



Shire of Murray

Minutes

Special Council Meeting

Thursday 26 October 2023 at 4.30pm

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Minutes of Shire of Murray Special Council Meeting held at the Murray Shire Council, 1915 Pinjarra Road, Pinjarra on Thursday, 26 October 2023 at 4.30pm.

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chief Executive Officer declared the meeting open the time being 4.30pm.

2 ATTENDANCES/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

PRESENT

President Elect David Bolt, Cr Douglas McLarty, Cr Geoff Black, Cr Stuart Kirkham, Councillor Elect Steve Lee, Councillor Elect Ange Rogers, Cr David Pike, Cr Stewart Carter, Councillor Elect Nicole Willis

IN ATTENDANCE

Dean Unsworth (Chief Executive Officer), Alan Smith (Director Infrastructure Services), Greg Delahunty (Acting Director Planning and Sustainability), Leanne McGuirk (Director Place, Community and Economic Development), John Kowal (Acting Director Corporate Services), Belinda Brown (Minute Taker)

APOLOGIES

Rod Peake (Director Planning and Sustainability), Tracie Unsworth (Director Corporate Services)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

There were two (2) members of the public, five (5) members of staff and in attendance at this time.

3 PURPOSE OF MEETING

To consider the following items:

- Swearing in New Councillors;
- Elect the Deputy Shire President; and
- Arrange Councillor seating arrangements for the next 2 years.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with regulation 7(4)(b) of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, a Council at a Special Council Meeting is not required to answer a question that does not relate to the purpose of the meeting. It is therefore requested that only questions that relate to items on the agenda be asked.

Nil.

5 PETITIONS AND APPROVED DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

6 REPORTS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND OFFICERS

6.1 Declaration by Newly Elected President

File Ref: D23/35382
Author and Title: David Bentley, Manager Governance and Strategy
Appendices: Nil.

In accordance with section 2.29(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a person elected as an elector-elected President is required to make a declaration before acting in the office.

President-elect **David Bolt**, who was declared elected unopposed by the Returning Officer on 7 September 2023, made their declaration before David Nelson JP.

Following his declaration, **President David Bolt** assumed the chair at 4.31pm.

6.2 Declaration by Newly Elected Councillors

File Ref: D23/35383
Author and Title: David Bentley, Manager Governance and Strategy
Appendices: Nil.

In accordance with section 2.29(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a person elected as a Councillor is required to make a declaration before acting in the office.

Councillors-elect **Nicole Willis**, **Ange Rogers** and **Steve Lee**, who were declared elected by the Returning Officer on 23 October 2023, made their declarations before David Nelson JP.

6.3 Seating Arrangements

File Ref: D23/35384
 Author and Title: David Bentley, Manager Governance and Strategy
 Appendices: Nil.

