



Murrindindi
Shire Council

Scheduled Meeting of Council

Minutes

Wednesday 16 November 2022
Alexandra Council Chambers
Perkins Street
6:00 PM

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND COUNCILLORS' PLEDGE

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The meeting was opened with the Chief Executive Officer reading the following on behalf of the Murrindindi Shire Council:

“Murrindindi Shire Council is proud to acknowledge the Taungurung and Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land we now call Murrindindi Shire.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, who are the keepers of history, traditions, knowledge and culture of this land.”

1.2 Councillors' Pledge

The Chief Executive Officer read the following on behalf of Council:

“The Councillors, democratically elected to represent our community as the Murrindindi Shire Council, are committed to working together in the best interests of the people who live in our municipality, those who conduct business here and those who visit.”

2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2.1 Privacy Note

This public meeting is being streamed live via our Facebook page and made available for public access on our website along with the official Minutes of this meeting.

2.2 Apologies and Request for Planned Leave

Nil.

3 REFLECTION ON THE PAST YEAR

3.1 Reflection on the Past Year

Cr S Carpenter addressed Council and the community regarding her year as Mayor.

Livia Bonazzi, CEO presented both Cr S Carpenter and Cr D Gallagher with a gift to acknowledge their contributions as Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

4 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR

4.1 Term of the Mayor

Attachment(s)	Nil
Presenter	L Bonazzi, Chief Executive Officer
Approved by	Director Corporate & Shared Services
Purpose	For decision

Section 26 (3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires the Council to determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a one year or two year term.

RESOLUTION

Cr J Walsh / C S Carpenter
That the term of the Mayor is to be for a one year period.

CARRIED

4.2 Office of Deputy Mayor

Attachment(s)	Nil
Presenter	L Bonazzi, Chief Executive Officer
Approved by	Director Corporate & Shared Services
Purpose	For decision

Section 20A of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor. Council has previously elected a Deputy Mayor for the same period of time as the term of the Mayor (as per item 4.1).

RESOLUTION

Cr E Lording / Cr I Gerencser
That the office of Deputy Mayor be established for a one year period.

CARRIED

4.3 Election of the Mayor

Attachment(s)	Nil
Presenter	L Bonazzi, Chief Executive Officer
Approved by	Director Corporate & Shared Services
Purpose	For decision

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules, the Chief Executive Officer conducted the election of the Mayor.

RESOLUTION

**Cr I Gerencser / Cr E Lording
That Cr J Walsh be elected as the Mayor of Murrindindi Shire Council.**

CARRIED

Cr J Walsh took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

4.4 Election of Deputy Mayor

Attachment(s)	Nil
Presenter	L Bonazzi, Chief Executive Officer
Approved by	Director Corporate & Shared Services
Purpose	For decision

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules, Cr J Walsh Mayor conducted the election of the Deputy Mayor.

RESOLUTION

**Cr E Lording / Cr D Gallagher
That Councillor K Haslam be elected as the Deputy Mayor of Murrindindi Shire Council.**

CARRIED

5 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

5.1 Councillor Representative Appointments

Attachment(s)	Councillor Representative List 2023 [5.1.1 - 1 page]
Approved by	Director Corporate & Shared Services
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to appoint Councillors as representatives to various internal committees and external bodies.

Appointment of Councillors to committees provides an opportunity for open and responsive communication between Councillors and local community groups and Local Government organisations.

