



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

held on

Wednesday 9 October 2024

at

8:40am

at

Walcha Council Chambers

The Audio Statement and Acknowledgement of Country were read by the Chairman.

PRESENT: Clr EH Noakes (Chairman) Mayor together with Councillors RS Greig, AJ Iuston, SC McCoy, GM O'Brien, GB Olrich, A-MC Pointing and RH Thomson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr CC Martin – Acting General Manager, Mr AS Butler – Director Infrastructure & Development, and Mrs EL Hobbs – Executive Assistant.

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil.

MINUTES



2. AFFIRMATIONS BY COUNCILLORS:

Each elected member read their Affirmations and became Councillors of Walcha Council.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. SENIOR OFFICERS' REPORTS:

31 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Pointing and Iuston that the Senior Officers' Reports be **RECEIVED** for further consideration.

4.1 Election of Mayor & Deputy Mayor

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32 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Noakes and Pointing that in the event that there is more than one Councillor nominated for each positions of Mayor or Deputy Mayor, then the method of election to determine the position(s) be by Ordinary Ballot **FURTHER THAT** the Returning Officer destroy all documentation following such elections.

33 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Greig and Thomson that Councillor Eric Henry Noakes is elected Mayor of Walcha and Councillor Glen Michael O'Brien is elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing term until September 2026.

34 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Olrich and Pointing that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 377 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, the Delegations of Authority listed within the report be made to the Mayor, Councillor Eric Henry Noakes and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Glen Michael O'Brien respectively.

4.2 Countbacks to Fill Vacancies Post Election

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35 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Thomson and Pointing that pursuant to Section 291A(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, (the Act) Walcha 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 to notify the NSW Electoral Commission of the Council's decision within 7 days of the decision.

5. MATTERS OF URGENCY:

Clr McCoy advised that he believes that the Date and Time of Council Meetings is a matter of urgency to ensure continuation of organisation of Councillor calendars.

36 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors McCoy and Pointing that the date and time of Council Meetings be discussed as a matter of urgency to ensure that the Councillors calendars are organised.

Motion:

It was **MOVED** Clr McCoy that the Ordinary Meetings of Council be on the third Wednesday of the month and that they commence at 9:00am.

The **Motion FAILED** to get a **Secunder** and therefore **LAPSED**.

After some discussion it was noted that Council would consider the date/day of the Ordinary Meetings first and then consider the time of the Meetings.

37 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Noakes and Olrich that the Ordinary Meetings of Council remain on the last Wednesday of the month.

38 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Noakes and Pointing that the time of the Ordinary Meetings of Council remain at 3:00pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:24AM.