

# September 2025 Ordinary Council

## LATE REPORTS

### Business Paper

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**2:00 PM Thursday 18 September 2025**

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**Council Chambers, 17 Burrawan Street, Port Macquarie**

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## Our Vision

The most liveable, sustainable  
and innovative place in Australia

### Community Mission

Enable and empower great service delivery, innovation and community connection through efficient, effective and well-governed organisational operations.

### Council's Corporate Values

People, Service to our community, Excellence, Respectful and open communication, Working together as one. Please update the corporate values.

Councillors are reminded of the oath or affirmation which was taken by each of them.

### Oath Of Councillor

I swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Port Macquarie-Hastings local government area and the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

### Affirmation Of Councillor

I solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Port Macquarie-Hastings local government area and the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Councillors have the opportunity to declare any interests in items on the agenda and inform the Council and public if they will be leaving the Chambers during the debate and voting on the item.

## Ordinary Council Meeting

Thursday, 18 September 2025

### LATE REPORTS AGENDA

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**Item:** 7.02

**Subject:** Mayoral Minute - Recognition of the Late Maureen Cooke

Mayor, Adam Roberts

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### Recommendation

**That Council formally recognise the contribution to the local community of the late Maureen Cooke.**

### Comments by Mayor

Well known local resident, Maureen Cooke, recently passed away aged 95 years.

Maureen was born in Port Macquarie (nee Denning) and grew up on the family property on Kennedy Drive.

After completing schooling, Maureen trained as a tailor and then moved to Sydney. She quickly secured employment with leading tailoring and female attire companies before establishing her own fashion labels - Maureen's Models and Marty's Models. Maureen's husband, Eric, joined her in the business and her designs featured in all the major Department stores and in 1970, won the ACT Gown of the Year.

In 1971, at the height of her business success, she returned to Port Macquarie to care for her ill father.

Maureen was active in local community matters over many years, including:

- Establishing Endeavour House;
- Establishing the Port Macquarie Art Society and annual Art Exhibition;
- Hamilton Green - advocacy by Maureen and her late husband Eric to secure as public space;
- Volunteer at the Dementia Memory and Community Centre;
- Pastoral carer.

Maureen was still active in the community up until about three years ago when she had to slow down due to being in her 90's.

We remember Maureen for her unwavering ethic of service, and lifetime commitment to our local area, and we pass on our condolences to Maureen's family, friends and colleagues.

### Attachments

Nil