



**Murrindindi**  
Shire Council

AGENDA  
of the  
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
to be held on  
WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2016  
in the  
ALEXENDRA COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
commencing at  
6.00 pm

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The Chief Executive Officer will formally open the meeting.

**1. PRAYER, OATH & RECONCILIATION STATEMENT**

**2. APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

REF: SF/306

**3. SWEARING IN OF ELECTED COUNCILLORS**

Attachments: Councillor Oath of Office Declaration (refer *Attachment 3* – TRIM 16/60810)

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989* and *Local Government (Elections) Regulations 2016*, an election was held on Saturday 22 October 2016 to elect a new Council for the Murrindindi Shire.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* the Councillors-elect are required to take the oath of office. The Chief Executive Officer will proceed to administer the swearing in of the Councillors-elect, as prescribed under the *Act*.

Oath of Office

*"I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people in the municipal district of Murrindindi, and faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1989 or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgment".*

**4. SIGNING OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

Attachments: Councillor Code of Conduct Councillor Declaration (refer *Attachment 4* – TRIM 16/61833)

The *Local Government Amendment (Improved Governance) Act 2015* resulted in an amendment of the *Act* to provide the additional requirement that all incoming Councillors must read their Council's Code of Conduct and make a declaration in writing, witnessed by the Chief Executive Officer that they will abide by it before taking office.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON**

Under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the Mayor of the municipality must take the chair of all meetings of the Council at which she or he is present. As the Mayoral position became vacant at 6.00am on 22 October 2016, the Chief Executive Officer will call for a motion for appointment of a temporary Chairperson.

***Officer Recommendation:***

**That Councillor ..... be nominated as temporary Chairperson.**

**6. ELECTION OF MAYOR**

REF: SF/139

Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1989* provides for the election of the Mayor after the fourth Saturday in October and no later than 30 November each year.

Before the election of the Mayor, Council may resolve to elect a Mayor for a term of 2 years.

The Acting Chairperson will call for nominations and if there is only one nomination received, then that Councillor is declared elected as Mayor.

In the event of there being more than one nomination, the Acting Chairperson will conduct an election. The election will be conducted in accordance with Council's *Governance Local Law No.2, 2014* which incorporates its Code of Meeting Procedure.

The process of election of the Mayor will take place in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Council's *Governance Local Law No.2*. The election is to be conducted by show of hands. Once declared, the elected Mayor will take the Chair and preside over the remainder of the meeting.

On election of the Mayor, the Acting Chairperson vacates the Chair and the Mayor assumes the Chair.

***Officer Recommendation:***

**That Councillor ..... be elected as Mayor of Murrindindi Shire Council for 2016 – 2017 (or 2016-2018).**

**7. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

REF: SF/139

The process of election of the Deputy Mayor will take place in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of Council's *Governance Local Law No.2 (incorporating Meeting Procedure)*.

***Officer Recommendation:***

**That Councillor ..... be elected as Deputy Mayor of Murrindindi Shire Council for 2016 – 2017 (or 2016-2018).**