



**Southern Grampians**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

# Council Meeting Minutes

Statutory Meeting  
6 November 2019

Held at 5.30pm in the Council  
Chambers at 5 Market Place, Hamilton

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## 1. Present

### **Councillors**

Cr Cathy Armstrong  
Cr Mary-Ann Brown  
Cr Albert Calvano  
Cr Colin Dunkley  
Cr Greg McAdam  
Cr Katrina Rainsford  
Cr Chris Sharples

### **Officers**

Mr Michael Tudball – Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Darren Barber – Acting Director Community and Corporate Services  
Mr Andrew Goodsell – Director Planning and Development  
Mr David Moloney – Director Shire Infrastructure  
Ms Karly Saunders – Governance Coordinator

## 2. Acknowledgement of Country

The CEO, Michael Tudball, read the acknowledgement of country –

*“Our meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Gunditjmara, Tjap Wurrung and Bunganditj people.*

*I would like to pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today.”*

## 3. Prayer

Director Planning and Development, Andrew Goodsell, led the meeting in a prayer.

## 4. Apologies

Nil.

## 5. Presentation of Mayoral Address

The CEO invited Cr Brown, the immediate past Mayor, to present the Mayoral Address for 2018/2019.

Cr Brown reflected on her past three years as Mayor and thanked her fellow Councillors, the organisations the community for their support.

## 6. Election of Mayor 2019/2020

The Local Government Act 1989 provides that prior to the election of the Mayor, Council may resolve to elect a Mayor for a term of one or two years.

As this is the last year of this Council term, the term of Mayor will be set automatically as a one year term.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**MOVED:** Cr McAdam  
**SECONDED:** Cr Calvano

**I move that the Mayor of the Southern Grampians Shire Council be appointed for a 1 year term.**

**CARRIED**

**MAYORAL ELECTION**

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Mayor for 2019/2020.

Cr Sharples was nominated by Cr Dunkley. Cr Sharples accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were received. There being no other nominations, Cr Sharples was elected the Mayor.

The Mayor was invested with the Mayoral Pendant and Gavel by the Chief Executive Officer.

## 7. Response by Mayor

The Mayor, Cr Sharples thanked his fellow councillors for unanimously electing him as Mayor, stating it is a pleasure to work with them.

The Mayor thanked Cr Mary-Ann Brown and acknowledged the fantastic job she has done over the last 3 years.

## 8. Election of Deputy Mayor 2019/2020

Council's Meeting Procedures Local Law provides that the process for the election of a Deputy Mayor, should Council determine that it is appropriate to appoint a Deputy Mayor, will follow the same procedure as for the election of the Mayor.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**MOVED:** Cr Brown  
**SECONDED:** Cr Rainsford

**I move that a Deputy Mayor be appointed for the Southern Grampians Shire Council for a 1 year term.**

**CARRIED**

## DEPUTY MAYORAL ELECTION

The Mayor called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2019/2020.

Cr Dunkley was nominated by Cr Brown. Cr Dunkley accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were received. There being no other nominations, Cr Dunkley was elected the Deputy Mayor.

## 9. Response by Deputy Mayor

Cr Dunkley acknowledged it is a pleasure to accept the responsibility as Deputy Mayor and work with the Mayor and thanked fellow Councillors for allowing him to hold this position with the Shire of Southern Grampians.

## 10. Determination of Meeting Schedule

Council is requested to determine upon the Meeting Schedule for 2019/2020.

It is recommended that Ordinary Meetings of Council are held on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 5.30pm, preceded by an informal residents meeting commencing at 5.00pm and a Councillor Briefing Session.

It is also recommended that Briefing Sessions are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Extra Councillor Briefing Sessions are anticipated to assist in the preparation of the 2020/2021 Annual Budget. These Briefing Sessions are anticipated to be held in March and will be scheduled by the Chief Executive Officer as required.

From time to time additional Council Meetings, Special Meetings, may also be required.

Council meetings be generally held in the Council Chambers, Market Place, Hamilton, unless otherwise varied by Council or the Chief Executive Officer.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Ordinary Meetings of Council be held on the second Wednesday of each month, except January 2020, commencing at 5.30pm.
2. Ordinary Meetings of Council be preceded by a Councillor Briefing Session.
3. Councillor Briefing Sessions be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, except for December 2019.
4. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to set additional Councillor Briefing Sessions, call for Special Meetings of Council when required and move the location of Council Meetings and Briefings in consultation with the Mayor and Councillors.
5. The following schedule of dates for the holding of Ordinary Council Meetings in 2019/2020 be adopted:  
  
13 November 2019  
11 December 2019  
12 February 2020  
11 March 2020  
8 April 2020  
13 May 2020  
10 June 2020  
8 July 2020  
12 August 2020  
9 September 2020  
14 October 2020
6. Council will hold 3 Meetings in Southern Grampians Shire communities outside of Hamilton in 2020. Those Meetings will be as follows:
  - Woodhouse – 11 March 2020;
  - Mirranatwa – 8 April 2020;
  - Wannon – 14 October 2020.
7. A Special Meeting for the purpose of adopting the 2020/2021 Budget be set for Wednesday 24 June 2020 commencing at 5.30pm.
8. The Statutory Meeting for 2020 be set for Wednesday 4 November 2020 commencing at 5.30pm.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION****MOVED: Cr Rainsford****SECONDED: Cr McAdam****That:**

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9. **Executive give consideration to serving the needs of the Nareen community during 2020 through listening posts and community engagement.**

**CARRIED**

## 11. Close of Meeting

This concludes the business of the meeting.

Meeting closed at 5:57 pm.

Confirmed by resolution 13 November 2019.

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Chairperson