



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
(ANNUAL MEETING)**

25 October 2017

To Councillor,
"as addressed"

NOTICE is hereby given that a **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Hindmarsh Shire Council will be held at Nhill Memorial Community Centre, Nelson Street, Nhill, on Wednesday 1 November 2017, at 6:00pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Wood', written over a horizontal line.

Greg Wood
Chief Executive Officer

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

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.

Chief Executive Officer to seek nomination for temporary chair.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

We acknowledge the Shire's indigenous community as the first owners of this country.

We recognise the important ongoing role that indigenous people have in our community and pay our respects to their elders and people both living and past.

Dear Lord,

We humbly request your blessing upon this Council and welcome your guiding presence among us. May our decisions be taken wisely and in good faith, to your glory and the true welfare of the citizens of the Hindmarsh Shire.

Amen.

3. APOLOGIES

Temporary Chairperson to call for apologies.

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 Skateparks 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 accept the outgoing Mayor's report.

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 Shire Council Local Law 'Hindmarsh Meeting Procedure and Common Seal Local Law'

6. Election of Mayor and Chairs

- (3) The election of the Mayor will be carried out by show of hands, unless the Council resolves that it be carried out by secret ballot.
- (4) 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).

6. CONGRATULATORY REMARKS TO THE MAYOR

Councillors may wish to make suitable remarks and congratulate the new Mayor.

7. MAYORAL RESPONSE

The Mayor to respond.

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 consider electing a Deputy Mayor for the 2017/2018 year.

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"> · Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMP) · Municipal Recovery Planning Committee (MRPC) 	Cr R Gersch	
2	Audit Committee	Cr T Schneider Cr D Nelson	
5	Nhill Aerodrome Master Plan Advisory Committee	Cr D Colbert	
6	Economic Development Steering Committee	Cr R Ismay	

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

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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.

11. MEETING CLOSE

The Mayor to close the meeting and invite all those present to participate in refreshments.

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