



**Notice is given that a Special Meeting of Council will be held on:**

**Date: Tuesday, 14 November 2023**

**Time: 3.00 pm**

**Location: Loddon Shire Council Chambers, Wedderburn**

# **AGENDA**

## **Special Council Meeting**

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**1 OPENING AFFIRMATION**

"We, the Councillors of the Loddon Shire, declare that we will carry out our duties in the best interests of the community, and through collective leadership will maintain the highest standards of good governance."

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

"The Loddon Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are gathered and pays its respects to their Elders both past and present."

**3 APOLOGIES****4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 129(g) of the Local Government Act 2020 and Regulation 7 of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020, and relevant to this meeting agenda, a Councillor does not have a conflict of interest if the matter relates to the:

- nomination or appointment by the Council of a Councillor to a position for which the Councillor will not be remunerated;
- nomination or appointment by the Council of a Councillor to a position in the Municipal Association of Victoria or in another body that has the purpose of representing the interests of Councils;
- nomination of a Councillor for the election to the office of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor;
- election of a Councillor to the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor; and
- appointment of a Councillor to the office of Acting Mayor.

**5 MAYORAL REPORT**

**5.1 MAYORAL REPORT**

**File Number:** FOL/19/126475  
**Author:** Lisa Clue, Manager Governance  
**Authoriser:** Lincoln Fitzgerald, Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Mayoral Report for 2022/23.

**REPORT**

The Chief Executive Officer will invite the outgoing Mayor, Cr Dan Straub to report on his term of office in 2022/23.

**6 DECISION REPORTS****6.1 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2023/24**

**File Number:** FOL/19/126475  
**Author:** Lisa Clue, Manager Governance  
**Authoriser:** Lincoln Fitzgerald, Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council elect a Councillor to be Mayor of the Loddon Shire for a one year term, being 2023/24.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

At a Special Council meeting on Thursday 8 November 2022, Cr Straub was elected Mayor for a one year term.

Councillors most recently discussed this matter at the October Council meeting, when Cr Holt was declared Loddon Shire Council Mayor Elect 2023/24.

**BACKGROUND**

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) requires a Mayor to be elected on a day that is as close to the end of the current Mayor's term as is reasonably practicable.

At a Special Council meeting on Thursday 8 November 2022, Cr Straub was elected Mayor for a one year term.

The Act requires that before the election of the Mayor, a Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a one year or a two year term however, as Council Elections will be held in October 2024, the 2023/24 Mayoral Term of Office must be for a one year term.

**ISSUES/DISCUSSION**

In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, the Chief Executive Officer must open the meeting and chair the election of Mayor as required under section 25 of the Act.

The Chief Executive Officer will invite nominations for the office of Mayor of the Loddon Shire Council for 2023/24. If multiple candidates nominate, an election process will be conducted in accordance with the Governance Rules.

The elected Mayor may take the opportunity to give an acceptance speech.

**COST/BENEFITS**

The Councillor Expenses and Support Policy details claimable expenses for the Mayor and Councillors which are provided for in the adopted Budget.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

Not applicable

**CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

Not applicable

**6.2 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYOR**

**File Number:** FOL/19/126475  
**Author:** Lisa Clue, Manager Governance  
**Authoriser:** Lincoln Fitzgerald, Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council appoint an Acting Mayor when required in accordance with section 20B of the Local Government Act 2020.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

At the Special Meeting held on 8 November 2022, Council resolved to appoint an Acting Mayor as required.

This matter was most recently discussed by Councillors at the October Forum.

**BACKGROUND**

The Local Governance Act 2020 (the Act) provides for the establishment of an office of Deputy Mayor to perform the role of the Mayor if the Mayor is unable for any reason to attend a Council meeting or part of a Council meeting; or the Mayor is incapable of performing the duties of the office of Mayor for any reason, including illness; or the office of Mayor is vacant.

The Act provides for a Council to appoint a Councillor to be the Acting Mayor to perform the role of Mayor in those circumstances referred to above, if a Council has not established an office of Deputy Mayor.

Determining the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor are provided for in Part 2 of Council's Governance Rules.

Section 20B of the Act prescribes the appointment of a Councillor to be the Acting Mayor.

Loddon Shire Council historically has resolved to appoint an Acting Mayor as required.

**ISSUES/DISCUSSION**

As it has done previously, Council may resolve to appoint an Acting Mayor as required in accordance with section 20B of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act). Alternatively, Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor in accordance with section 20A of the Act and Council's Governance Rules.

**COST/BENEFITS**

The Act provides for the establishment of an office of Deputy Mayor, or the appointment of an Acting Mayor to perform the role of the Mayor in certain circumstances.

