary to the public interest as it could prejudice the Councils ability to obtain best value on behalf of the community.

CARRIED



The Mayor sought the approval of at least two-thirds of the members present at the meeting to suspend meeting procedures:

Purpose of the Suspension: To discuss Item 6.1 - Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre - Project Update.

Carried by more than two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

Meeting Procedures were suspended at 5:03pm.

The Mayor determined that the period of suspension should be brought to an end.

Carried by more than two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

The Period of Suspension came to an end and Meeting Procedures resumed at 5:15pm.

RESOLUTION SCM 2025/22

Moved: Cr Max Bruins

Seconded: Cr Jason Virgo

CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL

1. In accordance with Sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that the report Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre - Project Update and its attachments, resolution/s and minutes arising from the report, having been considered by the Council in confidence under:
 - (b) information the disclosure of which -
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 - (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and
 - (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.
 - (g) matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the council does not breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law, any duty of confidence, or other legal obligation or duty.
 - (h) legal advice.
2. be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until the latter of two years after the satisfactory resolution of any outstanding commercial contractual dispute, or two years after the conclusion of any legal proceedings, and Council has been released from its duty of confidence.

3. Further that Council delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extend the confidential order to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999.

CARRIED

7 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 5:16pm.

The minutes of this meeting confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 December 2025.

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MAYOR

