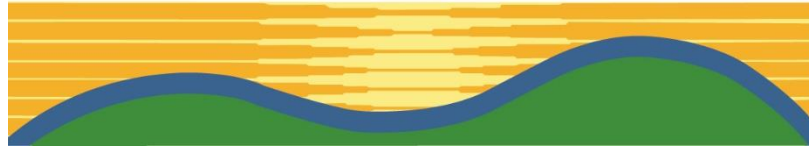


MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2018

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT MITCHELL CIVIC
CENTRE, 113 HIGH STREET BROADFORD ON
26 NOVEMBER 2018**

THE MEETING OPENED: 7.00pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cr Annie Goble Central Ward
Cr David Atkinson Central Ward
Cr Bob Humm Central Ward

Cr Bill Chisholm North Ward
Cr Rhonda Sanderson North Ward
Cr Fiona Stevens North Ward

Cr David Lowe South Ward
Cr Rob Eldridge South Ward
Cr Bob Cornish South Ward

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr David Turnbull Chief Executive Officer
Mr Laurie Ellis Director Governance and Corporate Performance
Ms Mary Agostino Director Advocacy and Community Services
Mr Mike McIntosh Director Development and Infrastructure
Ms Lidia Harding Governance and Corporate Accountability Coordinator

1 WELCOME

The Chief Executive Officer formally opens the meeting with an acknowledgement of country and welcomes all present.

The Chief Executive Officer acknowledges the traditional owners of the Taungurung Nation and pays his respects to their Elders past and present, and its emerging and future leaders.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE (CONT.)

2 ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER INVITES NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON.**

Cr Stevens nominated Cr Sanderson for election as Temporary Chairperson. Cr Goble seconded the nomination.

As there were no further nominations, Cr Sanderson was declared elected as Temporary Chairperson. Cr Sanderson assumed the Chair.

3 GOVERNANCE DECLARATION

The Governance Declaration was read by Cr Sanderson.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

In accordance with section 79 of the Local Government Act 1989.

Nil

6 MAYORAL REPORT (2017-2018 COUNCIL YEAR)

Cr Rhonda Sanderson presented the following Mayoral report for the 2017-2018 Council Year.

Good evening everyone, and thank you all for coming along tonight.

It's been an absolute honour to serve as Mayor of Mitchell Shire Council for a second year and it's a pleasure to provide my Mayoral Report on the past 12 months.

Firstly, I would like to begin by acknowledging the work of my Councillor colleagues. As a Council of nine, making responsible decisions for the long-term benefit of our whole community is our role and a major responsibility.

I am very proud of how this Council has conducted itself over the past two years. We have a unique mix of life experiences, personalities, interests and community networks which strengthens our decision-making. We have worked positively and constructively together, and therefore, amazingly productively, and we have remained firmly focused on the long-term needs of our whole community - both our current community of approx 47,000 living across the 2,864 square kilometres of our shire, and our future Mitchell Shire community, currently projected to be approximately 250,000 people.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE (CONT.)

I would also like to acknowledge our fantastic staff who support the Council and work tirelessly for the Mitchell Shire community.

Together, as Councillors and staff, we are all focussed on our Council's mission: 'working with our community to create a great quality of life'.

How do we do this? We have a plan - the Council Plan. This year has continued to be a busy and positive one for Council. The Council Plan is the main driver of Council's strategic objectives and our activities. It was prepared based on extensive consultation with our community. We have now completed the first year of the new Council's Council Plan 2017-2021. As reported in our Annual Report 2017-18, 81% of actions were completed or on target with a further 14% underway or near target.

Throughout the year, Council has also made a number of significant decisions on policy and strategy. I'd like to highlight some of them...

Values which this Council displays in its decisions include integrity, compassion and fairness. For example, in the past 12 months, Council has resolved to adopt the Mitchell Shire Council Social Justice Framework 2017-21 and fly the Aboriginal flag at our Broadford Civic Centre.

The Council seeks to keep our community safe, so we resolved to adopt the Mitchell Shire Emergency Management Policy and Framework, and a Domestic Animal Management Plan.

We are continuing our significant investment in long term planning for our communities therefore we adopted the Beveridge Township Development Plan Stage 2. We've also finalised the Seymour Structure Plan and commenced the Broadford Structure Plan.

Effective community consultation is important to this Council and we recently adopted a Community Engagement Framework. We have turned the budget process on its head and have consulted with our community before preparing the draft budget.

