



Ararat Rural City

STATUTORY MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2017

MINUTES OF THE ARARAT RURAL CITY COUNCIL STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON 31 OCTOBER 2017 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHIRE HALL, BARKLY STREET, ARARAT, WHICH COMMENCED AT 6.02PM

PRESENT

Crs Gwenda Allgood, Jo Armstrong, Peter Beales, Darren Ford, Paul Hooper Glenda McLean and David Pettman,
Ms Janet Dore, Municipal Monitor,
Mr Allan Bawden, Chief Executive Officer,
Mrs Colleen White, Director Corporate Strategy, Risk and Governance,
Mr Don Cole, Director, Assets, Finances and Corporate Services,
Mr Joel Hastings, Acting Executive Manager Planning and Public Health,
Mrs Angela Hunt, Executive Manager Community Life,
Mr Tim Day, Executive Manager Operations and Infrastructure,
Mrs Jenny Woolcock, Manager Executive Services and Governance,
Ms Jaiden Bach, Governance Administration Trainee, and
Mr Sam Shalders, Media and Communications Coordinator.

ITEM 1 OPENING OF MEETING

Under Section 72(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, the office of Mayor becomes vacant at 6am on the day of a general election whether or not the Mayor has completed his or her term of office as resolved by the Council under Section 71(1).

Under Governance Local Law 2012 Section 9(1)(b) The Chief Executive Officer must conduct the election of Mayor.

The Chief Executive Officer (Temporary Chair), Mr Allan Bawden declared the meeting open.

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ITEM 2 TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PRAYERS

The Temporary Chairperson will read the Traditional Acknowledgment and Opening Prayers.

TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE MEET TODAY, AND PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THEIR ELDERS, PAST AND PRESENT.

OPENING PRAYER

ALMIGHTY GOD, WE HUMBLY ASK YOU TO HELP US, AS ELECTED COUNCILLORS OF THE ARARAT RURAL CITY COUNCIL. GUIDE OUR DELIBERATIONS. PROSPER WHAT IS YOUR WILL FOR US, TO YOUR HONOUR AND GLORY AND FOR THE WELFARE AND BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE WHOM WE SERVE IN THE ARARAT RURAL CITY.

COUNCILLORS OATH

WE WILL UNDERTAKE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF THE ARARAT RURAL CITY COUNCIL AND FAITHFULLY AND IMPARTIALLY CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AUTHORITIES AND DISCRETIONS VESTED IN US UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989 OR ANY OTHER ACT TO THE BEST OF OUR SKILL AND JUDGMENT.

ITEM 3 APOLOGIES

Nil.

ITEM 4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Under Section 79C of the Local Government Act 1989 a Councillor does not have a conflict of interest if the matter relates to the election of the Mayor or a decision in relation to the payment of allowances to the Mayor or Councillors.

No disclosure of Interests.

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**ITEM 5 ELECTION OF MAYOR
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EXECUTIVE SERVICES**

Section 71 of the Local Government Act 1989 provides for the election of the Mayor after the fourth Saturday in October and no later than 30 November each year.

The process of election of the Mayor will take place in accordance with Section 9(1)(a)(ii) of Council's Governance Local Law 2012.

POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS ISSUE

Council plan reference

5.1 Good governance through leadership.

Financial and resource implications

None identified.

Risk implications

None identified.

Statutory Implications

Under Section 71 of the Local Government Act, the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council.

Community Implications

Election of Mayor for community representation.

Environmental Implications

None identified.

Internal/external consultation

None identified.

Conclusion

Under Section 71 of the Local Government Act, the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council.

The Chief Executive Officer (Temporary Chair), Mr Allan Bawden called for nominations for the position of Mayor for the forthcoming year.

Mr Bawden acknowledged the retirement of the outgoing Mayor Cr Paul Hooper.

Cr Darren Ford nominated Cr Glenda McLean for position of Mayor.

Cr Jo Armstrong nominated Cr Paul Hooper for position of Mayor.

Cr Peter Beales nominated himself for position of Mayor.

Cr Jo Armstrong asked a question regarding point of order, is the nomination of Cr McLean considered a dilatory part of a motion.

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Chairperson, Mr Bawden advised that any Councillor can be nominated for the position of Mayor and there is no barrier for Cr McLean being nominated.

