



## MINUTES

UNSCHEDULED MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT  
COBRAM CIVIC CENTRE, PUNT ROAD COBRAM VIC  
3644,  
WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2022

The meeting commenced at 5.00 PM

**PRESENT**

Councillor Peter Lawless (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Julie Brooks
Councillor Ed Cox
Councillor Peter Elliot
Councillor Judy Heather
Councillor Wayne Limbrick
Councillor Peter Mansfield

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Clare Keenan	Chief Executive Officer
Graham Henderson	Acting Director Infrastructure Services
Rosanne Kava	Acting Director Sustainable Communities
Brant Doyle	Director Corporate Governance and Performance
Matt Jarvis	Chief Financial Officer
Amanda Chadwick	Manager Governance and Performance
Nancy Mustica	Senior Governance Officer

### RECORDING

Consistent with section 13.3 of our Governance Rules, Council officers have been authorised to record the public session of this meeting using an audio recording device.

### LIVE STREAMING

Council meetings will now be lived streamed to allow those interested in viewing proceedings greater access to Council decisions and debate, without attending the meeting in person.

#### 1. WELCOME CALLING TO ORDER - CEO

#### 2. PRAYER

Almighty God we humbly ask you to guide our deliberations for the welfare and benefit of the Moira Shire and its people whom we serve.

Amen

#### 3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

We, the Moira Shire Council, would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.

#### 4. APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

**5. DECLARATION UNDER ACTS, REGULATIONS, CODES OR LOCAL LAWS**

Nil

**6. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

FILE NO:  
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE  
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 7.1  
(SENIOR GOVERNANCE OFFICER, NANCY  
MUSTICA)  
(MANAGER GOVERNANCE AND  
PERFORMANCE, AMANDA CHADWICK)

## ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

### MOTION

CRS JULIE BROOKS / ED COX

That the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor be elected for a one year term.

(CARRIED)

### Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer will call for nominations for the election of Mayor of the Moira Shire Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and Moira Shire Council's Governance Rules.

Before a Mayor is elected, the Council can determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term. Any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor.

*The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Mayor for a one-year term.*

*Councillor Peter Elliot nominated Councillor Peter Lawless  
Councillor Peter Lawless accepted the nomination.*

*Councillor Judy Heather nominated Councillor Peter Mansfield.  
Councillor Peter Mansfield accepted the nomination.*

*There being no further nominations, the Chief Executive Officer asked for a show of hands for Councillor Peter Lawless.*

Councillor Peter Lawless received five votes.

*As Councillor Peter Lawless received a majority, the Chief Executive Officer declared Councillor Peter Lawless duly elected as Mayor of Moira Shire Council for a one-year term.*

*Cr Peter Mansfield called for a division.*

### FOR

Cr Brooks  
Cr Cox  
Cr Elliott  
Cr Lawless  
Cr Limbrick

### AGAINST

Cr Heather  
Cr Mansfield

(CARRIED)

**FILE NO:  
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE  
GOVERNANCE**

**ITEM NO: 7.2  
(SENIOR GOVERNANCE OFFICER, NANCY  
MUSTICA)  
(MANAGER GOVERNANCE AND  
PERFORMANCE, AMANDA CHADWICK)**

## **INCOMING MAYORAL STATEMENT**

### **Executive Summary**

Incoming Mayor Cr Peter Lawless made a speech.

FILE NO:  
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE  
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 7.3  
(SENIOR GOVERNANCE OFFICER, NANCY  
MUSTICA)  
(MANAGER GOVERNANCE AND  
PERFORMANCE, AMANDA CHADWICK)

## ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

### Executive Summary

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) allows Council to elect a Deputy Mayor. The election of the Deputy Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the Act and Moira Shire Council's Governance Rules.

It is recommended that Council appoint a Deputy Mayor for the period ending on the date of the next Mayoral election.

*The Mayor called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for a one-year term.*

*Councillor Wayne Limbrick nominated Councillor Julie Brooks.  
Councillor Julie Brooks accepted.*

*There being no further nominations, the Mayor Peter Lawless declared Councillor Julie Brooks duly elected as Deputy Mayor of Moira Shire Council for a one-year term.*

**CLOSE OF MEETING: 5:18 PM**