

# MINUTES

of the

## Extraordinary Meeting of Council

held remotely using audio visual link and open to members of the  
community via webcast

on

**Wednesday 16 September 2020**

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm

*File No. 100/2020*

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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF WINGECARRIBEE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY USING AUDIO VISUAL LINK AND OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY VIA WEBCAST ON WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 6.00PM**

**Present:**

Clr T D Gair (Mayor)  
Clr G J Andrews\*  
Clr K J Halstead OAM\*  
Clr G McLaughlin\*  
Clr P W Nelson\*  
Clr I M Scandrett\*  
Clr G M Turland\*  
Clr L A C Whipper\*

<b>In Attendance:</b>	Acting General Manager	Mr Barry W Paull
	Acting Deputy General Manager	
	Operations, Finance and Risk	Mr Richard Mooney
	Deputy General Manager Corporate	
	Strategy and Development Services	Mr Mark Pepping
	Group Manager Corporate and	
	Community	Ms Danielle Lidgard
	Adviser	Mr Ian Reynolds
	Office of Local Government	
	Representative	Mr Dylan Reynolds*
	Chief Information Officer	Mr John Crawford
	Coordinator Media and Communications	Mr David Sommers*
	Administration Officer	Ms Michelle Richardson

**NOTE:** Due to current government requirements around social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some Councillors and some staff attended the meeting remotely via zoom audio visual link. This is indicated by \*. The Mayor and remaining staff were present in the Council Chambers for this meeting.

## **1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The Mayor Clr T D Gair opened the meeting and welcomed members of the public and the press.

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## **2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor Clr T D Gair acknowledged country:

*"I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land and pay my respect to Elders both past and present. I would also like to extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders present here today."*

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### 3. PRAYER

The meeting was led in civic prayer by the Mayor Clr T D Gair.

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The Mayor Clr T D Gair welcomed Mr Darryl Reynolds, Officer of Local Government in attendance via Zoom and Mr Ian Reynolds who was appointed as adviser to the Council and in attendance in the Nattai Room of the Civic Centre.

Clr I M Scandrett sought clarification regarding the methods of electing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor Clr T D Gair advised that at the ordinary meeting of 12 August 2020 Council resolved that the method of electing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be by way of open voting.

The Acting General Manager addressed the meeting.

***MOTION*** moved by *Clr I M Scandrett* and seconded by *Deputy Mayor G M Turland*

THAT all candidates for the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor be allowed three minutes to present their case for election.

#### VOTING ON THE MOTION

**For the motion:** Clr K J Halstead OAM, Clr I M Scandrett and Deputy Mayor G M Turland

**Against the motion:** Clr G J Andrews, Mayor Clr T D Gair, Clr G McLaughlin, Clr P W Nelson and Clr L A C Whipper

#### LOST

The Mayor Clr T D Gair vacated the Chair and left the room, the time being 6.11pm. The Acting General Manager as Returning Officer assumed the chair to conduct the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Acting General Manager clarified Mr Ian Reynolds is one of the two advisers appointed by the Office of Local Government pursuant to the Performance Improvement Order of 8 September 2020 and is present in the Council Chambers, and Mr Dylan Reynolds is an Officer of the Local Government is attending the meeting via Zoom.

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### 4. APOLOGY

There were no apologies at this Meeting.

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## **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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That where necessary any Councillor now disclose any interest and the reason for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this Meeting and to complete the appropriate form to be handed up at the Meeting.

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting

## 6. CORPORATE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### 6.1 Election of Mayor for 2020-2021 Term

Reference:	102/4
Report Author:	Coordinator Corporate Strategy and Governance
Authoriser:	Group Manager Corporate and Community
Link to Community	
Strategic Plan:	An enhanced culture of positive leadership, accountability and ethical governance that guides well informed decisions to advance agreed community priorities

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to invite nominations for the Office of the Mayor for the term until the ordinary Council election on 4 September 2021. The election of the Mayor must be held in accordance with Division 2 of Part 2 and sections 282 and 290 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ('the Act') and clause 394 and Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* ('the Regulation').

The Acting General Manager advised that two nominations had been received for the position of Mayor and those nominations were:

- Clr T D Gair
- Clr G M Turland.

The Acting General Manager confirmed that the nomination forms had been duly completed and signed by the nominated party.

The Acting General Manager then called for final nominations.

As there were no further nominations the Acting General Manager declared that nominations were closed.

Clrs T D Gair and G M Turland each confirmed their acceptance of the nomination.

The Acting General Manager advised the Councillors must now determine, by resolution, the method of voting to be used for the position of Mayor.

**MN 376/20**

**MOTION** moved by Clr G McLaughlin and seconded by Clr T D Gair

1. ***THAT pursuant to Item 3(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council determines that the election of the Mayor proceed by way of open voting.***
2. ***THAT the election of the Mayor for the term until the NSW Local Government elections on 4 September 2021 be conducted.***

**VOTING ON THE MOTION**

**For the motion:** Clr G J Andrews, Clr G M Turland, Mayor Clr T D Gair, Clr K J Halstead OAM, Clr G McLaughlin, Clr P W Nelson and Clr L A C Whipper

**Against the motion:** Clr I M Scandrett

**PASSED**

The Acting General Manager advised the Council would now proceed with the election for the Mayor for the term of 2020-2021, and requested Councillors indicate their vote by showing a green tick or raised hand in front of the screen.