Cr Armstrong asked even though Cr McLean is subject to Code of Conduct proceedings?

Mr Bawden advised that he didn't believe there are any barrier to it, but good governance would suggest that matters such as this would be put behind you in keeping such an office.

Mr Bawden explained the process for the election of Mayor with 3 candidates in order of nomination:

The vote for Mayor was put:

For Cr McLean 4 votes

For Cr Hooper 2 votes

For Cr Beales 1 vote

Based on the vote Cr Glenda McLean was declared Mayor for the 2017/2018 Council term.

Cr McLean took the Chair at 6.07pm.

Cr Armstrong advised she would like to be excused from the meeting, I can't participate in this meeting with the election of Cr McLean as Mayor at this point in time, I have really serious concerns about the good governance of this Council and the support for Cr McLean following the findings of the Commission of Inquiry.

Cr Ford asked for a point of order.

Cr Pettman asked for a point of order.

Cr Allgood asked that Cr Armstrong be asked to resume her seat.

Cr Hooper said shove it and left the Council Chamber at 6.08pm.

Cr Armstrong advise that she was leaving the meeting at left the Council Chamber at 6.08pm.

The majority of the gallery left the Council Chamber at 6.08pm.

The Mayor Cr McLean made comments as the newly elected Mayor.

"I would like to thank the support of the three Councillors who supported me in going forward. I think it would be fair to say that under normal circumstances I would be standing here thanking the departing Mayor Cr Paul Hooper who I believe has acquitted himself effectively as Mayor for many years in this Council and he's achieved a lot by making our presence known to the broader community and outside of the municipality and in the corridors of power. To that extent I am grateful for the contribution he has made supported ably by the previous Council and particularly retired Councillors no longer with us and those in this room.

In terms of my personal situation and sense of things for the Mayoral role, it is incumbent of me to talk about how difficult it has been for this Council and this community this year. I also believe that the rating strategy and the issues around CEO's and governance have flushed out some issues around the community wellbeing and community thoughts of local government that have been present possibly since the 1995 amalgamation. So there is a lot of pain and hurt out there, and I certainly felt

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it from April onwards with the sort of letters sent in by the farming community. I am a proud farming person myself and I know how farmers think and work and I was distraught to be receiving those sorts of letters as a Councillor when I felt that I was trying to do the right thing. And I think a lot of mistakes have been made brought about by the Minister of Local Government, a lot of hurt and pain in the way the deliberations occurred, and there are so many lessons for the Council administration and the Councillors to take on board and move forward in regard to our future opportunities to serve the community better. The reality of this community is that our Community Satisfaction Survey has been poor for many, many years. The 2017 Community Satisfaction Survey which had Ararat down the basement again was written up and voted on by the public long before the rating strategy. I think this point can sometimes be lost and it was a couple of points lower last year and a couple of points lower the year before. The other thing with the submissions, and I think there is some really good work ahead in terms of working groups and the rating strategy that tries to benefit all, but some of the other working groups around road funding and road making. These issues have been present for some many, many years.

I believe there is really good will in the staff and I believe that the strength and expertise of our Monitor Janet Dore and our CEO Allan Bawden will take us through this difficult period in the next couple of years. Both people have come to the roles appointed by the Minister for Local Government with key strengths and skills and a frankness and honesty to give us feedback, to channel our way of working in a way that benefits the whole community. They have an excellent background to do the right thing by the community and support us in maturing us as a Council. This year we saw four new Councillors come to Ararat Rural City and we are like so many other Councils in the State, when they've had three or four or five new Councillors there has been a rocky time ahead. I don't want to allude to other Councils or name them, but I think the Local Government Minister is concerned about the whole induction for all Councils and Councillors getting their training wheels going.

