

WANGARATTA RURAL CITY COUNCIL



RURAL CITY OF
WANGARATTA

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WANGARATTA RURAL CITY COUNCIL, HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICES,
62-68 OVENS STREET, WANGARATTA
ON **THURSDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2012** COMMENCING AT 6.30PM

Doug Sharp
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

The Local Government Act 1989 requires that the office of Mayor becomes vacant at 6.00 am on the day of the election of Mayor.

In accordance with Council's Local Law No 2 of 1999 - Meeting Procedures, the Chief Executive Officer or delegate may act as temporary chairperson.

By virtue of the fact that no Councillor is qualified to undertake this role until sworn in, the Chief Executive Officer took the role of Temporary Chairman. Mr Sharp called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

2. OPENING PRAYER

3. TAKING OF OATH OF OFFICE/AFFIRMATION

Section 63 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) provides that “a person elected to be a Councillor is not capable of acting as a Councillor unless he or she has taken an oath of office”. The declaration must be made before the Chief Executive Officer, recorded in the minutes of the Council, and dated and signed before the Chief Executive Officer.

Section 64 of the Act provides that "if a person elected to be a Councillor does not take the oath of office within 3 months after the day on which he or she was declared elected the office of that Councillor becomes vacant".

Note: Mr Doug Sharp, Chief Executive Officer, conducted the taking of the Oath of Office/Affirmation by Councillors:

Councillor Noel Amery
Councillor Tammy Atkins
Councillor Julian Fidge
Councillor Don Joyce
Councillor Lisa McInerney
Councillor Paul O'Brien
Councillor Rozi Parisotto

All Councillors took the Oath of Office/Affirmation pursuant to the Local Government Act 1989, witnessed and signed by Mr Sharp in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer.

The declarations recorded form part of these Minutes.

4. **PRESENT**

Councillor N Amery; Councillor T Atkins; Councillor J Fidge; Councillor D Joyce; Councillor L McInerney; Councillor P O'Brien; and Councillor R Parisotto.

Officers Present:

Mr Doug Sharp, (Chief Executive Officer); Mr Ray Park, (Director Sustainability); Mr Andrew Close (Director Infrastructure Services); and Ms Ruth Tai (Director Community Wellbeing)

5. **ABSENT**

Nil

6. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES & GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

ORDER OF BUSINESS

7. **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Mr Doug Sharp, Chief Executive Officer invited nominations for the position of Mayor.

Councillor Julian Fidge nominated Councillor Rozi Parisotto for a term of two years. Councillor Parisotto accepted the nomination.

Councillor Lisa McInerney nominated Councillor Don Joyce for a term of one year. Councillor Joyce accepted the nomination.

Mr D Sharp, Chief Executive Officer called for a show of hands for each. Votes recorded for each were:

Councillor R Parisotto – 4 votes
Councillor D Joyce– 3 votes

The Chief Executive Officer then declared Councillor Rozi Parisotto elected as Mayor for the next two years.

The Mayor was installed in the chair by the Chief Executive Officer.

7.1 **RESPONSE BY MAYOR**

Councillor Rozi Parisotto, Mayor, thanked the community, Councillors and her family for their support and outlined several issues for Council to deal with.

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 6:45pm.