



Southern Grampians
SHIRE COUNCIL

Council Meeting Minutes

Statutory Meeting
7 November 2018

Held at 5.30pm in the Council
Chambers at 5 Market Place, Hamilton

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The Meeting opened at 5.30pm

1. Membership

Councillors

Cr Cathy Armstrong

Cr Mary-Ann Brown

Cr Colin Dunkley

Cr Greg McAdam

Cr Katrina Rainsford

Cr Chris Sharples

Officers

Mr Michael Tudball – Chief Executive Officer

Ms Susannah Milne – Acting Director Community and Corporate Services

Mr Andrew Goodsell – Director Planning and Development

Mr David Moloney – Director Shire Infrastructure

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The CEO, Michael Tudball, read the acknowledgement of country –

“Southern Grampians Shire Council acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this nation. We acknowledge the Gunditjmarra, Tjap Wurrung and Bunganditj people, the traditional custodians of the lands where we live and work.

We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past, present and emerging.

Southern Grampians Shire Council is committed to honouring Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people’s unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.”

3. Prayer

David Moloney, Director Shire Infrastructure, led the meeting in a prayer.

4. Apologies

Cr Albert Calvano.

5. Presentation of Mayoral Address

The CEO invited Cr Brown, the immediate past Mayor, to present the Mayoral Address for 2017/2018.

Cr Brown discussed some of the highlights from her past year as Mayor including the:

- Replacement of the HILAC roof;
- Completion of Stage 3 of the Livestock Exchange Redevelopment which included completion of the roof over the sheep sale yards and asphaltting of the northern and southern loading areas;

- Receipt of \$460,000 funding from the State Government for the installation of the RFID readers at the Livestock Exchange;
- Refurbishment of the Hamilton Library made possible by funding of \$121,000 from the State Government;
- Adoption of an Outdoor Pools Policy to ensure that they are safe, open and reliable;
- Considerable upgrade of infrastructure and plant at the Outdoor Pools;
- Recruitment of lifeguards for the Outdoor Pools;
- Significant progress being made on a range of flood recovery works including road works of \$20 million and \$10 million of drainage, stormwater and bridge works have gone out to tender;
- Successful celebration in March for Harmony Day;
- Wonderful celebration in November 2017 of the 40th birthday of Lake Hamilton;
- Shakespeare in the Gardens;
- Commencement of the Smart Communities Project, including the rollout of wifi in all the towns in the Shire, which is funded through \$150,000 from Council and \$150,000 from the Commonwealth Government;
- Hosting the Great South Coast Regional Assembly which was attended by over 300 people from across the South West;
- An announcement from the State Government of a commitment of \$2.7 million for the Cox Street Redevelopment;
- Awarded a Contract to Denton Corker Marshall Pty Ltd who are doing the Scoping Study and Masterplan for the Hamilton Gallery;
- Started work on the Peshurst Botanical Gardens Masterplan and the Mount Rouse steps;
- Cr Rainsford reaching a service milestone of 15 years as a Councillor in 2017 both in the West Wimmera and Southern Grampians Shires;
- Cr Calvano reaching a service milestone of 10 years as a Councillor in October 2018, including 2 years as Mayor.

The Mayor highlighted communication and engagement with all the communities in the Shire as a continuing priority of Council. There has been an annual program of visits to our communities and in addition in the last 12 months we've continued the program of holding at least 3 Council Meetings outside Hamilton. So far this year Council has been to Cavendish and Dunkeld and the Meeting on 14 November 2018 will be held in Branhholme.

The Mayor discussed the first Year In Review for Council in October 2018. She advised that this will become an annual event which allows Council to reflect upon the achievements of the last 12 months and also look ahead and highlight any key projects for the next 12 months. Uncle Johnny Lovett was honoured at this event for being admitted to the Victorian Indigenous hall of fame for his achievements as a musician, songwriter and advocate for native title rights and recognition of indigenous soldiers.

The Mayor expressed her sorrow at the death of former Councillor and Mayor Kevin Thomas passed away. Kevin was instrumental in the construction of Lake Hamilton and was also a long term contributor to Council and the community, including the CFA, over a long period of time.

The Mayor thanked her colleagues for their support and contribution over the last 12 months. She also thanked Mr Michael Tudball, the CEO, and Council staff for their support, advice and work over the last 12 months. Lastly the Mayor acknowledged the community, and expressed her gratitude for their warm welcome, and invitations to a large variety of events over the last 12 months. In particular she thanked all the volunteers in the community for the wonderful contribution they make to their towns and the Shire as a whole.