We're determined to be financially responsible and Council adopted a budget in June 2018 which continues to focus on improving our financial position while providing valued community services and infrastructure. We've expanded services, mostly relating to our growth, including planning and development, advocacy, engineering, parks and gardens, IT and waste. New infrastructure includes:

- the Wallan Town Heart redevelopment;
 - Greater Beveridge Community Centre;
 - Mt Piper Kindergarten and Maternal and Child Health Centre upgrade;
 - Broadford Living and Learning Centre upgrade;
 - change facilities and a second outdoor netball court in Seymour's Kings Park;
- and

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE (CONT.)

- a sensory outdoor area at the Seymour Library.

I should note these projects were undertaken with the assistance of external funding. This year, following feedback from our community, we also decided to significantly increase our investment in footpaths and roads.

Advocacy has been a priority for Council. We developed our Advocacy Framework in 2017 and adopted it in March 2018. The Top 3 priorities were roads, public transport and access to services (housing, mental health, counselling, family violence). We raised these priorities at many partnerships across the region. As Mayor, I represented Mitchell at many metro and regional meetings, for example, Interface Councils, Hume Region and Rural Councils Victoria. We also held a Mental health roundtable. During Interface Week, I attended numerous meetings with State MPs - at various times accompanied by the relevant Director, CEO or our Youth Council Mayor. I'm very pleased to say we've had results across most of our focus areas: a social housing partnership and a Youth Mental Health Services hub in Wallan are particular highlights

It's customary in this report to also mention some of the challenges the Council has faced - and this year hasn't been without its challenges. Some specific examples:

- the renegotiation of recycling contracts due to changes in China's acceptance of recyclables;
- issues with the Kilmore pool roof;
- emergencies, such as, storms and floods in late 2017 and again in early 2018;
- the loss of the Tallarook Mechanics Institute in a fire in May 2018; and
- the ongoing challenge of planning and managing the significant growth across the shire.

Council has worked hard to continue to advocate for better services and facilities for our community.

Similarly to last year, Council and council staff have worked with the community and stakeholders, such as, local MPs in our advocacy.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support and acknowledge their continuing commitment to work hard for our community. I would like to recognise and thank our Deputy Mayor, Cr David Lowe, for his work over the past two years.

I'd also like to thank our local State and Federal Government members for their support of Mitchell Shire projects. We could not fund all the new and upgraded infrastructure our growing community needs without their help. Every grant received, frees up valuable rates funding for other priority projects, such as, roads, footpaths and recreational facilities.

I would also like to sincerely thank the dedicated staff of this organisation for their work in delivering so many wonderful services for our community and their work on infrastructure. I'd particularly like to thank our CEO, David Turnbull, and our Directors for their leadership of the organisation.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE (CONT.)

I sincerely thank our Advisory Committees, including our Youth Council, and all the community members and organisations who have engaged with Council to help us deliver the best possible outcomes for our Shire.

Finally, I would like to thank my husband, Robbie, my daughters and parents for their continued support.

I would like to wish the incoming Mayor and Deputy Mayor all the best.

Thank you.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: CR. D. LOWE

SECONDED: CR. B. CHISHOLM

THAT the Mayoral Report for the 2017-2018 Council year be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 TERM OF OFFICE OF MAYOR**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MOVED: CR. D. ATKINSON

SECONDED: CR. R. ELDRIDGE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council resolve to elect a Mayor for a term of one year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Temporary Chairperson, Cr Sanderson called for nominations for election of the office of Mayor.

Cr Cornish nominated Cr Lowe for the election to the office of Mayor. The nomination was seconded by Cr Humm.

Cr Goble nominated Cr Chisholm for the election of the Mayor. The nomination was seconded by Cr Stevens.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE (CONT.)

Following the vote, the Temporary Chairperson declared Cr Chisholm elected as Mayor of Mitchell Shire Council for the 2018-2019 Council year, and invited the elected Mayor to assume the Chair.

The Mayor, Cr Chisholm made a brief address to Councillors and members of the gallery.

9 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor, Cr Chisholm called for nominations for election of the office of Deputy Mayor.

Cr Eldridge nominated Cr Atkinson for the election to the office of Deputy Mayor. The nomination was seconded by Cr Goble.

As there were no further nominations, Cr Atkinson was elected Deputy of Mitchell Shire Council for the 2018-2019 Council year.

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Atkinson made a brief address to Councillors and members of the gallery.

Thank you – I can't say Madam Mayor anymore and will need to get out of that habit – Mr Mayor!

I would like to thank Cr Eldridge for nominating me and Cr Goble for seconding me and the confidence all the other Councillors have showed in me by voting me in unanimously. I congratulate Cr Chisholm in becoming the Mayor for 2018-2019 and also to Cr Lowe in putting his hand up also and showing his interest in becoming the Mayor. I will do my best to support the Mayor and other Councillors in fulfilling the role. I would also like to thank Cr Sanderson in doing such a great job as Mayor for the last two years. I would also like to thank the Chief Executive Officer and the Directors in assisting us and doing a great job and of course the officers and staff that work with them.

