



MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held at the Queanbeyan Council Chambers and via Zoom on Wednesday, 29 September 2021 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Overall (Chair)
Cr Biscotti – via Zoom
Cr Brown – via Zoom
Cr Harrison – via Zoom
Cr Hicks – via Zoom
Cr Marshall (from 5.31pm) – via Zoom
Cr Schweikert – via Zoom
Cr Taylor – via Zoom
Cr Winchester – via Zoom

Staff: P Tegart, CEO
P Hansen, Portfolio General Manager Community Connections – via Zoom
J Richards, Portfolio General Manager Community Choice – via Zoom
A Knight, Portfolio General Manager Organisational Capability – via Zoom
D Carswell, A/Portfolio General Manager Natural & Built Character – via Zoom

Also Present: L Ison, Minute Secretary

1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land upon which the meeting was held.

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

303/21

RESOLVED (Taylor/Biscotti)

That apology for non-attendance from Cr Noveska be received and noted.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

304/21

RESOLVED (Taylor/Biscotti)

That Councillors and staff now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

There were no disclosures.

Cr Marshall joined the meeting at 5.31pm.

5. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.32pm Cr Overall, advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

305/21

RESOLVED (Overall/Taylor)

That the meeting be adjourned to conduct the Public Forum.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for the Public Forum at 5.32pm and resumed at 5.33pm.

6. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

6.1 Position of Deputy Mayor

306/21

RESOLVED (Overall/Harrison)

That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for the period 29 September until the day of the Local Government Elections, noting that the method of ballot for such an election is by open voting (show of hands), pursuant to Schedule 7, Part 1(3) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The CEO, as Returning Officer, called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the remaining term to the day of the Local Government Election. There were three written nominations received, those of Cr Michele Biscotti, Cr Trevor Hicks and Cr Kenrick Winchester, all of whom had accepted nomination. The vote was conducted in alphabetic order.

The first vote by a show of hands resulted in four votes for Cr Biscotti, and two votes each for Crs Hicks and Winchester. In accordance with the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and the *NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, a draw from a hat resulted in Cr Winchester being excluded.

The second vote by a show of hands resulted in four votes for Cr Biscotti and two for Cr Hicks. With this being a majority of those present who voted, the Returning Officer declared Cr Biscotti duly elected as Deputy Mayor for the remaining term.

307/21 **6.2 Delegations to Deputy Mayor**
RESOLVED (Taylor/Harrison)

That, pursuant to Section 377(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the delegations to the Deputy Mayor, Cr Michele Biscotti, be granted and remain in force until revoked by resolution of Council.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

7. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The time being 5.36pm, the Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed and closed the meeting.

CR TIM OVERALL
MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON