



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT NHILL MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE, 77-79 NELSON ST, NHILL, ON WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2017, COMMENCING AT 6.00PM.**

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**AGENDA**

**1. Appointment of Temporary Chair**

**2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Community and Opening Prayer**

**3. Apologies**

**4. Mayoral Report 2017**

**5. Election of Mayor 2017/18**

**6. Congratulatory Remarks to the Mayor**

**7. Mayoral Response**

**8. Election of Deputy Mayor**

**9. Appointment of Delegates to Regional and External Organisations**

**10. Date of next Annual Meeting**

**11. Meeting Close**

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**1. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIR**

The Chief Executive Officer will call the meeting to order. The office of the previous Mayor expired at 6 am on the morning of the Statutory Meeting. It is necessary to appoint a Councillor to be temporary chair. Clause 7 of the Council's Processes of Municipal Government Local Law provides that at any meeting to elect the Mayor, any Councillor may be appointed as a temporary chair to deal with:

- (a) the receipt of nominations for the election of Mayor; and
- (b) the election of the Mayor.

***CR R. LOWE NOMINATED CR T. SCHNEIDER***

**No further nominations received.**

***The CEO declared Cr T. Schneider elected as the temporary chair***

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**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER**

Cr T. Schneider acknowledged the Indigenous community and offered the opening prayer.

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**3. APOLOGIES**

NIL

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**4. MAYORAL REPORT 2017**

Cr Debra Nelson to read the Mayors report for 2016/17.

***MAYORAL REPORT 2017***

It has been a real honour and an absolute pleasure being Mayor of Hindmarsh Shire again this past year.

I would first like to thank the rest of the team - my fellow councillors, CEO Mr Greg Wood and executive assistant Taegan Salt for their support throughout the year.

Throughout the year I have had opportunities to meet with members and advisors of both State and Federal Governments to discuss, promote and advocate for projects and issues important to our Shire and also those of regional importance. The value of face to face conversation is extremely important in building a rapport, and gauging the level of interest in the topic discussed.

So much has happened over the past year in our shire with many stand out events worth mentioning, including important ceremonies and significant capital works projects.

I have been honoured and privileged to conduct citizenship ceremonies and welcome many new Australians, of all ages, into our communities. Our multi-cultural communities enrich our lives and provide wonderful cultural events for the whole community to share in celebrating such as The Karen New Year Celebration, the Water festival and Harmony day.

Its exciting travelling to each of our towns in the Shire on Australia Day, but presents a real challenge to keep to the timetable, and alas, not much time to chat after presenting Awards to some of our Shire's most outstanding citizens.

Once again, Hindmarsh Shire hosted the Order of Australia Association – School Citizenship Awards that recognised an outstanding community student from each of our secondary colleges. I was delighted to be in the company of the outstanding young students who were all very worthy recipients of the awards.

Capital works highlights of the past year included receiving funding from the State Government for the construction of new skate parks to be built in both Dimboola and Rainbow. Funding was also received for Dimboola Library / Civic Hub.

March was a busy month with the turning of the sod to mark the commencement of the Kiata Wind Farm project, and Official openings of both the Yurunga Fence project and the Rainbow Recreation Reserve Pavilion.

The Official opening of Menzies Square in Jeparit was also held in the past year.

Two other major projects worth mentioning are the Nhill Early Years Centre which has been

completed with a large number of the community attending the Open Day to inspect the magnificent new building.

The installation of 5 cabins in the Dimboola Holiday Park was completed mid-year has resulted in an influx of extra visitors staying in our Shire.

2017 also featured major events throughout our Shire with the very successful Inaugural Desert Enduro off road race held at Rainbow.

Dimboola was host to both a Barefoot Skiing Tournament and a Human Powered Vehicles race. The Aviation Heritage Centre at Nhill held a Military Vehicle Rendezvous and all these events brought significant visitors to our Shire and provided a positive economic impact in our communities.