It is an honour and thank you all for your support.

10 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYOR

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: CR. F. STEVENS

SECONDED: CR. R. ELDRIDGE

THAT Cr Lowe, Deputy Mayor be appointed as Acting Mayor for the purpose of section 73(3) of the *Local Government Act 1989*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE (CONT.)

11 GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE PERFORMANCE**11.1 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE****Author:** Lidia Harding - Governance & Corporate Accountability Coordinator**File No:** CL/04/001-03**Attachments:** Nil**SUMMARY**

Section 89 of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires Council to provide public notice of meetings of the Council.

Council meetings are open to the public except when Council is considering matters designated as confidential in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*. Council at its meeting on 8 November 2017 adopted the meeting schedule which included the dates for December 2018 through to April 2020. The schedule below seeks adoption from Council for the meeting schedule for the period December 2018 through to June 2020.

DECEMBER 2018

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
Monday 10 December	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm
Monday 17 December	Ordinary Council	7pm

JANUARY 2019

No scheduled meetings

FEBRUARY 2019

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
Monday 11 February	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm
Monday 18 February	Ordinary Council	7pm

MARCH 2019

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
**Tuesday 12 March	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE (CONT.)

Monday 18 March	Ordinary Council	7pm
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**Meeting rescheduled to avoid public holiday

APRIL 2019

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
Monday 8 April	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm
Monday 15 April	Ordinary Council	7pm

MAY 2019

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
Monday 13 May	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm
Monday 20 May	Ordinary Council	7pm

JUNE 2019

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
Monday 3 June	<i>Special Community Questions and Hearings Committee</i>	7pm
**Tuesday 11 June	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm
***Monday 24 June	Ordinary Council	7pm

**Meeting rescheduled to avoid public holiday

*** 4th Monday of the month for attendance at National General Assembly in Canberra

JULY 2019

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
Monday 8 July	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm
Monday 15 July	Ordinary Council	7pm

AUGUST 2019

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
Monday 12 August	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE (CONT.)

Monday 19 August	Ordinary Council	7pm
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SEPTEMBER 2019

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
Monday 9 September	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm
Monday 16 September	Ordinary Council	7pm

OCTOBER 2019

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
Monday 7 October	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm
Monday 14 October	Ordinary Council	7pm

NOVEMBER 2019

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
Monday 11 November	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm
Monday 18 November	Ordinary Council	7pm
Monday 25 November	<i>Special Council (Statutory) Meeting</i>	7pm

DECEMBER 2019

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
Monday 9 December	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm
Monday 16 December	Ordinary Council	7pm

JANUARY 2020

No scheduled meetings.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE (CONT.)

FEBRUARY 2020

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
Monday 10 February	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm
Monday 17 February	Ordinary Council	7pm

MARCH 2020

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
**Tuesday 10 March	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm
Monday 16 March	Ordinary Council	7pm

**Meeting rescheduled to avoid public holiday

APRIL 2020

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
Tuesday 14 April	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm
Monday 20 April	Ordinary Council	7pm

**Meeting rescheduled to avoid public holiday

MAY 2020

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
Monday 11 May	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm
Monday 18 May	Ordinary Council	7pm

JUNE 2020

DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
Monday 1 June	<i>Special Hearings Committee</i>	7pm
**Tuesday 9 June	Community Questions and Hearings Committee	7pm
Monday 15 June	Ordinary Council	7pm

**Meeting rescheduled to avoid public holiday

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE (CONT.)

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: CR. B. CORNISH

SECONDED: CR. R. SANDERSON

THAT the schedule of Community Questions and Hearings Committee and Council meetings for the period December 2018 through to June 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATIONS FOR THE 2018-2019 COUNCIL YEAR

Author: Lidia Harding - Governance & Corporate Accountability Coordinator

File No: CL/04/001-03

Attachments: Nil

SUMMARY

Appointments are to be made to the following Committees and Organisations for the 2018-2019 Council year. Appointments to the Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group Board and the Goulburn River Valley Tourism (GRVT) are not required on an annual basis as these are ongoing appointments.

