



## **MEDIA RELEASE | 11 JULY 2022**

# **COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION CENTRE MAJOR MILESTONE IN COUNCIL'S VISION**

Mornington Shire Council's commitment to creating sustainable systems and improving the employment, training and wellbeing opportunities for community, have taken a giant leap, with the commencement of works on the 'Mornington Island Council Administration Centre'.

Mayor Kyle Yanner is happy to see the works commence.

*"After an extensive planning, tender and procurement phase, Council is pleased to announce HC Building & Construction has been awarded this contract and we look forward to working with them over the coming year of construction. This project is a major part of our vision and commitment to providing high quality, accessible venues for our community."*

Community will start to see a hive of activity commence on the site, located at corner of Jinkiya St and Lardil Street, with works getting underway this month. Plans for the Administration Centre have been released, and after much consultation, Council is confident it will be representative of our lifestyle and our people. The building, spanning 550m<sup>2</sup> on a 6000m<sup>2</sup> parcel of land, will act as the new administration centre for Council, including a new Council Chambers, with additional space available for future expansion of the area.

Project Manager, Brian Jackson, from Peak Services, will be overseeing the delivery of the Project.

*"Awarding the contract to HC Building marks a key milestone in Council's vision to construct a purpose-built facility to support the provision of Council administrative functions and delivery of essential services to the Mornington Island community. The project could not have got to this point without some determination and the unwavering commitment of the Mayor and Councillors and Council Officers."*

Of critical importance, this major project will also provide opportunities for local skilled and unskilled labour to gain experience working with a major building company in new construction. This may also give such locals opportunities to upskill to an apprenticeship in a trade with such building Company or with the Council.

There will also be opportunities for existing in-house Council apprentices to work in new construction enhancing their 'on the job' experience.

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HC Building, Will Gard, is optimistic about the flow on benefits of this project.

*“It’s great to see that work is progressing on this project. In these difficult times, its encouraging for us all to see people at work, earning an income and then spending that money in our local communities.”*

Mornington Shire Council Mayor, Kyle Yanner, is also optimistic of the ongoing benefits this project brings to the Island.

*“This new development offers us great hope for our future and is the start of our vision to see our Town Centre become a hive of activity for our community. Our hope is to see further expansion to include a library, training centre and splash park, with discussions continuing to secure funding.*

*Our existing administration building site will continue to be used by Council, with a longer-term vision for the use of the site yet to be determined. There is great historical meaning to this area, and we will ensure extensive community consultation is undertaken to find a suitable and respectful use is agreed on.”*

Construction and site preparation is to commence shortly, with the project expected to be completed by March, 2023.

***Photos attached.***

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