The last thing I would like to say is something really personal, I am a survivor of family violence. I lived with this family violence on the farm for 40 years and I dealt with the outcomes and repercussions that damage to my family, my neighbours and other people in my life. It has caused damage to me that means that I am feisty, that I am gun-shy, that I will often say things and be jumpy about what's ahead for me. But what it has given me is a passionate desire and a clear desire to look after the underdog and a clear desire to speak up for those who cannot speak. I have had a very difficult life but went on to try and make something of myself, and since I came back to Ararat there the sort of people that I value, they are the sort of people who I talk to in the street that say to me "you stick up for us, you stuck up for us Glenda, you are always telling the truth as you see it based on the evidence you have at hand, and we really support you". Since the Commission of Inquiry has occurred and the report submitted, for Councillors who live in the town and are in the shops all the time, Cr Allgood and myself we have had remarkable support saying "we know you are trying really hard on behalf of the whole community". I don't desire from the need to look at the rates, that is not in my hands now as Mayor, the Minister has decreed that we will have a panel of experts, an independent chair to determine a rating strategy in which fits and suits the whole community and also has special arrangements made to not look at the possibilities of the draft proposal that we had which could have had such a dramatic impact on farmers, we accept that and I accept that, so that work is being done independently according to the Ministers wishes. But, in the meantime there is a lot to go on with and as I said we all have a lot to learn about being a good Councillor and a good community. I am really, really impressed with the strengths that come from the Fire Brigade or whatever, all these other community groups and the old volunteers who are ageing and about to retire, you put so much into this municipality. I will support them, but I also want to be really clear that I will continue to be a voice for the people who don't usually get a voice in Council, who don't normally get heard. I have lived with some very difficult times and that is why in this Council Chamber a few weeks ago I wanted

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a letter to go to Fiona Richardson, who was the Minister for Family Violence for this Government, because she has personal experience as well. I met her and worked with her and had suggestions on how we could move forward and that is the key strategy of mine that there is also the business of the important things that make this economy tick and make this community tick, they might be human services, they might be sealed roads etc, and there the things that that we need to pay attention to, so it won't be single issue. I am really grateful for the support of the Councillors, they have had a difficult time this year, people didn't sign on for this difficulty as a new Councillor, but we have to work together and I am keen to do so."

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Council has no obligation to elect a Deputy Mayor as per the Local Government Act 1989. Council's Governance Local Law 2012 Clause 10 (1) states "at a meeting to elect the Mayor, Council may determine to elect a Deputy Mayor".

**MOVED CR FORD
SECONDED CR ALLGOOD**

That Council adopt to have a Deputy Mayor for the 2017/2018 term.

CARRIED 3688/17

**ITEM 6 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR
13047340
EXECUTIVE SERVICES**

POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS ISSUE

Council plan reference

5.1 Good governance through leadership.

Financial and resource implications

None identified.

Risk implications

None identified.

Statutory Implications

Governance Local Law 2012 Section 10(5) During any period that the Mayor is absent or unable to act in that position, the Council must appoint a Councillor to act as the Mayor but in making that appointment the Council shall give preference to appoint the Deputy Mayor, if there is one.

If the Mayor is unable to attend a Council Meeting for any reason:

- (a) Any Deputy Mayor will be acting Chair;
- (b) If no Deputy Mayor is elected, an acting Chair may be elected.

Community Implications

Election of Deputy Mayor for community representation on behalf of the Mayor.

Environmental Implications

None identified.

Internal/external consultation

None identified.

Conclusion

Under Governance Local Law 2012 Section 10(1) Election of Deputy Mayor, Council may determine to elect a Deputy Mayor.

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The Mayor calls for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year.

Cr Darren Ford nominated Cr Gwenda Allgood for position of Deputy Mayor

As there were no further nominations, Cr Gwenda Allgood was declared Deputy Mayor for the 2017/2018 Council term.

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**ITEM 7 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL DELEGATES TO
COMMITTEES/ORGANISATIONS
13039075
EXECUTIVE SERVICES**

Introduction

This report is to provide clarity on Council representation on the various Council Committees and external bodies that Council will be represented for 2017/2018.

