

Bass Coast Shire Council
Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 9 July 2025

Council Chamber

Bass Coast Civic Centre

Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi

Commencing at 1:00 pm

The meeting commenced at 1:03 pm.

Cr. Rochelle Halstead read the Mobile Telephone Reminder.

Cr. Rochelle Halstead read Statement of Acknowledgement.

Cr. Jan Thompson read the Councillor Statement.

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1 Present and Apologies

Councillors: Cr Rochelle Halstead, Western Port Ward (Mayor)
Cr Meg Edwards, Bunurong Ward
Cr Mat Morgan, Bunurong Ward
Cr Ron Bauer, Island Ward
Cr Tracey Bell, Island Ward
Cr Tim O'Brien, Island Ward
Cr Jon Temby, Western Port Ward
Cr Jan Thompson, Western Port Ward

Officers: Mr Greg Box, Chief Executive Officer
Mr David Filmalter, Acting General Manager Innovation & Engagement
Ms Colette McMahon, Acting General Manager Communities & Culture
Ms Nick Felstead, Acting General Manager Future Places
Ms Jade Glen, Manager Governance & Communications

Apologies: Cr Brett Tessari, Bunurong Ward (Deputy Mayor)

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3 Reports Requiring Council Decision

3.1 Request to endorse the Final Draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy

Council Decision

Moved: Cr. Jon Temby / Seconded: Cr. Mat Morgan

That Council:

1. **Endorse the Final Draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy**
2. **Write to the Minister for Planning to request:**

   a. An implementation schedule for the preparation of a Planning Scheme Amendment which implements the recommendations of the Final Draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy, including the Significant Landscape Overlay as drafted and exhibited through the consultation process.

   b. The state government immediately commence the strategic environmental assessment to determine the geographical extent and significance of biodiversity within the Western Port Woodlands.

   c. Immediately prepare a Planning Scheme Amendment which introduces an interim Environmental Significance Overlay to the Western Port Woodlands to ensure their ongoing protection and conservation as a distinctive attribute within the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes declared area.

CARRIED

Cr. Meg Edwards called for a division

For: Cr. Jan Thompson, Cr. Jon Temby, Cr. Mat Morgan, Cr. Rochelle Halstead, Cr. Ron Bauer, Cr. Tim O'Brien and Cr. Tracey Bell
Against: Cr. Meg Edwards

4 Mayoral Announcement of Next Meeting of Council

The next Council Meeting will be held on 16 July 2025 at Berninneit, Cowes commencing at 1.00pm.

5 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 1.33pm.