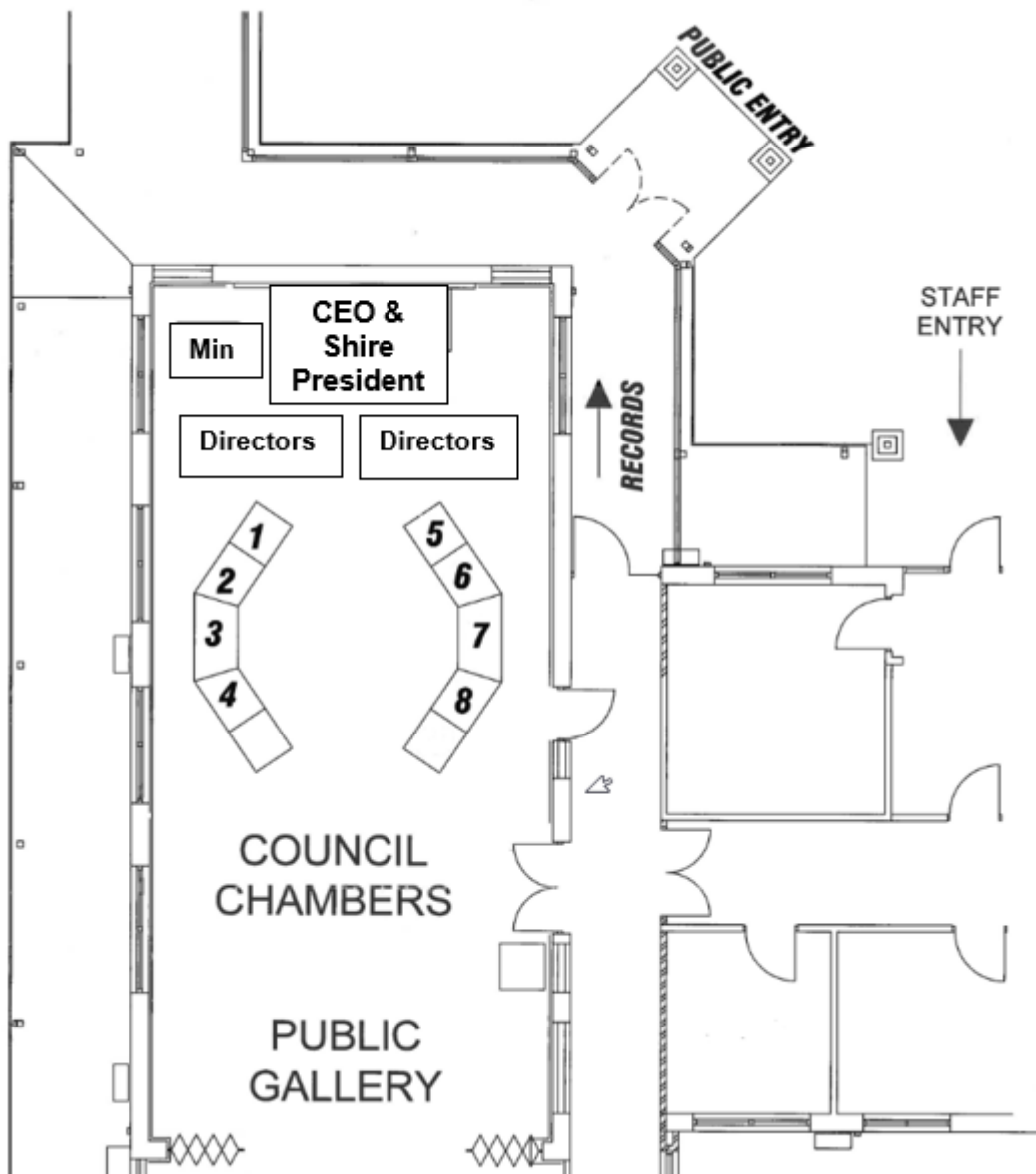
In Brief

In accordance with Part 4 of the Shire of Murray Meeting Procedures Local Law 2015, a draw of lots for Councillor’s seating allocation will be conducted by the **Chief Executive Officer**.

4.1 Members to be in their proper places

- (1) *At the first council meeting held after each ordinary election, the CEO shall allot, by ballot, a position at the council table to each members.*
- (2) *Each member is to occupy his or her allotted position at each council meeting.*

Seating allocations will be as per the below diagram:



The **Chief Executive Officer** drew lots to determine the seating allocation of members. The results of the draw are as follows:

- Position 1 – Cr Stewart Carter
- Position 2 – Cr Ange Rogers
- Position 3 – Cr Geoff Black
- Position 4 – Cr Doug McLarty
- Position 5 – Cr Stuart Kirkham
- Position 6 – Cr David Pike
- Position 7 – Cr Steve Lee
- Position 8 – Cr Nicole Willis

6.4 Election of Deputy President

File Ref: D23/35385

Author and Title: David Bentley, Manager Governance and Strategy

Appendices: **Appendix 1 - Election of Deputy President Procedure**

In Brief

The Deputy President will be elected in accordance with the provisions of clause 8 of Schedule 2.3 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The Deputy President is to be elected by members of the Council, with the **Chief Executive Officer** the returning officer of the election.

Written nominations for Deputy President were received from **Cr Doug McLarty** prior to the meeting.

The **Chief Executive Officer** made a final call for nominations.

There being no further nominations, the **Chief Executive Officer** declared **Cr Doug McLarty** elected unopposed to the office of Deputy President for a term commencing 26 October 2023 and expiring 18 October 2025.

6.5 Declaration by Deputy President

File Ref: D23/35389
Author and Title: David Bentley, Manager Governance and Strategy
Appendices: Nil.

In Brief

Deputy President **Cr Doug McLarty** made their declaration pursuant to regulation 13(3) of the *Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998* before David Nelson JP.

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed the time being 4.42pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 23 November 2023 .



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PRESIDING MEMBER