

OFFICIAL

# Unscheduled Council Meeting

## Minutes

18 November 2024 at 6:30pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Sturt Street,  
Ballarat





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**The next Scheduled Meeting of the Ballarat City Council will be held on Wednesday 27 November 2024.**

## **1. WELCOME AND OPEN OF MEETING**

The Chief Executive Officer, Evan King, opened the meeting.

## **2. WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

In acknowledgment of the traditional custodians of the land, the Wadawurrung people, traditional owner Shannen Mennen conducted the formal Welcome to Country.

### 3. OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

The Chief Executive Officer invited each Councillor-elect to recite the Oath of Office or Affirmation.

Cr Tracey Hargreaves recited the Affirmation of Office.

Cr Des Hudson recited the Oath of Office.

Cr Ted Lapkin recited the Oath of Office.

Cr Samantha McIntosh recited the Oath of Office.

Cr Tess Morgan recited the Affirmation of Office.

Cr Jim Rinaldi recited the Oath of Office.

Cr Damon Saunders recited the Oath of Office.

Cr Ben Taylor recited the Oath of Office.

Cr Jay Morrison recited the Affirmation of Office in front of Evan King, Chief Executive Officer, on 14 November 2024.

Each Councillor signed a declaration of the Oath or Affirmation of Office, which was witnessed, dated and signed by Evan King, Chief Executive Officer.

#### OATH OF OFFICE

"I swear by Almighty God [*for the person may name a god recognised by the person's religion*] that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct. I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."

#### AFFIRMATION

"I solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community. I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct. I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."

The Chief Executive Officer, Evan King, invited Councillors to recite the Councillors affirmation.

Councillors: "We, the Councillors of the City of Ballarat, declare that we will carry out our duties in the best interest of the community and through collective leadership will maintain the highest standards of good governance."

## 4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

### 4.1 Present

Cr Tracey Hargreaves  
Cr Des Hudson  
Cr Ted Lapkin  
Cr Samantha McIntosh  
Cr Tess Morgan  
Cr Jay Morrison  
Cr Jim Rinaldi  
Cr Damon Saunders  
Cr Ben Taylor

Mr Evan King - Chief Executive Officer  
Ms Bridget Wetherall - Director Infrastructure and Environment  
Mr John Hausler - Director Corporate Services  
Ms Natalie Robertson - Director Development and Growth  
Mr Martin Darcy - Director Economy and Experience  
Mr Cameron Montgomery - Executive Manager Governance and Risk  
Ms Rosie Wright - Coordinator Risk, Governance and Compliance  
Ms Sarah Anstis - Senior Governance Officer

### 4.2 Apologies

Nil

## 5. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES

### 5.1. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2024/25

**Division:** Corporate Services  
**Director:** John Hausler  
**Author/Position:** Cameron Montgomery – Executive Manager Governance and Risk

#### PURPOSE

1. The report outlines the process and statutory requirements for the election of the Mayor for the City of Ballarat in accordance with section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and section 3.5.4 of Council's Governance Rules.

#### RESOLUTION:

##### 6. Part one: Mayoral Term

That Council:

- 6.1 Determine the Mayoral term be for 1 year.

**Moved: Cr Des Hudson**  
**Seconded: Cr Ted Lapkin**

**CARRIED**  
**(R179/24)**

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer, advised that only one nomination for the position of Mayor for 2024/25 was received, being Cr Tracey Hargreaves.

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer, asked that the nomination be accepted.

Cr Hargreaves accepted the nomination for the position of Mayor for 2024/25.

As there was only one nomination received, and in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*, Cr Hargreaves was declared as Mayor for 2024/25.

#### RESOLUTION:

**That standing orders be suspended at 6:57 pm to allow the Mayor to put on the Mayoral robe and chains.**

**Moved: Cr Des Hudson**  
**Seconded: Cr Samantha McIntosh**

**CARRIED**  
**(R180/24)**

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer, invited Mayor, Cr Hargreaves to take the chair.

**RESOLUTION:**

**That standing orders be resumed at 7:02 pm.**

**Moved: Cr Des Hudson**

**Seconded: Cr Ted Lapkin**

**CARRIED**

**(R181/24)**

Mayor, Cr Hargreaves, addressed the Council and Gallery.

## 5.2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2024/25

**Division:** Corporate Services  
**Director:** John Hausler  
**Author/Position:** Cameron Montgomery – Executive Manager Governance and Risk

### PURPOSE

1. The report outlines the process and statutory requirements for the election of the Deputy Mayor for the City of Ballarat in accordance with section 27 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and section 3.5.5 of Council's Governance Rules.

### RESOLUTION:

#### 6. Part one: Office of Deputy Mayor.

**That Council:**

- 6.1 **Determine to establish the office of Deputy Mayor and note that in accordance with the Governance Rules, the term of Deputy Mayor is identical to the term of Mayor as resolved by Council.**

**Moved: Cr Ted Lapkin**  
**Seconded: Cr Tess Morgan**

**CARRIED**  
**(R182/24)**

Mayor, Cr Hargreaves advised that only one nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2024/25 was received, being Cr Ben Taylor.

Mayor, Cr Hargreaves asked that the nomination be accepted.

Cr Taylor accepted his nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2024/25.

As there was only one nomination received, and in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*, Mayor, Cr Hargreaves declared Cr Taylor as Deputy Mayor for 2024/25.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Taylor, addressed the Council and Gallery.