There is no cost associated with the appointment of an Acting Mayor. The office of Deputy Mayor is remunerated - the current base allowance payable to Category 1 Deputy Mayors is \$39,746 per annum.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

Appointing an Acting Mayor, or establishing an office of Deputy Mayor ensure the duties of the office of Mayor continue to be performed in the absence of the Mayor.

**CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

Not applicable

**6.3 COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES**

**File Number:** FOL/19/126475  
**Author:** Lisa Clue, Manager Governance  
**Authoriser:** Lincoln Fitzgerald, Chief Executive Officer  
**Attachments:** 1. Council representation on committees 2023/24

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council appoints Councillor representatives to committees for 2023/24 as listed in the attachment to this report.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There is no conflict of interest for any Council staff member involved in the preparation of this report, or involved in the subject matter of the report.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Councillors most recently discussed the Council representation on committees at the October 2023 Council Forum and the October 2023 Council Meeting.

**BACKGROUND**

Council has historically adopted appointments to committees during the Special Meeting called to elect the Mayor.

**ISSUES/DISCUSSION**

Committees requiring Council representation are largely committees established by Council, or external committees on which it is appropriate that Council is represented.

Requests for Council representation on additional committees during the year will be considered as they are received.

**COST/BENEFITS**

Costs associated with Council representation on committees are provided for in the adopted budget.

Council representation on external committees provides for committee discussions and decisions to consider Loddon Shire specific impacts. Councillor representation on external committees and those established by Council supports communication between members of those committees and their respective communities, Councillors and officers.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

Not applicable

**CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

Not applicable



## COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES (2023/24)

<b>SECTION 65 COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEES</b>	
Boort Aerodrome	Cr Beattie Boort Ward
Boort Memorial Hall	
Boort Park	
Korong Vale Mechanics Hall	
Korong Vale Sports Centre	
Little Lake Boort	
Yando Public Hall	
Campbells Forest Hall	Cr Murphy Inglewood Ward
Inglewood Community Elderly Persons Units	
Inglewood Community Sports Centre	
Inglewood Town Hall Hub	Cr Straub Terricks Ward
East Loddon Community Centre	
Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall	Cr Holt Wedderburn Ward
Donaldson Park	
Hard Hill Tourist Reserve	
Wedderburn Community Centre	
Wedderburn Engine Park and Market Square Reserve	
Wedderburn Mechanics and Literary Institute Hall	

<b>COMMITTEES EXTERNAL TO COUNCIL</b>	
Bendigo Regional Tourism Board	Manager Tourism and Economic Development Tourism and Marketing Coordinator
Bendigo Loddon Prevention and Population Health Partnership meeting	Director Community Wellbeing
Buloke Loddon Gannawarra Health Network	Director Community Wellbeing
Calder Highway Improvement Committee (1 representative, 1 substitute)	Cr Murphy Cr Holt (substitute)
Early Years Compact	Manager Community Wellbeing
L2P Steering Committee	Manager Community Wellbeing
Local Government Womens Charter	Cr Murphy Cr Straub (substitute) Human Resources Coordinator
Loddon Campaspe Councils	Mayor Chief Executive Officer
Loddon Campaspe Regional Partnerships	Chief Executive Officer
Loddon Healthy Eating Active Living network	Manager Community Wellbeing Healthy Loddon Campaspe Loddon Broker Wellbeing Officer

<b>COMMITTEES EXTERNAL TO COUNCIL</b>	
Loddon Shire Family Violence Network	Manager Community Wellbeing Wellbeing Officer
Municipal Association of Victoria (1 representative, 1 substitute)	Cr Holt Cr Beattie (substitute)
Murray River Group of Councils	Mayor Chief Executive Officer
North Central Goldfields Regional Library (2 representatives: one councillor, one officer)	Cr Jungwirth Chief Executive Officer
North Central Local Learning and Employment Network	Cr Straub
Rail Freight Alliance	Cr Beattie
Rural Councils Victoria	Mayor Chief Executive Officer
Strong Families Strong Children network program management group	Director Community Wellbeing Manager Community Wellbeing

<b>ADVISORY COMMITTEES, STEERING COMMITTEES, ETC</b>	
Audit and Risk Committee (1 substantive, 1 alternate representative)	Cr Holt Cr Beattie (substitute)
Australia Day Committee (1 Councillor representative)	Cr Jungwirth
Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance	Cr Jungwirth
Healthy Minds Network (1 representative and 1 staff member)	Cr Murphy Director Community Wellbeing
Loddon Campaspe Transport Working Group	Manager Assets and Infrastructure
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (1 representative)	Cr Jungwirth
North Central Catchment Partnership	Director Operations

There being no further business the meeting was closed at \_\_\_\_\_ .

Confirmed this.....day of..... 2023

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**CHAIRPERSON**