Discussion

Council is represented on a range of committees, which are convened by external bodies and on various internal committees, the 2016/2017 committees and organisations are listed below:

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| Committee/Organisation with Council Representation |
| <i>National/State/Regional Bodies</i> |
| Municipal Association of Victoria |
| MAV Human Services Committee |
| MAV Emergency Management Committee |
| Rural Councils Victoria |
| Central Highlands Regional Councils |
| Western Highway Action Committee |
| Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Region Local Government Waste Forum |
| Lake Fyans Recreational Area Committee of Management |
| <i>Council Committees</i> |
| Ararat Regional Art Gallery Advisory Committee |
| Audit Committee |
| Community Engagement Advisory Committee |
| Community Road Safety Steering Committee |
| Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee |
| Health Promoting Leadership Advisory Group |
| Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee |
| <i>S86 Special Committees</i> |
| Alexandra Hall Committee of Management |
| Buangor Community Sports Centre Committee (including Cobb & Co Building) |
| Elmhurst Public Hall Committee |
| Lake Bolac Complex Committee |
| Lake Bolac Memorial Hall Committee |
| Maroona Recreation Reserve Committee |
| Mininera Recreation Reserve Committee |
| Moyston Public Hall Committee |
| Pomonal Hall & Reserve Committee |
| Streatham Memorial Hall Committee |
| Tatyoan Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee |
| Warrak Public Hall Committee |
| Westmere Progress Association Committee |
| Wickliffe Action Group Wickliffe Common Committee |

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| Wickliffe Recreation Reserve Committee |
| Willaura Golf Club |
| Willaura Memorial Hall |
| Willaura Recreation Reserve |
| Yalla-Y-Poora Community Centre |

POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS ISSUE

Council plan reference

- 1.1 Work with communities to develop and prosper.
- 2.3 Promotion of Regional Living
- 3.1 A strong and diverse local economy
- 5.1 Good governance through leadership.

Financial and resource implications

Costs for Councillors attending (travel expenses) are included in the current budget allocations.

Risk implications

A definitive list will clarify who is the Council appointed delegate/s to any particular body or Committee.

Statutory Implications

Council representation required on the Municipal Association of Victoria, Rural Councils Victoria, Central Highlands Regional Councils, Western Highway Action Committee, Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Region Local Government Waste Forum, Grampians Tourism Inc and all Section 86 Committees.

Community Implications

Council representation on Committees and Organisations across the municipality.

Environmental Implications

None identified.

Internal/external consultation

Appointments of Council Delegates to Committee/Organisations discussed at Assembly of Councillors on 10 October 2017.

Options

The appointment of delegates is at the discretion of the Council of the day.

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Conclusion

That Council determines representation on the various Council committees and external bodies with which Council is associated for 2017/2018.

| <i>Recommendation</i> | | | |
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| <i>That the appointment of Council delegates to Committees/ Organisations for the Council term 2017/ 2018 as listed below be approved:</i> | | | |
| <i>Committee/ Organisation with Council Representation</i> | <i>Basis of Representation</i> | <i>Council Delegate</i> | <i>Support Officer</i> |
| <i>National/ State/ Regional Bodies</i> | | | |
| <i>Municipal Association of Victoria</i> | <i>One Councillor</i> | <i>Mayor Deputy Mayor (sub)</i> | <i>CEO</i> |
| <i>MAV Human Services Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor</i> | <i>Cr Beales</i> | <i>-</i> |
| <i>MAV Emergency Management Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor</i> | <i>Cr Beales</i> | <i>-</i> |
| <i>Rural Councils Victoria</i> | <i>One Councillor</i> | <i>Mayor</i> | <i>CEO</i> |
| <i>Central Highlands Regional Mayors and CEOs Forum</i> | <i>Mayor</i> | <i>Mayor</i> | <i>CEO</i> |
| <i>Western Highway Action Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor</i> | <i>Cr Hooper</i> | <i>Executive Manager Operations and Infrastructure</i> |
| <i>Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Region Local Government Waste Forum</i> | <i>One Councillor</i> | <i>Cr Pettman</i> | <i>Executive Manager Planning and Public Health</i> |
| <i>Lake Fyans Recreational Area Committee of Management</i> | <i>One Councillor</i> | <i>Cr Hooper</i> | <i>-</i> |
| <i>Council Committees</i> | | | |
| <i>Ararat Regional Art Gallery Advisory Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor</i> | <i>Cr Armstrong</i> | <i>Manager Cultural Services</i> |
| <i>Audit Committee</i> | <i>Mayor and One Councillor</i> | <i>Mayor and Cr McLean</i> | <i>CEO</i> |
| <i>Community Engagement Advisory Committee</i> | <i>2 Councillors</i> | <i>Cr Armstrong and Cr Pettman</i> | <i>Executive Manager Community Life</i> |
| <i>Community Road Safety Steering Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor</i> | <i>Cr Allgood</i> | <i>Design and Project Management Coordinator</i> |
| <i>Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor</i> | <i>Cr Pettman</i> | <i>Waste and Sustainability Coordinator</i> |
| <i>Health Prevention Leadership Advisory Partnership</i> | <i>One Councillor</i> | <i>Cr Pettman</i> | <i>Executive Manager Community Life</i> |
| <i>Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor</i> | <i>Cr Beales</i> | <i>Manager Emergency Services, Safety and Local Laws</i> |
| <i>S86 Special Committees</i> | | | |
| <i>Alexandra Hall Committee of Management</i> | <i>One Councillor (non- voting)</i> | <i>Cr Allgood</i> | <i>-</i> |

