



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, 6 November 2023

9:00am

Senior Citizens Centre

Kerang

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE, KERANG
ON MONDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 9:00AM**

PRESENT:	Cr Charlie Gillingham (Mayor)	Avoca Ward
	Cr Jane Ogden (Deputy Mayor)	Patchell Ward
	Cr Kelvin Burt	Patchell Ward
	Cr Travis Collier	Patchell Ward
	Cr Ross Stanton	Murray Ward
	Cr Garner Smith	Yarran Ward

IN ATTENDANCE: **Chief Executive Officer**
 Acting Manager Governance

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Chief Executive Officer read the Acknowledgement of Country.

2 OPENING DECLARATION

The Councillors read the Opening Declaration.

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Keith Link was noted as an apology.

4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In accordance with Section 129(g) of the Local Government Act 2020 and Regulation 7 of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020, a Councillor does not have a conflict of interest if the matter relates to the nomination of a Councillor for the election to the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor, or the election of a Councillor to the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor.

5 TEMPORARY CHAIR

Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) states that the election of the Mayor must be chaired by the Chief Executive Officer and conducted in accordance with the Governance Rules. Section 26 of the Act states that before the election of the Mayor, a Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term. Once elected, the Mayor will take the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 OUTGOING MAYORAL ADDRESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2023/2024 Mayor will provide an overview of his year as the Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the address of Cr Charlie Gillingham, Mayor 2022/2023.

6.2 MAYORAL TERM - 2023/2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 26 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and Rule 6 of Council's Governance Rules, before the election of the Mayor, Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kelvin Burt

Seconded: Cr Jane Ogden

That Council confirms that the Mayoral term for 2023/2024 be for a period of one year.

CARRIED

7.3 ELECTION OF MAYOR - 2023/2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and Rule 6 of Council's Governance Rules require a Mayor to be elected on a day that is as close to the end of the current Mayor's term as is reasonably practicable. At a Council meeting on 7 November 2022, Cr Gillingham was elected Mayor for a one year term.

The process for the election of the Mayor is detailed in the Act and Council's Governance Rules. Once elected, the Mayor will take the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

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

Cr Gillingham nominated Cr Stanton for the position of Mayor, Cr Collier seconded the nomination.

Cr Burt nominated Cr Smith for the position of Mayor, Cr Stanton seconded the nomination.

Cr Stanton addressed the Council.

Cr Smith addressed the council.

Voting

The Chief Executive Officer called for a show of hands for each candidate.

The votes recorded for each were:

- Cr Stanton – Five votes
- Cr Smith – One vote

Receiving the absolute majority of votes, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Stanton, Mayor of the Gannawarra Shire Council for 2023/2024.

The Chief Executive Officer vacated the chair and Cr Stanton took the chair as Mayor.

7.4 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR - 2023/2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) states that a Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor to perform the role of the Mayor, and exercise any of the powers of the Mayor in certain circumstances. At a Council meeting on 7 November 2022, Cr Ogden was elected Deputy Mayor for a one year term.

The process for the election of the Deputy Mayor is detailed in the Act and Council's Governance Rules.

The Mayor called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Cr Ogden nominated Cr Gillingham for the position of Deputy Mayor, Cr Collier seconded the motion.

Receiving the absolute majority of votes, the Mayor declared Cr Gillingham, Deputy Mayor of the Gannawarra Shire Council for 2023/2024.

7.5 INCOMING MAYORAL ADDRESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2023/2024 Mayor will address the meeting on the year ahead.

The Meeting closed at 9.19am.

The Minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 15 November 2023.

**Mayor Ross Stanton
CHAIRPERSON**