Following the vote, the Acting General Manager advised that the following votes were recorded:

- Clr T D Gair: 4 votes
- Clr G M Turland: 2 votes

Clrs I M Scandrett and L A C Whipper abstained from voting.

The Acting General Manager declared Clr T D Gair elected as Mayor.

The Mayor Clr T D Gair addressed Council. He thanked his fellow Councillors and pledged to uphold the Office and conduct the business of Council accordingly.

## 6.2 Election of Deputy Mayor for 2020-2021 Term

Reference:	102/4
Report Author:	Coordinator Corporate Strategy and Governance
Authoriser:	Group Manager Corporate and Community
Link to Community Strategic Plan:	An enhanced culture of positive leadership, accountability and ethical governance that guides well informed decisions to advance agreed community priorities

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to invite nominations for the Office of the Deputy Mayor. The election of the Deputy Mayor must be held in accordance with section 231 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ('the Act') and clause 394 and Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* ('the Regulation').

The Acting General Manager advised that voting for the Deputy Mayor would now take place, with the following nominations having been received for the position of Deputy Mayor:

- Clr G J Andrews
- Clr P W Nelson
- Clr McLaughlin
- Clr G M Turland.

Clrs Andrews, Nelson, McLaughlin and Turland each confirmed their acceptance of the nomination.

The Acting General Manager advised that Councillors must now determine, by resolution, the method of voting to be used for the position of Deputy Mayor.

### MN 377/20

**MOTION** moved by Mayor Clr T D Gair and seconded by Clr P W Nelson

1. ***THAT pursuant to Item 3(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council determines that the election of the Deputy Mayor proceed by way of open voting.***
2. ***THAT the election of the Deputy Mayor for the term until the NSW Local Government elections on 4 September 2021 be conducted.***

### **PASSED**

#### **VOTING ON THE MOTION**

For the motion:	Clr G J Andrews, Mayor Clr T D Gair, Clr K J Halstead OAM, Clr G McLaughlin, Clr P W Nelson, Clr G M Turland and Clr L A C Whipper
Against the motion:	Clr I M Scandrett



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The Acting General Manager advised that Council would now proceed with the vote for the Deputy Mayor for the term of 2020-2021 and requested Councillors indicate their vote by showing a green tick or raised hand in front of the screen.

The Acting General Manager advised that the following votes were recorded:

- Clr G J Andrews: 3 votes
- Clr G McLaughlin: 0 votes
- Clr P W Nelson: 1 vote
- Clr G M Turland: 2 votes

Clrs I M Scandrett and L A C Whipper abstained from voting.

The Acting General Manager advised that Clr G McLaughlin without any votes would be excluded from the next round of voting.

Following this round of voting, the Acting General Manager advised that the following votes had been received:

- Clr G J Andrews: 3 votes
- Clr P W Nelson: 1 vote
- Clr G M Turland: 2 votes

Clrs I M Scandrett and L A C Whipper abstained from voting.

The Acting General Manager advised that Clr P W Nelson with the lowest number of votes would be excluded from the next round of voting.

Following this round of voting, the Acting General Manager advised that the following votes had been received:

- Clr G J Andrews: 4 votes
- Clr G M Turland: 2 votes

Clrs I M Scandrett and L A C Whipper abstained from voting.

The Acting General Manager declared Clr G J Andrews elected as Deputy Mayor.

The Acting General Manager vacated the Chair for the Mayor Clr T D Gair.

The Mayor Clr T D Gair thanked those who voted for him and stated that he hoped to work with Councillors in a conducive and productive manner for the next twelve months. The Mayor expressed his support for and thanks to Council staff and advised that he looks forward to working with them. The Mayor congratulated Clr Andrews on his appointment as Deputy Mayor and advised he looks forward to working with him.

The Deputy Mayor Clr G J Andrews congratulated the Mayor Clr T D Gair on his appointment and expressed that he was humbled by his election and mindful of the importance of the Deputy Mayor's role and the commitment of Councillors to the community. The Deputy Mayor thanked the Councillors for their support.

The Mayor Clr T D Gair offered his commiserations to Clrs G M Turland, P W Nelson and G McLaughlin and thanked them for running for election.

Clr G McLaughlin congratulated the Mayor Clr T D Gair and Deputy Mayor Clr G J Andrews on their respective appointments and expressed that he looks forward to working with them.

## **7. CLOSED COUNCIL**

Nil

There was no Closed Council at this meeting.

## **8. MEETING CLOSURE**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.30 PM

In accordance with the provisions of Section 375(2) of the Local Government Act, these Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held Wednesday 16 September 2020 numbered M/N 376/20 to M/N 377/20 were signed by me hereunder at the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23 September 2020.

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CHAIRMAN

**READ AND CONFIRMED ON WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2020**

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CHAIRMAN

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PUBLIC OFFICER