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| <i>Buangor Community Sports Centre Committee (including Cobb & Co Building)</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Hooper</i> |
| <i>Elmburst Public Hall Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Beales</i> |
| <i>Lake Bolac Complex Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Beales</i> |
| <i>Lake Bolac Memorial Hall Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Beales</i> |
| <i>Maroona Recreation Reserve Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Pettman</i> |
| <i>Mininera Recreation Reserve Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Beales</i> |
| <i>Moyston Public Hall Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Hooper</i> |
| <i>Pomonal Hall & Reserve Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Hooper</i> |
| <i>Streatham Memorial Hall Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Armstrong</i> |
| <i>Tatyoan Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Beales</i> |
| <i>Warrak Public Hall Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Allgood</i> |
| <i>Westmere Progress Association Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Armstrong</i> |
| <i>Wickliffe Action Group Wickliffe Common Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr McLean</i> |
| <i>Wickliffe Recreation Reserve Committee</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr McLean</i> |
| <i>Willaura Golf Club</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Beales</i> |
| <i>Willaura Memorial Hall</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Beales</i> |
| <i>Willaura Recreation Reserve</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Pettman</i> |
| <i>Yalla-Y-Poora Community Centre</i> | <i>One Councillor (non-voting)</i> | <i>Cr Armstrong</i> |

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Allan Bawden left the Council Chamber at 6.24pm.

Mr Bawden returned to the Council Chamber at 6.26pm.

MOVED: CR BEALES
SECONDED: CR FORD

That the appointment of Council delegates to Committees/Organisations for the Council term 2017/2018 as listed below be approved:

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| Committee/Organisation with Council Representation | Basis of Representation | Council Delegate | Support Officer |
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| National/State/Regional Bodies | | | |
| Municipal Association of Victoria | One Councillor | Mayor Deputy Mayor (sub) | CEO |
| MAV Human Services Committee | One Councillor | Cr Beales | - |
| MAV Emergency Management Committee | One Councillor | Cr Beales | - |
| Rural Councils Victoria | One Councillor | Mayor | CEO |
| Central Highlands Regional Mayors and CEOs Forum | Mayor | Mayor | CEO |
| Western Highway Action Committee | One Councillor | Cr Hooper | Executive Manager Operations and Infrastructure |
| Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Region Local Government Waste Forum | One Councillor | Cr Ford | Executive Manager Planning and Public Health |
| Lake Fyans Recreational Area Committee of Management | One Councillor | Cr Hooper | - |
| Council Committees | | | |
| Ararat Regional Art Gallery Advisory Committee | One Councillor | Cr Armstrong | Manager Cultural Services |
| Audit Committee | Mayor and One Councillor | Mayor and (TBA) | CEO |
| Community Engagement Advisory Committee | 2 Councillors | Cr Armstrong and Cr Pettman | Executive Manager Community Life |
| Community Road Safety Steering Committee | One Councillor | Cr Allgood | Design and Project Management Coordinator |
| Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee | One Councillor | Cr Pettman | Waste and Sustainability Coordinator |
| Health Prevention Leadership Advisory Partnership | One Councillor | Cr Pettman | Executive Manager Community Life |
| Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee | One Councillor | Cr Beales | Manager Emergency Services, Safety and Local Laws |
| S86 Special Committees | | | |
| Alexandra Hall Committee of Management | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Allgood | - |
| Buangor Community Sports Centre Committee (including Cobb & Co Building) | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Hooper | |
| Elmhurst Public Hall Committee | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Beales | |

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| Lake Bolac Complex Committee | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Beales |
| Lake Bolac Memorial Hall Committee | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Beales |
| Maroona Recreation Reserve Committee | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Pettman |
| Mininera Recreation Reserve Committee | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Beales |
| Moyston Public Hall Committee | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Hooper |
| Pomonal Hall & Reserve Committee | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Hooper |
| Streatham Memorial Hall Committee | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Armstrong |
| Tatyoorn Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Beales |
| Warrak Public Hall Committee | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Allgood |
| Westmere Progress Association Committee | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Armstrong |
| Wickliffe Action Group Wickliffe Common Committee | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr McLean |
| Wickliffe Recreation Reserve Committee | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr McLean |
| Willaura Golf Club | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Beales |
| Willaura Memorial Hall | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Beales |
| Willaura Recreation Reserve | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Pettman |
| Yalla-Y-Poorra Community Centre | One Councillor (non-voting) | Cr Armstrong |
| CARRIED 3689/17 | | |

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ITEM 8 FIXING OF MEETING CYCLE 2017/2018
13047340
EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to set Council Meeting dates for 2017/2018.

Discussion

On the basis of Council continuing to meet on the third Tuesday of the month, the following dates will be the ordinary Council Meeting days for the ensuing twelve months (excluding December 2017 and June 2018).

December 2017 Council Meeting

It is proposed to hold the December 2017 Council Meeting one week earlier to assist employees to following up on resolutions prior to the Christmas break. Last year Council held the December meeting on the 2nd Tuesday.

June 2018 Council Meeting

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attend the ALGA National General Assembly in Canberra, which is held the third week of June the same week as the Council Meeting. This change will allow Council representatives to attendance the National General Assembly.

Proposed times and dates:

- 6.00pm - Tuesday 21 November 2017;
- 6.00pm - Tuesday 12 December 2017 (one week earlier);
- 6.00pm - Tuesday 20 February 2018;
- 6.00pm - Tuesday 20 March 2018;
- 6.00pm - Tuesday 17 April 2018;
- 6.00pm - Tuesday 15 May 2018;
- 6.00pm - Tuesday 26 June 2018 (one week later);
- 6.00pm - Tuesday 17 July 2018;
- 6.00pm - Tuesday 21 August 2018;
- 6.00pm - Tuesday 18 September 2018;
- 6.00pm - Tuesday 16 October 2018; and

Proposed times and dates for Special Meetings:

- 6.00pm - Tuesday 30 October 2018 (Statutory Meeting).

Financial and resource implications

None identified.

Risk implications

None identified.

Statutory Implications

Schedule set for Council Meetings, and meetings advertised and placed on Council website.

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Community Implications

Community awareness of meeting cycle for 2017/2018.

Environmental Implications

None identified.

Internal/external consultation

None identified.

Options

That Council:

- 1 Adopt the meeting cycle as presented.
- 2 Change the meeting cycle.

Conclusion

Meeting cycle set for the 2017/2018 term.

MOVED: CR BEALES

SECONDED: CR FORD

That Council:

- 1 Adopts the Ordinary Council Meeting dates for 2017/2018 as follows:
6.00pm - Tuesday 21 November 2017;
6.00pm - Tuesday 12 December 2017 (one week earlier);
6.00pm - Tuesday 20 February 2018;
6.00pm - Tuesday 20 March 2018;
6.00pm - Tuesday 17 April 2018;
6.00pm - Tuesday 15 May 2018;
6.00pm - Tuesday 26 June 2018 (one week later);
6.00pm - Tuesday 17 July 2018;
6.00pm - Tuesday 21 August 2018;
6.00pm - Tuesday 18 September 2018;
6.00pm - Tuesday 16 October 2018; and
6.00pm - Tuesday 30 October 2018 (Statutory Meeting); and
- 2 Advertises the dates and times of the Council Meeting dates for 2017/2018 in the Ararat Advertiser and on Council's website.

CARRIED 3690/17

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ITEM 9 CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at 6.27pm.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT PAGES 4847 TO 4863 ARE CONFIRMED AND ARE A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

MAYOR – CR GLENDA McLEAN