



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

7 November 2022

To Councillor,
“as addressed”

NOTICE is hereby given that a **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Hindmarsh Shire Council will be held at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre, 77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill on Wednesday 9 November 2022, commencing at **6:00pm**.

Greg Wood
Chief Executive Officer

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1 WELCOME

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Greg Wood, will declare the meeting open.

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community

Hindmarsh Shire Council acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the lands of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk Nations and we acknowledge them as Traditional Owners of Country.

We recognise the important ongoing role that Indigenous people have in our community and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

3 APOLOGIES

4 MAYORAL REPORT 2021/2022

Cr Melanie Albrecht to present the Mayor's report for 2021/2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the outgoing Mayor's report for 2021/2022.

5 TERM OF OFFICE OF MAYOR

Section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to determine the length of the Mayoral term prior to the election of the Mayor. The term decided will apply to the Deputy Mayor, if one is also elected. The term of office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor may be a 1-year term or a 2-year term.

Under the Act, where the Mayor is elected for a 1-year term, the next election of the Mayor must be held on a day to be determined by Council that is as close to the end of the 1 year term as is reasonably practicable.

Where the Mayor is elected for a 2-year term, the next election of the Mayor must be held on a day to be determined by Council that is as close to the end of the 2 year term as is reasonably practicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council determines that the Term of Office of the Mayor be a period of one year.

6 ELECTION OF MAYOR – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The election of the Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020* Section 25

25 Election of Mayor

- (1) At a Council meeting that is open to the public, the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council.*
- (2) Subject to section 167, any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor.*
- (3) The election of the Mayor must—*
 - (a) be chaired by the Chief Executive Officer; and*
 - (b) subject to this section, be conducted in accordance with the Governance Rules.*
- (4) Subject to subsections (5) and (6), the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors.*
- (5) If an absolute majority of the Councillors cannot be obtained at the meeting, the Council may resolve to conduct a new election at a later specified time and date.*
- (6) If only one Councillor is a candidate for Mayor, the meeting must declare that Councillor to be duly elected as Mayor.*
- (7) In this section, **absolute majority** means the number of Councillors which is greater than half the total number of the Councillors of a Council.*

The Chief Executive Officer will call for nominations and conduct the election for Mayor.

The Chief Executive Officer will declare the result of the election of Mayor.

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

7 CONGRATULATORY REMARKS TO MAYOR

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

8 MAYORAL RESPONSE

The Mayor to respond.

9 DETERMINATION OF POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2020*:

Section 20A Office of Deputy Mayor

- (1) A Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor.
- (2) If the Council has established an office of Deputy Mayor, the provisions of this Act relating to the office of Deputy Mayor apply.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council elects a Deputy Mayor for a term of one year.

10 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Chief Executive Officer will conduct the election for a Deputy Mayor.

The election of the Deputy Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020* Section 27

27 Election of Deputy Mayor

- (1) *Section 25, other than subsection (3)(a), applies to the election of a Deputy Mayor by the Councillors as if any reference in that section to the Mayor was a reference to the Deputy Mayor.*
- (2) *Section 26 applies to the election of a Deputy Mayor as if any reference in that section to the Mayor was a reference to the Deputy Mayor.*

The Chief Executive Officer will call for nominations and conduct the election for Deputy Mayor.

The Chief Executive Officer will declare the result of the election of Deputy Mayor.

11 APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

The following Council organisations and external committees require the appointment of Council delegates for the period 2022/2023.

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 | 2021/2022 DELEGATE | 2022/2023 DELEGATE |
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| 1 | Audit Committee (2 required) | Cr D Nelson Cr M Albrecht | |
| 2 | Nhill Aerodrome Master Plan Advisory Committee | Cr W Bywaters | |
| 3 | Nhill Town Committee | Cr M Albrecht | |
| 4 | Dimboola Town Committee | Cr D Nelson | |
| 5 | Jeparit Town Committee | Cr B Ireland | |
| 6 | Rainbow Town Committee | Cr R Ismay | |
| 7 | LGBTIQ+ Reference Group | New committee | |
| | COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEES | | |
| 8 | Rainbow Civic Centre Committee | Cr B Ireland | |
| 9 | Rainbow Recreation Reserve Committee | Cr R Ismay | |
| 10 | Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Committee | Cr B Ireland | |
| 11 | Yurunga Homestead Committee | Cr B Ireland | |
| | EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS | | |
| 12 | Municipal Association of Victoria (Mayor and Deputy Mayor as substitute) | Cr M Albrecht Cr B Ireland (Substitute) | Mayor Deputy Mayor (substitute) |
| 13 | National General Assembly of Local Government (Mayor and Deputy Mayor as substitute) | Cr M Albrecht Cr B Ireland (Substitute) | Mayor Deputy Mayor (substitute) |
| 14 | Rural Councils Victoria | Cr R Gersch | |
| 15 | North West Municipalities Association | Cr R Gersch | |
| 16 | Wimmera Development Association | Cr M Albrecht | |
| 17 | Wimmera Regional Transport Group | Cr R Gersch | |
| 18 | Western Highway Action Committee | Cr R Ismay | |
| 19 | Rail Freight Alliance | Cr R Ismay | |
| 20 | Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association | Cr R Ismay | |
| 21 | Hindmarsh Landcare Network | Cr W Bywaters | |

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| 22 | Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance | Cr D Nelson | |
| 23 | Local Learning and Employment Network | Cr D Nelson | |
| 24 | Strategic Meetings on Recycling and Waste Matters | Cr R Gersch | |

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council delegates for 2022/2023 as proposed be adopted.

12 DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

The date of the next Annual Meeting must be held to allow for the election of the next Mayor, on a day to be determined by the Council, that is as close to the end of the mayoral term as is reasonably practicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a Special Meeting to elect a Mayor, Deputy Mayor and appoint delegates be held at 6pm Wednesday 8 November 2023 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre, 77-79 Nelson Street, Nhill.

13 MEETING CLOSE
