



MEETING OF SPECIAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2018

AT 5PM

COPACC



COLAC OTWAY SHIRE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

14 NOVEMBER 2018

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COLAC OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COLAC OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL held at COPACC
on 14 November 2018 at 5pm.

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen. I formally declare this meeting open. My name is Peter Brown and I am the Chief Executive of the Colac Otway Shire. I'd like to welcome you all to this Special Meeting of the Colac Otway Shire Council. Today Council will elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Council in accordance with Section 71 (1) of the Local Government Act. Council's Local Law 4 pertains to meeting procedures for Council. Section 12 (3) of the Colac Otway Shire Council Local Law requires that the election of the Mayor be conducted by me. Once the election of the Mayor has occurred, I will vacate the Chair and the elected Mayor will take on the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2. 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

3. PRESENT

Cr Brian Crook
Cr Kate Hanson
Cr Stephen Hart
Cr Joe McCracken
Cr Chris Potter
Cr Jason Schram
Cr Chris Smith

Peter Brown, Chief Executive
Errol Lawrence, General Manager, Corporate Services
Tony McGann, General Manager, Infrastructure & Leisure Services
Ian Seuren, General Manager, Development & Community Services
Sarah McKew, Manager, Governance & Communications
Lyndal McLean, Governance Coordinator

Simone Robertson, Waste Management Officer
Maree East, Coordinator, Corporate Customer Assist
Kristy Cochrane, Coordinator, Infrastructure Customer Services
Sarah Osborne, Communications Officer
Maree Powell, Executive Assistant to Chief Executive, Mayor & Councillors
Leanne Warrener, Executive Assistant to Chief Executive, Mayor & Councillors
Doug McNeill, Manager, Planning, Building & Health
Melanie Duvé, Corporate Planning & Reporting Officer
Paul Jane, Acting Manager, Arts & Leisure
Tamzin McLennan, COPACC Manager
Frank Castles, Manager, Services & Operations
Amanda Shepherd, Acting Recreation Officer
Jane Preston-Smith, Executive Officer
Trevor Olsson, Manager, People Performance & Culture
Sharyn Rayner, Training & People Performance & Culture Administrator
Blake Selth, Information Technology Officer
Lyndal Redford, Governance Officer
James Myatt, Contractor, Contracts Administrator

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to start this evening by acknowledging the traditional custodians and law makers of this land, their elders past and present and welcome any descendants here today.

I would also like to advise that all Council meetings are audio recorded, with the exception of confidential matters. This includes the public participation sections of meetings.

Audio recordings of meetings are taken to facilitate the preparation of the minutes of open Council and Committee meetings and to ensure their accuracy.

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Council will not use or disclose the recordings for any other purpose. It is an offence to make an unauthorized recording of the meeting.

The sole purpose of the Special Meeting is to elect the Mayor and to elect the Deputy Mayor under the *Local Government Act 1989*.

6. QUESTION TIME

At every Special Meeting, a public question time not exceeding 30 minutes will be held to enable any member of the public to question Council but only on items directly related to the Agenda today (Clause 100). Questions that are more general in nature can either be submitted to Council in writing or asked at the next Ordinary Council meeting.

QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING PRIOR TO THE MEETING

James Judd, Colac

1. Since 2019 is a Federal Election year with at least one ballot day having an effect on this region why is the Mayor and Deputy Mayor election not being called to allow a two year term to be chosen since this would avoid clashing of elections with a national election when national priorities could change with any change in national government? We had an example of change about 5 years ago when a term was extended to avoid a change in Mayor in an election year.

Response from General Manager, Corporate Services

As stated in the officer report, Council may resolve to elect a Mayor for a term of one or two years. The officer's recommendations have been revised to expressly determine the term as one or two years.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

SC181411-1

LOCATION / ADDRESS	Whole of municipality	GENERAL MANAGER	Errol Lawrence
OFFICER	Sarah McKew	DIVISION	Corporate Services
TRIM FILE	F18/7487	CONFIDENTIAL	No
ATTACHMENTS	Nil		
PURPOSE	To elect the Mayor of the Colac Otway Shire		

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 1

MOVED Cr Joe McCracken seconded Cr Brian Crook

That Council, pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of the Local Government Act 1989, elects a Mayor for a one year term.

CARRIED 7 : 0

RESOLUTION 2

NOMINATION 1 – Cr Jason Schram

MOVED Cr Joe McCracken seconded Cr Kate Hanson

For the nomination: four votes

NOMINATION 2 – Cr Chris Potter

MOVED Cr Stephen Hart seconded Cr Brian Crook

For the nomination: three votes

Having received an absolute majority of votes and pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of the Local Government Act 1989, the Council elects Cr Jason Schram to be the Mayor of the Colac Otway Shire Council for the term determined in Recommendation 1 of this item, SC181411 – 1.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR
SC181411-2

LOCATION / ADDRESS	Whole of municipality	GENERAL MANAGER	Errol Lawrence
OFFICER	Sarah McKew	DIVISION	Corporate Services
TRIM FILE	F18/7487	CONFIDENTIAL	No
ATTACHMENTS	Nil		
PURPOSE	For Council to consider the election of a Deputy Mayor of the Colac Otway Shire Council		

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 1

MOVED Cr Brian Crook seconded Cr Stephen Hart

That Council elects a Deputy Mayor for a one year term.

CARRIED 7 : 0

RESOLUTION 2

NOMINATION 1 – Cr Chris Potter

MOVED Cr Brian Crook seconded Cr Stephen Hart

For the nomination: three votes

NOMINATION 2 – Cr Joe McCracken

MOVED Cr Kate Hanson seconded Cr Chris Smith

For the nomination: four votes

Having received an absolute majority of votes Council elects Cr Joe McCracken to be the Deputy Mayor of the Colac Otway Shire Council for the term determined in Recommendation 1 of this item, SC181411 – 2.



The meeting was declared closed at 5:14pm

CONFIRMED at the meeting held on 28 NOVEMBER 2018

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above a dotted line.