



Colac Otway
SHIRE

COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

Wednesday 9 November 2022

at 4:00 PM

COPACC

95 - 97 Gellibrand Street, Colac

Next Council Meeting: 23 November 2022



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COLAC OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the next **COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COLAC OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL** will be held at COPACC on Wednesday 9 November 2022 at 4:00 PM.

AGENDA

Under section 25(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* the election of the Mayor must be chaired by the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer will chair this meeting until the Mayor is elected.

1 WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Colac Otway Shire acknowledges the original custodians and law makers of this land, their elders past, present and emerging and welcomes any descendants here today.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we seek your blessing and guidance in our deliberations on behalf of the people of the Colac Otway Shire. Enable this Council's decisions to be those that contribute to the true welfare and betterment of our community.

AMEN

RECORDING AND PUBLICATION OF MEETINGS

Please note: All Council meetings will be live streamed and recorded when the meeting is held either at COPACC or online. This includes the public participation sections of the meetings. When meetings are held in other locations, Council will endeavour to make an audio recording of the meeting for community access. Matters identified as confidential items in the Agenda will not be live streamed or recorded regardless of venue or mode.

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As stated in the Governance Rules, other than an official Council recording, no video or audio recording of proceedings of Council Meetings will be permitted without specific approval by resolution of the relevant Council Meeting.

This meeting will be livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com).

The purpose of this Council meeting is to consider the term and election of the Mayor and the term and election of the Deputy Mayor.

2 PRESENT

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 QUESTION TIME

A maximum of 30 minutes is allowed for question time. Any person wishing to participate in public question time by videoconference will need to register their intention to do so by contacting the shire prior to 5pm on Monday 7 November 2022. To ensure that each member of the gallery has the opportunity to ask questions, it may be necessary to allow a maximum of two questions from each person in the first instance. You must ask a question. Question time is not a forum for public debate or statements.

1. Questions received in writing prior to the meeting. Written questions must be received by 5pm on Monday 7 November 2022.
2. Questions via videoconference by prior arrangement.
3. Questions from the floor.

Item: 5.1

Term of the Mayor

OFFICER	Lyndal McLean
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Anne Howard
DIVISION	Executive
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

1. PURPOSE

To consider the term of office for the Mayor.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 25(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) provides that Councillors must elect a Councillor to be Mayor of the Council.

Section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* states:

“Before the election of the Mayor, a Council, other than the Greater Geelong City Council, must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.”

3. RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves that the Mayor be elected for a term ofyear/s.

4. KEY INFORMATION

Section 26 of the *Local Government Act 2020* provides:

- “(1) A Mayor is to be elected no later than one month after the date of a general election.*
- (2) The Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council must be elected for a 2 year term.*

- (3) *Before the election of the Mayor, a Council, other than the Greater Geelong City Council, must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.*
 - (4) *If the Mayor is elected for a 1 year term, the next election of the Mayor must be held on a day to be determined by the Council that is as close to the end of the 1 year term as is reasonably practicable.*
 - (5) *If the Mayor is to be elected for a 2 year term, the next election of the Mayor must be held on a day to be determined by the Council that is as close to the end of the 2 year term as is reasonably practicable.*
- ...".

5. CONSIDERATIONS

Overarching Governance Principles (s(9)(2) LGA 2020)

The overarching Governance Principles that are related to this report are:

- Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.
- the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

Policies and Relevant Law (s(9)(2)(a) LGA 2020)

Local Government Act 2020

Environmental and Sustainability Implications (s(9)(2)(c) LGA 2020)

Not applicable.

Community Engagement (s56 LGA 2020 and Council's Community Engagement Policy)

Not applicable.

Public Transparency (s58 LGA 2020)

The election of the Mayor must be held at a Council meeting that is open to the public.

Alignment to Plans and Strategies

Alignment to Council Plan 2021-2025:

Theme 4 – Strong Leadership and Management

Objective 1: We commit to a program of best practice and continuous improvement

Financial Management (s101 *Local Government Act 2020*)

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Service Performance (s106 *Local Government Act 2020*)

Not applicable.