RESOLUTION

Cr K Haslam / Cr S McAulay

That Council:

- appoint the following Councillors as Council's representatives to the committees and organisations listed in Attachment 5.1.1 for the next 12 months (appointments to be read)**
- record the list of appointments in the minutes of this meeting.**

COUNCIL COMMITTEES		
Committee Name	Number of required appointments	2023
Audit and Risk Committee	2 Councillors 1 Alternate Councillor (optional)	Cr D Gallagher Cr S Carpenter
Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Committee	Mayor 2 Councillors 1 Independent Advisor (appointed by Council)	Cr J Walsh (Mayor) Cr S McAulay Cr D Gallagher
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee	1 Councillor	Cr I Gerencser
Yea Cemetery Trust	All Councillors	All Councillors

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES – Crown Land Committees of Management		
Committee Name	Number of required appointments	2023
Alexandra Racecourse & Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	1 Councillor	Cr D Gallagher
Alexandra Showgrounds & Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	1 Councillor	Cr D Gallagher
Flowerdale Community Hall Reserve Committee Inc.	1 Councillor	Cr E Lording
Murrindindi Scenic Reserve Committee of Management	1 Councillor	Cr J Walsh (Mayor)
Steavenson Falls Scenic Reserve Committee of Management	1 Councillor	Cr S McAulay
EXTERNAL COMMITTEES – Other		
Committee Name	Number of required appointments	2023
Central Ranges Local Learning & Employment Network (CRLLEN)	1 Councillor 1 Council Officer (appointed by CEO)	Cr E Lording until April 2023 AGM Cr S Carpenter from April 2023 AGM
Flowerdale Community House Inc.	1 Councillor 1 Council Officer (appointed by CEO)	Cr E Lording
Goulburn Murray Climate Alliance	1 Councillor 1 Council Officer (appointed by CEO)	Cr K Haslam
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Delegate	1 Councillor 1 Alternate Councillor (optional)	Cr J Walsh (Mayor) Cr S Carpenter
Rubicon Outdoor School	1 Councillor	Cr D Gallagher until March 2023 AGM Cr K Haslam from March 2023 AGM
Rural Councils Victoria (RCV)	Mayor	Cr J Walsh (Mayor) Cr S McAulay (alternate)

CARRIED

5.2 Councillor Portfolios

Attachment(s)	Nil
Approved by	Director Corporate & Shared Services
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the Councillor Portfolio Structure for 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

**Cr I Gerencser / Cr S Carpenter
That Council:**

1. Establishes the following portfolios and Councillor appointments:
 - a. Corporate and Governance – Cr D Gallagher
 - b. Circular Economy and Environment – Cr K Haslam
 - c. Community Assets and Emergency Management – Cr I Gerencser
 - d. Planning and Compliance – Cr E Lording
 - e. Community Engagement and Wellbeing – Cr S Carpenter
 - f. Economic Development and Business Support – Cr S McAulay

CARRIED

6 COUNCIL MEETINGS

6.1 Council Meeting Dates 2023

Attachment(s)	Nil
Approved by	Director Corporate & Shared Services
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the monthly timetable of Council meetings for the 2023 calendar year.

RESOLUTION


**Cr S Carpenter / Cr K Haslam
That Council adopt the timetable of Scheduled Meetings for the 2023 calendar year as outlined in this report.**

Meeting Date	Venue	Time
Wednesday 22 February 2023	Yea – Council Chamber	6 pm
Wednesday 22 March 2023	Alexandra – Council Chamber	6 pm
Wednesday 26 April 2023	Yea - Council Chamber	6 pm
Wednesday 24 May 2023	Alexandra - Council Chamber	6 pm
Wednesday 28 June 2023	Yea - Council Chamber	6 pm
Wednesday 26 July 2023	Alexandra - Council Chamber	6 pm
Wednesday 23 August 2023	Yea - Council Chamber	6 pm
Wednesday 27 September 2023	Alexandra - Council Chamber	6 pm
Wednesday 25 October 2023	Yea - Council Chamber	6 pm
Wednesday 15 November 2023 <i>Election of Mayor</i>	Alexandra - Council Chamber	6 pm
Wednesday 22 November 2023	Yea - Council Chamber	6 pm
Wednesday 13 December 2023	Alexandra - Council Chamber	6 pm

CARRIED

The meeting was closed at 6:28 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS



CHAIRPERSON

Cr J Walsh