



**MORNINGTON
PENINSULA**
Shire

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2022

5.30PM

**MUNICIPAL OFFICES
BESGROVE STREET, ROSEBUD**

MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE COUNCIL**WARDS AND COUNCILLORS**

Briars	Cr Steve Holland Cr Anthony Marsh Cr Despi O'Connor
Cerberus	Cr Lisa Dixon
Nepean	Cr Susan Bissinger Cr Sarah Race
Red Hill	Cr David Gill
Seawinds	Cr Antonella Celi Cr Kerri McCafferty Cr Debra Mar
Watson	Cr Paul Mercurio

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mr John Baker Ms Jo Bradshaw Ms Sam Stanton Mr Mike McIntosh	Chief Executive Officer Acting Director – Community Strengthening Director – Corporate Strategy and Business Improvement Director – Planning and Infrastructure
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RECORDING

Please note that this Council Meeting was livestreamed to the Mornington Peninsula Shire's YouTube channel and a recording of the meeting is available on the Shire's website.

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1 OPENING AND WELCOME

Meeting opened at 5.30pm

Chairperson – Mr John Baker, Chief Executive Officer until the Mayor was elected.

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

(Read by Mr John Baker)

Mornington Peninsula Shire acknowledges the Bunurong people, who have been the custodians of this land for many thousands of years; and pays respect to their elders past and present. We acknowledge that the land on which we meet is the place of age-old ceremonies, celebrations, initiation and renewal; and that the Bunurong peoples' living culture continues to have a unique role in the life of this region.

2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Present

Cr Susan Bissinger
Cr Antonella Celi
Cr Lisa Dixon
Cr David Gill
Cr Steve Holland
Cr Debra Mar
Cr Anthony Marsh
Cr Kerri McCafferty
Cr Despi O'Connor
Cr Sarah Race

Mr John Baker, Chief Executive Officer

2.1 Apologies

Cr Paul Mercurio (Leave of Absence)

2.2 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest Pursuant to Sections 126 – 131 of the *Local Government Act 2020*

Nil.

3 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

OFFICE OF THE CEO

3.1 Setting the Term of Office for the Mayor and to Establish the Office of Deputy Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council resolves to establish an office of Deputy Mayor.
2. A. Council determines that the term of office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be for a period of one year, from 15 November 2022 to the next Annual Council Meeting in November 2023.

or

B. Council determines that the term of office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be for a period of two years, from 15 November 2022 through to the next General Election of Council in October 2024.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Celi
Seconded: Cr Gill

1. That Council resolves to establish an office of Deputy Mayor.
2. Council determines that the term of office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be for a period of one year, from 15 November 2022 to the next Annual Council Meeting in November 2023.

Carried Unanimously

3.2 Election of the Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

1. A. In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, Councillor _____ received an absolute majority of votes cast and was declared elected as Mayor for a one-year period from 15 November 2022 to the next Annual Council Meeting in November 2023.

or

- B. In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, Councillor _____ received an absolute majority of votes cast and was declared elected as Mayor for a two-year period from 15 November 2022 through to the next General Election of Council in October 2024.

Following the call for nominations for Mayor, three nominations were received:

- Cr Race
- Cr Holland
- Cr Dixon

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Cr Celi
Seconded: Cr O'Connor

That standing orders be suspended at 5.36pm to allow Councillors three minutes to speak to their nomination of Mayor.

Carried

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Cr Marsh
Seconded: Cr Holland

That standing orders be resumed at 5.45pm.

Carried

The voting proceeded as follows:

Councillors	Votes
Cr Dixon	2
Cr Holland	4
Cr Race	4

Cr Dixon was eliminated from the voting process and voting continued.

3.2 (Cont.)

Councillors	Votes
Cr Holland	6
Cr Race	4

As Cr Holland received an absolute majority of votes, he was declared elected as Mayor of the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

COUNCIL DECISION

In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, Councillor Holland received an absolute majority of votes cast and was declared elected as Mayor for a one-year period from 15 November 2022 to the next Annual Council Meeting in November 2023.

Cr Marsh as outgoing Mayor provided a speech.

Cr Holland, on taking the Chair as the Mayor of the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, provided a speech.

3.3 Election of the Deputy Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

1. A. In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, Councillor _____ received an absolute majority of votes cast and was declared elected as Deputy Mayor for a one-year period from 15 November 2022 to the next Annual Council Meeting in November 2023.

or
- B. In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, Councillor _____ received an absolute majority of votes cast and was declared elected as Deputy Mayor for a two-year period from 15 November 2022 through to the next General Election of Council in October 2024.

Following the call for nominations for Deputy Mayor, three nominations were received:

- Cr Celi
- Cr Dixon
- Cr Mar

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Cr Celi
Seconded: Cr O'Connor

That standing orders be suspended at 6.20pm to allow Councillors three minutes to speak to their nomination of Deputy Mayor.

Carried

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Cr Celi
Seconded: Cr Marsh

That standing orders be resumed at 6.29pm.

Carried

The voting proceeded as follows:

Councillors	Votes
Cr Celi	4
Cr Dixon	3
Cr Mar	3

As Cr Dixon and Cr Mar both received three votes, an elimination vote was required.

3.3 (Cont.)Elimination

Councillors	Votes
Cr Dixon	7
Cr Mar	3

Cr Dixon was eliminated from the voting process and voting continued.

Councillors	Votes
Cr Celi	4
Cr Mar	6

As Cr Mar received an absolute majority of votes, she was declared elected as Deputy Mayor of the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

COUNCIL DECISION

In accordance with Council's Governance Rules, Councillor Mar received an absolute majority of votes cast and was declared elected as Deputy Mayor for a one-year period from 15 November 2022 to the next Annual Council Meeting in November 2023.

Cr Dixon as outgoing Deputy Mayor provided a speech.

Cr Mar as incoming Deputy Mayor provided a speech.

4 MEETING CLOSE

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 6.45pm.

Confirmed this 22nd day of November 2022

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Mayor, Cr Steve Holland, Chairperson - Council