Risk Assessment

The term of the Mayor will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Communication/Implementation

A media release will be issued following the election of the Mayor.

Human Rights Charter

No impact.

Officer General or Material Interest

No officer declared an interest under the *Local Government Act 2020* in the preparation of this report.

Item: 5.2 Election of the Mayor

OFFICER	Lyndal McLean
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Anne Howard
DIVISION	Executive
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to elect the Mayor.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 25(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) provides that the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be Mayor of the Council at a Council meeting that is open to the public. Additionally, Section 25(3)(a) of the Act states that election of the Mayor must be chaired by the Chief Executive Officer.

Cr Kate Hanson was elected as Mayor of the Colac Otway Shire for a one-year term on 10 November 2021. Section 26(4) of the *Local Government Act 2020* states: "If the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year term, the next election of the Mayor must be held on a day to be determined by the Council that is as close to the end of the 1 year term as is reasonably practicable."

Following the election, the Mayor shall assume the role of chair to deal with the remaining matters before the meeting.

3. ELECTION

The Chief Executive Officer will call for nominations.

4. KEY INFORMATION

Section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* determines the method for the Election of the Mayor.

“25 Election of the Mayor

- (1) At a Council meeting that is open to the public, the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council.*
- (2) Subject to section 167, any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor.*
- (3) The election of the Mayor must—
 - (a) be chaired by the Chief Executive Officer; and*
 - (b) subject to this section, be conducted in accordance with the Governance Rules.**
- (4) Subject to subsections (5) and (6), the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors.*
- (5) If an absolute majority of the Councillors cannot be obtained at the meeting, the Council may resolve to conduct a new election at a later specified time and date.*
- (6) If only one Councillor is a candidate for Mayor, the meeting must declare that Councillor to be duly elected as Mayor.*
- (7) In this section, **absolute majority** means the number of Councillors which is greater than half the total number of the Councillors of a Council.”*

5. CONSIDERATIONS

Overarching Governance Principles (s(9)(2) LGA 2020)

The following Overarching Governance Principles apply to the contents of this report:

- Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.
- Priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.
- The transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

Policies and Relevant Law (s(9)(2)(a) LGA 2020)

Local Government Act 2020.

Environmental and Sustainability Implications (s(9)(2)(c) LGA 2020)

There are no environmental or sustainability implications arising from the content of this report.

Community Engagement (s56 LGA 2020 and Council’s Community Engagement Policy)

Not applicable.

Public Transparency (s58 LGA 2020)

The election of the Mayor must be held at a Council meeting that is open to the public.

Alignment to Plans and Strategies

Alignment to Council Plan 2021-2025:

Theme 4 – Strong Leadership and Management

Objective 1: We commit to a program of best practice and continuous improvement

Financial Management (s101 *Local Government Act 2020*)

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Service Performance (s106 *Local Government Act 2020*)

Not applicable.

Risk Assessment

The election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Communication/Implementation

A media release will be issued following the election of the Mayor.

Human Rights Charter

No impact.

Officer General or Material Interest

No officer declared an interest under the *Local Government Act 2020* in the preparation of this report.

Item: 5.3

Term of the Deputy Mayor

OFFICER	Lyndal McLean
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Anne Howard
DIVISION	Executive
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

1. PURPOSE

To establish an office of Deputy Mayor and determine the term of the Deputy Mayor.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 20A of *the Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) provides Council with the option to establish an office of the Deputy Mayor and elect a Deputy Mayor.

If Council resolves to elect a Deputy Mayor, the term of the Deputy Mayor must be determined by resolution to be for a one or two year term, prior to the election of the Deputy Mayor.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That Council establishes the office of Deputy Mayor and resolves that the Deputy Mayor be elected for a term ofyear/s.

4. KEY INFORMATION

Section 27(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) states:

“Section 26 applies to the election of a Deputy Mayor as if any reference in that section to the Mayor was a reference to the Deputy Mayor.”

