Minutes

Council Meeting
Tuesday 25 November 2025 at 11:00 AM
Gisborne Administration Centre
40 Robertson Street, Gisborne

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Order of business

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Macedon Ranges Shire Council acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land and waterways. Council recognises their living cultures and ongoing connection to Country and pays respect to their Elders past, and present.

Council also acknowledges local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander residents of Macedon Ranges for their ongoing contribution to the diverse culture of our community.

2 RECORDING OF LIVE STREAMING OF THIS COUNCIL MEETING

This meeting was recorded and streamed live on the internet in accordance with Council's 'Live Streaming and Publishing Recordings of Meetings Policy, which can be viewed on Council's website.

3 PRESENT

Cr Jennifer Anderson, Cr Dominic Bonanno, Cr Cassy Borthwick, Cr Rob Guthrie, Cr Alison Joseph, Cr Kate Kendall, Cr Janet Pearce, Cr Andrew Scanlon, Cr Daniel Young

IN ATTENDANCE

Bernie O'Sullivan (Chief Executive Officer), Adele Drago-Stevens (Director Corporate), Rebecca Stockfeld (Director Planning and Environment), Dominic Testoni (Director Assets and Operations), Jarrod Westwood (Acting Director Community), Jessica Clarke-Hong (Manager Governance and Performance), Cherry Stojanovic (Coordinator Governance), Lucy Olson (Senior Governance Officer - Council Business), Talysha Dawson (Governance Officer)

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

6 DURATION OF MAYORAL TERM

MOTION

Resolution 2025/138

Moved: Cr Jennifer Anderson
Seconded: Cr Kate Kendall

That Council resolves to determine that the term of office of the Mayor will be for one year term.

CARRIED

7 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Chief Executive Officer, Bernie O'Sullivan, invited nominations for the office of the Mayor for 2025-2026.

Cr Guthrie nominated himself for the position of Mayor which was seconded by Cr Scanlon.

Cr Pearce nominated Cr Kendall for the position of Mayor which was seconded by Cr Joseph.

Cr Kendall accepted the nomination.

No further nominations were received and the Chief Executive Officer called for a vote.

Cr Guthrie recieved 3 votes and Cr Kendall received 6 votes.

As Cr Kendall received an absolute majority of votes she was elected to the position of Mayor.

8 OFFICE AND DURATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

MOTION

Resolution 2025/139

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie
Seconded: Cr Jennifer Anderson

That Council resolves to elect a Deputy Mayor for a one year term in accordance with section 20(A) and section 26 (3) of the Local Government Act 2020.

CARRIED

9 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Kendall, invited nominations for the office of the Deputy Mayor for 2025-2026.

Cr Gurthe nominated Cr Borthwick for the position of Deputy Mayor which was seconded by Cr Bonanno.

Cr Borthwick accepted the nomination.

Cr Joseph nominated Cr Young for the position of Deputy Mayor which was seconded by Cr Scanlon.

Cr Young accepted the nomination.

Cr Bonanno nominated Cr Pearce for the position of Deputy Mayor which was seconded by Cr Young.

Cr Pearce accepted the nomination.

Cr Borthwick recieved 5 votes, Cr Young recieved 4 votes and Cr Pearce received no votes.

As Cr Borthwick received an absolute majority of votes she was elected to the position of Deputy Mayor

The meeting closed at 11:30am.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 17 December 2025.