Election of Mayor 2018/2019

The Local Government Act 1989 provides that prior to the election of the Mayor, Council may resolve to elect a Mayor for a term of two years.

In the absence of such a resolution the election of the Mayor is for a term of one year.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Dunkley
SECONDED: Cr Rainsford

I move that the Mayor for the Southern Grampians Shire Council be appointed for a 1 year term.

CARRIED

MAYORAL ELECTION

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Mayor for 2018/2019.

Cr Brown was nominated by Cr Sharples. Cr Brown accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were received. There being no other nominations Cr Brown was elected Mayor.

The Mayor was invested with the Mayoral Pendant and Gavel by the Chief Executive Officer.

6. Response by Mayor

The Mayor, Cr Brown thanked her colleagues for their support and the confidence they have shown in her in electing her for a third term as Mayor. She is looking forward to the next 12 months and the Council Planning Day in early December to discuss the priorities for 2019 and beyond. The Mayor, Cr Brown discussed the Advocacy Priorities booklet that has been provided to all households within the Shire and thanked the community for their feedback on these priorities. She discussed Council's continued commitment to advocating to State and Federal Government to support these priorities and other opportunities that arise.

7. Election of Deputy Mayor 2018/2019

Council's Meeting Procedures Local Law provides that the process for the election of a Deputy Mayor, should Council determine that it is appropriate to appoint a Deputy Mayor, will follow the same procedure as for the election of the Mayor.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr McAdam
SECONDED: Cr Rainsford

I move that a Deputy Mayor be appointed for the Southern Grampians Shire Council for a 1 year term.

CARRIED

DEPUTY MAYORAL ELECTION

The Mayor called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2018/2019.

Cr Dunkley was nominated by Cr Rainsford. Cr Dunkley accepted the nomination.

Cr Sharples was nominated by Cr McAdam. Cr Sharples accepted the nomination.

All Councillors voted on the two nominations. As the vote was split evenly between the two nominees the election of the Deputy Mayor was determined by lot.

Cr Sharples was elected Deputy Mayor.

8. Response by Deputy Mayor

Cr Sharples thanked his fellow Councillors for appointing him Deputy Mayor for a third term. He expressed his enjoyment of his first two terms as Deputy Mayor. Cr Sharples looks forward to working with staff and Councillors and support the Mayor, Cr Brown, over the coming year.

9. Determination of Meeting Schedule

Council is requested to determine upon the Meeting Schedule for 2018/2019.

It is recommended that Ordinary Meetings of Council are held on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 5.30pm, preceded by an informal residents meeting commencing at 5.00pm and a Councillor Briefing Session.

It is also recommended that Briefing Sessions are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Extra Councillor Briefing Sessions are anticipated to assist in the preparation of the 2019/2020 Annual Budget. These Briefing Sessions are anticipated to be held in March and will be scheduled by the Chief Executive Officer as required.

From time to time additional Council Meetings, Special Meetings, may also be required.

Council meetings be generally held in the Council Chambers, Market Place, Hamilton, unless otherwise varied by Council or the Chief Executive Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

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2. Ordinary Meetings of Council be preceded by a Councillor Briefing Session.
3. Councillor Briefing Sessions be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except for December 2018.
4. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to set additional Councillor Briefing Sessions, call for Special Meetings of Council when required and move the location of Council Meetings and Briefings in consultation with the Mayor and Councillors.
5. The following schedule of dates for the holding of Ordinary Council Meetings in 2018/2019 be adopted:

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13 March 2019
10 April 2019
8 May 2019
12 June 2019
10 July 2019
14 August 2019
11 September 2019
9 October 2019
6. Council will hold 3 Meetings in Southern Grampians Shire communities outside of Hamilton in 2019. Those Meetings will be as follows:
 - Glenthompson – 13 March 2019;
 - Tarrington – 10 April 2019;
 - Byaduk – 9 October 2019.
7. A Special Meeting for the purpose of adopting the 2018/2019 Budget be set for Wednesday 26 June 2019 commencing at 5.30pm.
8. The Statutory Meeting for 2018 be set for Wednesday 6 November 2019 commencing at 5.30pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr Rainsford

SECONDED: Cr McAdam

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10. Close of Meeting

This concludes the business of the meeting.

Meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

Confirmed by resolution 12 December 2018.

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Chairman