Section 26 of the *Local Government Act 2020* provides:

- “(1) A Mayor is to be elected no later than one month after the date of a general election.
- (2) The Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council must be elected for a 2 year term.
- (3) Before the election of the Mayor, a Council, other than the Greater Geelong City Council, must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.
- (4) If the Mayor is elected for a 1 year term, the next election of the Mayor must be held on a day to be determined by the Council that is as close to the end of the 1 year term as is reasonably practicable.
- (5) If the Mayor is to be elected for a 2 year term, the next election of the Mayor must be held on a day to be determined by the Council that is as close to the end of the 2 year term as is reasonably practicable.
- ...”.

5. CONSIDERATIONS

Overarching Governance Principles (s(9)(2) LGA 2020)

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Policies and Relevant Law (s(9)(2)(a) LGA 2020)

Local Government Act 2020

Environmental and Sustainability Implications (s(9)(2)(c) LGA 2020)

Not applicable.

Community Engagement (s56 LGA 2020 and Council’s Community Engagement Policy)

Not applicable.

Public Transparency (s58 LGA 2020)

The election of the Deputy Mayor must be held at a Council meeting that is open to the public.

Alignment to Plans and Strategies

Alignment to Council Plan 2021-2025:

Theme 4 – Strong Leadership and Management

Objective 1: We commit to a program of best practice and continuous improvement

Financial Management (s101 Local Government Act 2020)

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Service Performance (s106 Local Government Act 2020)

Not applicable.

Risk Assessment

The establishment of office and term of the Deputy Mayor will be considered in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Communication/Implementation

A media release will be issued following the election of the Deputy Mayor.

Human Rights Charter

No impact.

Officer General or Material Interest

No officer declared an interest under the *Local Government Act 2020* in the preparation of this report.

Item: 5.4

Election of the Deputy Mayor

OFFICER	Lyndal McLean
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Anne Howard
DIVISION	Executive
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to elect the Deputy Mayor.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 20A of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) provides Council with the option to elect a Deputy Mayor.

Cr Graham Costin was elected as Deputy Mayor of the Colac Otway Shire for a one-year term on 10 November 2021.

Section 27(1) of the Act requires that the procedure for the election of the Mayor will apply to the election of the Deputy Mayor, with the Mayor conducting the election.

3. ELECTION

The Mayor will call for nominations.

4. KEY INFORMATION

Section 24 of the Act, Election of the Deputy Mayor, states “Section 25, other than subsection (3)(a), applies to the election of a Deputy Mayor by the Councillors as if any reference in that section to the Mayor was a reference to the Deputy Mayor.”

“25 *Election of the Mayor*

- (1) *At a Council meeting that is open to the public, the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council.*
- (2) *Subject to section 167, any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor.*
- (3) *The election of the Mayor must—*
 - (a) *be chaired by the Chief Executive Officer; and*
 - (b) *subject to this section, be conducted in accordance with the Governance Rules.*
- (4) *Subject to subsections (5) and (6), the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors.*
- (5) *If an absolute majority of the Councillors cannot be obtained at the meeting, the Council may resolve to conduct a new election at a later specified time and date.*
- (6) *If only one Councillor is a candidate for Mayor, the meeting must declare that Councillor to be duly elected as Mayor.*
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Policies and Relevant Law (s(9)(2)(a) LGA 2020)

Local Government Act 2020.

Environmental and Sustainability Implications (s(9)(2)(c) LGA 2020)

There are no environmental or sustainability implications arising from the content of this report.

Community Engagement (s56 LGA 2020 and Council’s Community Engagement Policy)

Not applicable.

Public Transparency (s58 LGA 2020)

The election of the Deputy Mayor must be held at a Council meeting that is open to the public.

Alignment to Plans and Strategies

Alignment to Council Plan 2021-2025:

Theme 4 – Strong Leadership and Management

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Financial Management (s101 *Local Government Act 2020*)

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Service Performance (s106 *Local Government Act 2020*)

Not applicable.

Risk Assessment

The election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Communication/Implementation

A media release will be issued following the election of the Deputy Mayor.

Human Rights Charter

No impact.

Officer General or Material Interest

No officer declared an interest under the *Local Government Act 2020* in the preparation of this report.

