

Council Meeting Agenda

**Monday 23 November at 6.00pm
Gisborne Administration Centre
40 Robertson Street, Gisborne**

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

To start the official proceedings I would like to acknowledge that Macedon Ranges Shire Council is on Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Country whose ancestors and their descendants are the traditional owners of this Country. We acknowledge that they have been custodians for many centuries and continue to perform age old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal. We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region.

1. RECORDING AND LIVE STREAMING OF THIS COUNCIL MEETING

Please note that this meeting is being recorded and streamed live on the internet in accordance with Council's *Live Streaming and Publishing Recording of Meetings Policy*, which can be viewed on Council's website.

The recording will be bookmarked, archived and made available on Council's website 48 hours after the meeting.

While Councillors are attending this meeting in person, in line with current directions by the Chief Health Officer, face-to-face council meetings are not be held with members of the public in attendance. As such, there is no one present in the public gallery this evening. We welcome those of you watching from home.

Please note that face-masks are required to be worn by those in attendance, but may be removed when a Councillor or officer is speaking, as it is possible for masks to be removed for live broadcasting purposes.

I also remind everyone that local government decision making, unlike state and federal government, does not afford the benefit of parliamentary privilege and hence no protection is afforded to Councillors and Council officers for comments made during meetings which are subsequently challenged in a court of law and determined to be slanderous.

Thank you

2. PRESENT

3. APOLOGIES

4. CONFIRMATION OF OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

The CEO will confirm the taking of the oath or affirmation of office by Councillors.

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020 both the nomination of a Councillor to the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor and the election of a Councillor to the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor are matters that are *exempt* from conflict of interest requirements.

6. ELECTION OF MAYOR

An election for the position of Mayor will be conducted in accordance with sections 25 and 26 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and in accordance with Council's adopted Governance Rules.

7. MAYORAL ADDRESS

The newly elected Mayor will assume the chair and may address the meeting.

8. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

A Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor. If established, an election for the office of Deputy Mayor will be conducted in the same manner as that for an election of the Mayor.