I have also been honoured to attend so many community events throughout the year and share in the celebrations. We are blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers who are tirelessly working to make a real difference in their communities. Thank you so much to everyone, in all our communities, who has extended their friendship, encouraged and supported me, welcomed me in to their homes or community groups, and provided me with many fond memories this past year.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

***That Council accepts the outgoing Mayor's report.***

**MOVED: CRS R. ISMAY/R.LOWE**

***That Council accepts the outgoing Mayor's report.***

**CARRIED**

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Cr T. Schneider congratulated Cr D. Nelson and thanked her for her leadership in the past two terms as Mayor.

Cr R. Gersch and R. Lowe endorsed Cr T. Schneider's comments.

Greg Wood, CEO expressed his gratitude on behalf of staff and thanked Cr D. Nelson for her time as Mayor and presented her with some flowers as a token of Council's appreciation.

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**5. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2017/2018**

*Local Government Act 1989*

**71. Election of Mayor**

- (1) At a meeting of the Council that is open to the public, the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council.
- (2) Before a Mayor is elected under this section, the Council may resolve to elect a mayor for a term of two years.
- (3) The Mayor is to be elected—
  - (a) after the fourth Saturday in October but no later than 30 November in each year; or
  - (b) as soon as possible after any vacancy in the office of Mayor occurs.

**72. Term of office**

- (1) The office of Mayor becomes vacant—
  - (a) at 6 a.m. on the day of the election of the Mayor; or
  - (b) if he or she dies or ceases to be a Councillor; or
  - (ba) if his or her office as a Councillor is suspended for any period under this Act; or
  - (c) if he or she resigns in writing which is given at a Council meeting or to the Chief Executive Officer;
  - (ca) if he or she becomes ineligible to hold office under section 81K; or
  - (d) if he or she is ousted from office.
- (3) Any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor.

**73. Precedence of Mayor**

- (1) The Mayor of a Council takes precedence at all municipal proceedings within the municipal district.
- (2) The Mayor must take the chair at all meetings of the Council at which he or she is present.
- (3) If there is a vacancy in the office of Mayor or the Mayor is absent, incapable of acting or refusing to act, the Council must appoint one of the Councillors to be the acting Mayor.
- (4) An acting Mayor may perform any function or exercise any power conferred on the Mayor.

***Hindmarsh Meeting Procedure and Common Seal Local Law, Law No 1 of 2014***

**6. Election of Mayor and Chairs**

- (1) The election of the Mayor will be carried out by show of hands.
- (2) In determining the election of the Mayor, the following will apply:
  - a) where only one nomination is received, that Councillor must be declared elected;
  - b) where two nominations are received, the Councillor with the majority of votes cast will be declared elected;

- c) where there are two or more nominations and all votes cast are equally divided between two or more nominees, the election must be determined by lot;
- d) where there are two or more nominations received and the result has not been determined under paragraphs (b) or (c) the nominee with the fewest number of votes cast must be eliminated (and if more than one of them, the nominee determined by lot) and the names of the remaining nominees must be put to the vote again;
- e) the procedure in paragraph (d) must be repeated until the circumstances in paragraph (c) apply or until there are only two nominees remaining in which case a further vote must be taken and the nominee with a majority will be declared elected or, if there is an equal division of votes, the election must be determined by lot.

**Temporary Chair to call for nominations.**

(Following declaration of voting, the new Mayor is to assume the Chair).

**Cr T. Schneider called for nominations.**

***CR R. GERSCH nominated CR R. ISMAY***

***CR T. SCHNEIDER nominated CR D. NELSON***

***Cr T. Schneider called for a show of hands in favour of Cr R. Ismay, 4 Councillors voted in favour.***

***Cr T. Schneider called for a show of hands in favour of Cr D. Nelson, 2 Councillors voted in favour.***

***Cr T. Schneider declared Cr R. Ismay elected Mayor for 2017/2018.***

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**6. CONGRATULATORY REMARKS TO THE MAYOR**

Cr T. Schneider acknowledged and congratulated Cr R. Ismay on being voted in for Mayor in the 2017/18 term.

