

Agenda

**Unscheduled Council Meeting
Friday 22 November 2024 at 11:00 AM
Gisborne Administration Centre
40 Robertson Street, Gisborne**

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Macedon Ranges Shire Council acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land and waterways. Council recognises their living cultures and ongoing connection to Country and pays respect to their Elders past, and present.

Council also acknowledges local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander residents of Macedon Ranges for their ongoing contribution to the diverse culture of our community.

2 RECORDING OF LIVE STREAMING OF THIS COUNCIL MEETING

This meeting is being recorded and streamed live on the internet, in accordance with Council's 'Live Streaming and Publishing Recordings of Meetings' policy, which can be viewed on Council's website.

3 PRESENT**4 APOLOGIES****5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST****6 DURATION OF MAYORAL TERM**

Section 26 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) requires a Mayor is to be elected no later than one month after the date of a general election.

Furthermore, Section 26 of the Act requires that before the election of the Mayor a Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for 1 or 2 years.

Recommendation

That Council resolves to determine that the term of office of the Mayor will be for _____ year term.

7 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Section 25 of the Act requires, at a Council meeting that is open to the public, Councillors to elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council. Any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor.

Section 25 of the Act stipulates that the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors. An absolute majority as defined by section 25(7) of the Act means the number of Councillors which is greater than half the total number of the Councillors of a Council. This means, for Macedon Ranges Shire Council, the Mayor must receive five or more votes to be elected. Governance Rule 10(a) states that "*The election of the Mayor must be carried out by a show of hands.*"

The Chief Executive Officer will call for nominations from Councillors for the position of Mayor.

Required wording of nomination:

I, Cr _____, nominate Cr _____ for the position of Mayor of Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Or

I, Cr _____ nominate myself for the position of Mayor of Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Procedural note: The newly elected Mayor will assume the Chair at this juncture.

8 OFFICE AND DURATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR TERM

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council traditionally elects a Deputy Mayor as this provides clarity to all Councillors regarding who steps in for the Mayor if they are unavailable. The Act, in section 21, provides that the Deputy Mayor must perform the role of the Mayor and may exercise any powers of the Mayor if:

- a) the Mayor is unable for any reason to attend a Council meeting or part of a Council meeting; or
- b) the Mayor is incapable of performing the duties of the office of Mayor for any reason including illness; or
- c) the office of Mayor is vacant.

In addition, the election for the next Deputy Mayor is required to be held on a day that is close to the end of the determined Mayoral term, as reasonably practicable. This will occur at the same time as the election of the Mayor.

Recommendation

That Council resolves to elect a Deputy Mayor for a ____ year term in accordance with section 20A and section 26 (3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

9 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The election of the Deputy Mayor will be conducted by the Mayor in accordance with section 27 of the Act. For Macedon Ranges Shire Council, the Deputy Mayor must receive five or more votes to be elected. Governance Rule 11(b) states that “*Any election by Council of a Deputy Mayor will follow the same procedure as that for an election of the Mayor save that the Mayor will chair the election.*”.

Required wording of nomination:

I, Cr _____, nominate Cr _____ for the position of Deputy Mayor of Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Or

I, Cr _____ nominate myself for the position of Deputy Mayor of Macedon Ranges Shire Council.