



Ararat Rural City

AGENDA

STATUTORY MEETING

Thursday 12 November 2020

To be held in the Alexandra Oval Community Centre
1 Waratah Avenue, Ararat

Commencing at 4:30 pm

Council:

Cr Gwenda Allgood

Cr Jo Armstrong

Cr Rob Armstrong

Cr Peter Beales

Cr Henry Burridge

Cr Bob Sanders

Cr Bill Waterston

Our Vision

Our communities, our opportunities

Our Mission Statement

We will demonstrate leadership through social responsibility, openness and transparency by actively working with our community to achieve shared goals.

Our Values

Respect - Respect for each other and the wider community.

Excellence - Striving for ongoing professionalism and organisational excellence.

Passion - Passion for our people, community and services.

A recording of this meeting is being made for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the minutes of the Council Meeting.

The recording is being streamed live via Facebook, to improve transparency between council and the community and give more people the opportunity to view what decisions are being made. You do not require a Facebook account to watch the live broadcast, simply enter www.facebook.com/araratruralcitycouncil into your address bar.

Recordings of Council Meetings (excluding closed sessions) are made available on Council's website.

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The Chief Executive Officer, Dr Tim Harrison will open the meeting.

ITEM 1 – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

As per the guidelines issued by the Minister for Local Government, from 2 November 2020 to 26 April 2021 (the prescribed period) Councils do not need to provide for members of the public to physically attend meetings. Providing public access to livestreamed events satisfies the public attendance test during the prescribed period.

1.1 LIVE STREAMING

Council is keen to engage with members of the community and now live streams the formal Council Meetings to make them accessible. The stream will be available to view on Ararat Rural City Council's Facebook page from 6pm and on Council's website following the Council Meeting.

1.2 TRADITIONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/OPENING PRAYER/COUNCILLORS PLEDGE

Traditional acknowledgement

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today, and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

Councillors Pledge

We will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions invested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

1.3 APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDATION (if required)

That the apology of Cr be accepted.

ITEM 2 – ELECTION OF MAYOR

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 13047340

The process of election of the Mayor will take place in accordance with the section 25 of the Local Government Act 2020 and Chapter 2 – Part B of Council's Governance Rules. The Governance Rules state that any nominations for the office of Mayor must be, in writing in the form prescribed by the Chief Executive Officer and seconded by a Councillor.

Nominations were invited for the position of Mayor on 10 November 2020.

In accordance with section 26(3) of the Local Government Act 2020, before a Mayor is elected, the Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.

The Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors to be declared.

2.1 MAYORAL TERM

RECOMMENDATION

That Council determine that the Mayoral Term be for a 1 or 2 year term.

2.2 ELECTION OF MAYOR

RECOMMENDATION

That Council elect Cr _____ as Mayor.

ITEM 3 – ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEPARTMENT: CEO'S OFFICE
REFERENCE: 13047340

The process of election of the Deputy Mayor will take place in accordance with the section 27 of the Local Government Act 2020 and Chapter 2 – Part B of Council's Governance Rules. The Governance Rules state that any nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor must be, in writing in the form prescribed by the Chief Executive Officer and seconded by a Councillor.

Nominations were invited for the position of Deputy Mayor on 10 November 2020.

In accordance with section 26(3) of the Local Government Act 2020, before a Deputy Mayor is elected, the Council must determine by resolution whether the Deputy Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.

The Deputy Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors to be declared.

3.1 DEPUTY MAYORAL TERM

RECOMMENDATION

That Council determine that the Deputy Mayoral Term be for .; and

3.2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

RECOMMENDATION

That Council elect Cr as Deputy Mayor.

ITEM 4 - CLOSURE OF MEETING

Meeting closed at pm.