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**7. MAYORAL RESPONSE**

Cr R. Ismay acknowledged and congratulated Cr D. Nelson as Mayor for 2015/16 and 2016/17 term.

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**8. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Local Government Act does not contain any provisions relating to the position of

Deputy Mayor. However, the position of Deputy Mayor is referred to in the Council's Local Law 'Processes of Municipal Government'. If the Mayor is unable to attend a Council meeting for any reason a Deputy Mayor will be acting Chair, or if no Deputy Mayor has been elected, an acting Chair may be elected. An election by Council of a Deputy Mayor will follow the same procedure as that for an election of the Mayor. There is no provision in the Act for a separate allowance for Deputy Mayor. The question for the Council is whether it wants to create a position of Deputy Mayor.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

***That Council considers electing a Deputy Mayor for the 2017/2018 year.***

**MOVED: CRS D. NELSON/T. SCHNEIDER**

***That Council elects a Deputy Mayor for the 2017/2018 year.***

**CARRIED**

***CR D. NELSON nominated CR R. LOWE as Deputy Mayor.***

***As there were no other nominations Cr. R. LOWE was duly elected as Deputy Mayor.***

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**9. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO REGIONAL AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

The following Council organisations require the appointment of Council delegates for the period 2017/2018.

It is important that this list of Council appointments to external organisations is as complete as possible, as Council policy provides that travelling expenses and out of pocket expenses are payable for attendance at meetings of these organisations.

A Councillors role with these organisations is to provide strategic input, influencing outcomes that are consistent with goals in Council's Plan, and be a communication conduit between the organisation and Council.

Previous delegates, and appointments, are listed for convenience.

No.	COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES	2016/17 DELEGATE	2017/18 DELEGATE
1	Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) <i>Sub-committees</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC)</li> <li>· Municipal Recovery Planning Committee (MRPC)</li> </ul>	<b>Cr R Gersch</b>	
2	Audit Committee	<b>Cr T Schneider Cr D Nelson</b>	
5	Nhill Aerodrome Master Plan Advisory Committee	<b>Cr D Colbert</b>	
6	Wimmera River Advisory Committee		



	<b>SECTION 86 COMMITTEES</b>	<b>2016/17 DELEGATE</b>	<b>2017/18 DELEGATE</b>
15	Nhill Town Committee	<b>Cr D. Colbert</b>	
16	Dimboola Town Committee	<b>Cr T Schneider</b>	
17	Jeparit Town Committee	<b>Cr R Lowe</b>	
18	Rainbow Town Committee	<b>Cr R Ismay</b>	
19	Rainbow Civic Centre Committee	<b>Cr R Lowe</b>	
20	Yanac Hall & Recreation Reserve Committee	<b>Cr R Lowe Cr R Ismay</b>	
21	Rainbow Recreation Reserve Committee	<b>Cr R Ismay</b>	
28	Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Committee	<b>Cr R Ismay</b>	
29	Yurunga Homestead Committee	<b>Cr R Ismay</b>	

	<b>EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>	<b>2016/17 DELEGATE</b>	<b>2017/18 DELEGATE</b>
31	Municipal Association of Victoria	<b>Cr D Nelson</b>	
32	Rural Councils Victoria	<b>Cr R Gersch</b>	
33	North West Municipalities Association	<b>Cr D Nelson</b>	
34	Wimmera Development Association	<b>Cr D Nelson Cr R Gersch</b>	
35	Wimmera Regional Transport Group	<b>Cr R Gersch</b>	
36	Western Highway Action Committee	<b>Cr D Nelson</b>	
37	Rail Freight Alliance	<b>Cr R Lowe</b>	
38	Wimmera Regional Library Corporation	<b>Cr T Schneider</b>	
40	Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association	<b>Cr R Ismay</b>	
42	Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group (From April 2014)	<b>Cr R Gersch</b>	
44	Hindmarsh Landcare Network	<b>Cr R Ismay</b>	
45	Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance	<b>Cr R Ismay</b>	
46	Local Learning and Employment Network	<b>Cr D Nelson</b>	

