



MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Tuesday, 15 October 2024

**I hereby give notice that an Extraordinary Council Meeting will be held
on:**

Date: Tuesday, 15 October 2024

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Council Chambers, Estates Building, Deniliquin

**Gary Arnold
Interim Chief Executive Officer**

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1. OPENING MEETING

Present: Cr Ken Bates, Cr Shirlee Burge, Cr Kellie Crossley, Cr Ashley Hall, Cr Craig Druitt, Cr Linda Fawns, Cr Leanne Mulham, Cr Shannon Sampson, Cr Frank Schofield.

In Attendance: Interim Chief Executive Officer, Interim Advisor, Acting Director Corporate Services, Director Infrastructure, Executive Assistant.

Gallery: Fifteen members

Meeting Opened at 5.01pm

2. LIVE STREAMING STATEMENT

Edward River Council wishes to advise members of the public that Council meetings will be recorded and will be available after each meeting on Council's website www.edwardriver.nsw.gov.au All care will be taken to maintain the privacy of those in attendance, however as a visitor in the public gallery, your presence may be recorded. By remaining in the public gallery, it is assumed your consent is given in the event your image is broadcast. This includes any filming by television cameras if attendance is approved by the Chief Executive Officer or Mayor.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Edward River Council acknowledges and embraces the Traditional Owners of the Lands within the Edward River Council area - the Wamba Wamba/Perrepa Perrepa Peoples – and pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging. The Edward River Council also recognises the diversity of different cultures within our community and their contribution.

4. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

I have come here as a Councillor freely and without bias to:

- Represent the views of the community in considering the matters before us today
- To vote in a matter I consider to be in the best interest of the community
- To observe the Code of Conduct and respect the rule of the chair and views of my fellow Councillors.

5. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Not Applicable

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

8. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**10.1. OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE****RESOLVED**

That:

1. That the Interim Chief Executive Officer administer the Oath of Office/Affirmation to be undertaken by each Councillor at the commencement of the first Council meeting in accordance with the Local Government Act section 233A.
2. The Interim Chief Executive Officer or delegate receives and maintains the signed Oaths or Affirmations in the corporate records system.
3. Council records in the minutes of the Council meeting the making of the Oath or Affirmation by each individual Councillor.

Cr Ken Bates - Oath of Office

Cr Shirlee Burge - Affirmation of Office

Cr Kellie Crossley - Oath of Office

Cr Craig Druitt - Oath of Office

Cr Linda Fawns - Affirmation of Office

Cr Ashley Hall - Oath of Office

Cr Leanne Mulham - Oath of Office

Cr Shannon Sampson - Affirmation of Office

Cr Frank Schofield - Oath of Office

10.2. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2024/1510/10.2

That Council

1. Note the call for nominations for the Office of the Mayor for a term of two (2) years.
2. Resolve that the election of the Mayor, where there has been more than one nomination be undertaken by way of open voting pursuant to the provisions of item 3(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.
3. Note that the General Manager (or a person appointed by the General Manager) is the Returning Officer for this election.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

One Nomination was received for Cr Ashley Hall who accepted the nomination. Cr Ashley Hall was elected as Mayor unopposed.

Mayor Cr Ashley Hall made a brief address to the Council following the election.

10.3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Moved: Cr Shannon Sampson

Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

RESOLUTION 2024/1510/10.3

That Council

1. Resolve to elect a Councillor to the position of Deputy Mayor
2. Resolve that the term of office for the position of Deputy Mayor is for the period corresponding to that of the Mayor (2 years).
3. Resolve that the election of the Deputy Mayor, where there has been more than one nomination be undertaken by way of open voting pursuant to the provisions of item 3(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*
4. Note that the General Manager (or a person appointed by the General Manager) is the Returning Officer for this election
5. Inform the NSW Office of Local Government of these decisions as soon as practicable after such election.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

One Nomination was received for Cr Kellie Crossley who accepted the nomination. Cr Kellie Crossley was elected as Deputy Mayor unopposed.

Deputy Mayor Cr Kellie Crossley made a brief address to the Council following the election.

One member of the gallery left at 5.18pm.

10.4. ELECTION COUNTBACK

Moved: Cr Shirlee Burge

Seconded: Cr Shannon Sampson

RESOLUTION 2024/1510/10.4

That Council

1. Pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) Edward River Council declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of councillors for the Council on 14 September 2024 are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act and directs the General Manager (also known as the Chief Executive Officer) to notify the NSW Electoral Commissioner of Council's decision within 7 days of the decision.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

10.5. SUGGESTED 2024 SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Shannon Sampson

RESOLUTION 2024/1510/10.5

That Council adopt the proposed 2024 schedule of Ordinary Council Meetings and that these Council Meetings are held at 2pm in the Council Chambers:

- Tuesday 29 October 2024
- Tuesday 26 November 2024
- Tuesday 17 December 2024

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

10.6. COUNCILLOR SUPERANNUATION

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Schofield

RESOLUTION 2024/1510/2024

That Council adopt the payment of superannuation to elected representatives.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

12. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

13. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Extraordinary Meeting of Council closed at 5.26pm.