REGIONAL, STATE-WIDE AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Organisation	Representation	Proposed 2019 Nominations
Municipal Association of Victoria	Two Councillors	Mayor Deputy Mayor
Victorian Local Governance Association	One Councillor	Cr Lowe
Rural Council Victoria	One Councillor	Mayor
Melbourne Northern Metropolitan Forum	One Councillor	Mayor
Interface Council Group	One Councillor CEO	Cr Eldridge CEO
Hume Region Local Government Network (HRLGN)	Mayor CEO	Mayor CEO
Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group Forum (GVWRRG)	One Councillor	Cr Humm
Roadsafe Goulburn Valley	One Councillor Director Development and Infrastructure or delegate	Cr Stevens Director Development and Infrastructure or delegate
Goulburn Broken Greenhouse Alliance	One Councillor	Cr Atkinson
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee	One Councillor	Cr Chisholm
Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee	One Councillor (Substitute)	Cr Humm Cr Chisholm

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATIONS FOR THE 2018-2019 COUNCIL YEAR (CONT.)

L2P	One Councillor	Cr Stevens
Australian Local Government Women's Association – Victorian Branch	One Councillor	Cr Sanderson
Merri Creek Management Committee Inc.	One Councillor	Cr Eldridge
Mitchell Honbetsu Sister City Association Inc	One Councillor	Cr Goble

INCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS

North Ward		
Organisation	Representation	Proposed 2019 Nominations
Seymour Tennis Complex Committee	One Councillor	Cr Stevens
Kings Park Recreation Reserve Committee	One Councillor	Cr Sanderson
Tallarook Mechanics Institute Committee	One Councillor	Cr Chisholm
Australian Light Horse Memorial Park	One Councillor	Cr Sanderson
Seymour Old Courthouse Committee	One Councillor	Cr Stevens
Seymour Bushland Park Committee	One Councillor	Cr Sanderson
Tallarook Recreation Reserve Committee	One Councillor	Cr Stevens
Tooborac Mechanics Hall and Reserve Committee	One Councillor	Cr Chisholm
Pyalong Recreation Reserve Committee	One Councillor	Cr Chisholm

Central Ward		
Organisation	Representation	Proposed 2019 Nominations
JJ Clancy Reserve Committee of Management Inc.	One Councillor	Cr Humm
Broadford Land Management Group Inc.	One Councillor	Cr Atkinson

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATIONS FOR THE 2018-2019 COUNCIL YEAR (CONT.)

Kilmore Soldiers Memorial Hall Inc.	One Councillor	Cr Humm
Harley Hammond Reserve Association Inc.	One Councillor	Cr Atkinson
Broadford Living & Learning Centre	One Councillor	Cr Goble

South Ward

Organisation	Representation	Proposed 2019 Nominations
Committee of Management RB Robson Stadium Inc.	One Councillor	Cr Cornish
Beveridge Recreation Reserve Committee Inc.	One Councillor	Cr Cornish
WHJ Sports and Community Inc. (at LB Davern Reserve, Wandong)	One Councillor	Cr Lowe
Wandong Public Hall Inc.	One Councillor	Cr Lowe
Greenhill Social Club Inc.	One Councillor	Cr Eldridge

COUNCIL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES**Council Committees**

Committee	Representation	Proposed 2019 Nominations
Audit (Advisory) Committee	Two Councillors	Cr Lowe Cr Atkinson
Community Questions and Hearings Committee	All Councillors	All Councillors
CEO Performance Review Advisory Committee	Mayor Past Mayor One Councillor	Mayor Cr Sanderson Cr Goble

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATIONS FOR THE 2018-2019 COUNCIL YEAR (CONT.)

Advisory Committees		
Committee	Representation	Proposed 2019 Nominations
Mitchell Environment Advisory Committee	One Councillor	Cr Eldridge
Mitchell Early Years Advisory Committee	One Councillor	Cr Cornish
Mitchell Heritage Advisory Committee	One Councillor	Cr Humm
Mitchell Fire Consultative Forum	One Councillor	Cr Humm Cr Chisholm (Substitute)
Mitchell Youth Advisory Meeting	One Councillor	Cr Cornish
Social Justice Advisory Committee	One Councillor	Cr Goble
Australia Day Awards Committee	Mayor Former Mayor Two Councillors	Mayor Cr Sanderson Cr Cornish Cr Goble

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**MOVED:** CR. B. CORNISH**SECONDED:** CR. A. GOBLE

THAT the Councillor and Council Officer nominations for Regional, State-Wide and Local Organisations, Incorporated Association and Council and Advisory Committees be appointed as Council representatives to the relevant Committees and Organisations for the 2018-2019 Council year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Monday 17 December 2018 at the Mitchell Shire Council Chambers, 113 High Street, Broadford, commencing at 7.00pm.

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was declared closed at 7.38pm.

Confirmed this Monday, 17 December 2018

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Chairperson
Mayor, Cr Bill Chisholm