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the Council's delegates for 2017/18 as proposed be adopted.*

**MOVED: CR R. GERSCH/D.NELSON**

*That the Council's delegates for 2017/18 as listed below be adopted.*

No.	COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES	2016/17 DELEGATE	2017/18 DELEGATE
1	Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) <i>Sub-committees</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC)</li> <li>· Municipal Recovery Planning Committee (MRPC)</li> </ul>	Cr R Gersch	Cr D Colbert  Substitute: Cr R Gersch
2	Audit Committee	Cr T Schneider Cr D Nelson	Cr T. Schneider Cr D. Nelson
3	Nhill Aerodrome Master Plan Advisory Committee	Cr D Colbert	Cr D Colbert
4	Wimmera River Advisory Committee		Cr D Nelson
	<b>SECTION 86 COMMITTEES</b>	<b>2016/17 DELEGATE</b>	<b>2017/18 DELEGATE</b>
5	Nhill Town Committee	Cr D. Colbert	Cr D Colbert
6	Dimboola Town Committee	Cr T Schneider	Cr T Schneider
7	Jeparit Town Committee	Cr R Lowe	Cr R Ismay
8	Rainbow Town Committee	Cr R Ismay	Cr R Ismay
9	Rainbow Civic Centre Committee	Cr R Lowe	Cr R Lowe
10	Yanac Hall & Recreation Reserve Committee	Cr R Lowe Cr R Ismay	Cr R Lowe
11	Rainbow Recreation Reserve Committee	Cr R Ismay	Cr R Ismay
12	Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Committee	Cr R Ismay	Cr R Lowe
13	Yurunga Homestead Committee	Cr R Ismay	Cr R Ismay
	<b>EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>	<b>2016/17 DELEGATE</b>	<b>2017/18 DELEGATE</b>

14	Municipal Association of Victoria	Cr D Nelson	Cr R Ismay
15	Rural Councils Victoria	Cr R Gersch	Cr R Gersch
16	North West Municipalities Association	Cr D Nelson	Cr R Gersch Substitute: Cr R Ismay
17	Wimmera Development Association	Cr D Nelson Cr R Gersch	Cr D Nelson
18	Wimmera Regional Transport Group	Cr R Gersch	Cr R Gersch
19	Western Highway Action Committee	Cr D Nelson	Cr R Ismay
20	Rail Freight Alliance	Cr R Lowe	Cr R Lowe
21	Wimmera Regional Library Corporation	Cr T Schneider	Cr T Schneider
22	Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association	Cr R Ismay	Cr R Ismay
23	Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group (From April 2014)	Cr R Gersch	Cr R Gersch Substitute: Cr R Ismay
24	Hindmarsh Landcare Network	Cr R Ismay	Cr R Ismay
25	Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance	Cr R Ismay	Cr R Ismay
26	Local Learning and Employment Network	Cr D Nelson	Cr D Nelson

**CARRIED**

## 10. DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

The date of the next Annual Meeting must be after the fourth Saturday in October and prior to 30 November 2018.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

***That a Special Meeting to elect a Mayor and appoint delegates be held at 6pm Wednesday 7 November 2018, at Nhill Memorial Community Centre, Nelson Street, Nhill.***

### **MOVED: CRS T. SCHNEIDER/R. LOWE**

***That a Special Meeting to elect a Mayor and appoint delegates be held at 6pm Wednesday 7 November 2018, at Nhill Memorial Community Centre, Nelson Street, Nhill.***

***CARRIED***

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**11. MEETING CLOSE**

Meeting closed at 6:22pm and all those present were invited to participate in refreshments.

**END**