



# Council Agenda



**Campaspe**  
Shire Council

**Date:** 14 November 2023

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Venue:** Echuca Civic Centre

**Photo Left to Right:** Cr Tony Marwood, Cr Colleen Gates (Deputy Mayor), Cr Paul Jarman, Cr Daniel Mackrell, Cr Rob Amos (Mayor), Cr Leanne Pentreath, Cr Chrissy Weller, Cr Adrian Weston and Cr John Zobec.

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For an unscheduled meeting of the Campaspe Shire Council held on Tuesday 14 November 2023, commencing at 5:30 pm at the Council Chambers, Echuca Civic Centre.

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

The Shire of Campaspe is the traditional lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Yorta Yorta Peoples.

We respect and acknowledge their unique Aboriginal cultural heritage and pay our respect to their ancestors, descendants and emerging leaders as the Traditional Owners of this Country.

We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region.

## **Opening Prayer**

We pray to almighty God that our decisions as a Council be in the best interest of the people, culture and the environment of the Shire of Campaspe.

Amen

## **Meeting Procedures**

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## 1 Apologies

Cr Pentreath has provided a Leave of Absence to the Mayor for a duration of three months until February 2024.

## 2 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

In accordance with Section 130(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* Councillors are required to disclose any conflict of interest in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council meeting.

## 3 Acknowledgements

### Councillor Service Awards 2023

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) recognises Councillors for their long service to communities by hosting the annual Councillor Service Awards.

Councillor Gates and Councillor Weston were each recently recognised for 10 years of service in 2023.

Councillor Colleen Gates, Kyabram Deakin Ward, served as Councillor at Hobsons Bay City Council as from November 2013 to October 2020. During this time Cr Gates served as Mayor from November 2014 to November 2015 and October 2019 to October 2020. Cr Gates was elected to Campaspe Shire Council in October 2020 and serves as Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Adrian Weston, Waranga Ward, was elected to Campaspe Shire Council in October 2012 and served as Mayor from November 2016 to October 2020.

## 4 The year that was

Mayor Rob Amos will reflect on the last 12 months, the year that was.



## 5 Office of the Deputy Mayor and Setting the term of Office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

<b>Directorate:</b>	Office of the CEO
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Office of the CEO Support Officer
<b>Manager:</b>	CEO Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

### 1. PURPOSE

The process for the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor is set out in rule 6 of the Campaspe Shire Council Governance Rules (the Governance Rules).

Initially, in accordance with section 20A of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) and rule 6.2 (2) of the Governance Rules, Council may by resolution, determine to establish an office of the Deputy Mayor.

Council must also, under section 26(3) of the Act and rule 6.2(4) of the Governance Rules, determine whether the term of office of the Mayor will be for a one- or two-year period. However, given this is the last year of a four-year term, the term of office will be one year.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

1. **Resolve to establish the office of Deputy Mayor.**
2. **Determine that the term of office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be for a period of one year from 14 November 2023.**

### 3. DISCUSSION

#### Office of the Deputy Mayor

The role of the Deputy Mayor is to support the Mayor in the performance of civic and ceremonial duties and in the exercise of Mayoral powers. These powers may be exercised where the Mayor is unable to attend the whole or part of a council meeting, incapable of performing the duties of the office of Mayor or when the office of the Mayor is vacant.

Council may, by resolution, determine to establish an office of the Deputy Mayor in accordance with section 26(3) of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) and rule 6.2 (2) of the Governance Rules.

#### Term of the office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

In accordance with section 20A of the Act and rule 6.2(4) of the Governance Rules, Council must determine whether the term of office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (if applicable) will be for a one- or two-year period, prior to the relevant election.

The Victorian Electoral Commission has announced that the next local council elections will be held in October 2024. As there is only one year remaining in the terms of the current Council, any determination of the term of the office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor may only be for one year.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

Nil.

#### **5. STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

##### **Council Plan 2021-2025**

The election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (if applicable) supports all aspects of the strategic direction of the Council Plan.

#### **6. POLICIES AND RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS**

The process by which the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor is held is outlined in rule 6 of the Campaspe Shire Council Governance Rules.

#### **7. LEGAL AND STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS**

Section 9(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) provides that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

The election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (if applicable) is held in accordance with sections 20A and 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

#### **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Section 9(2)(g) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) provides that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

There are no direct financial implications in relation to this report.

#### **9. ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct economic, social or environmental implication raised by this report.

#### **10. ISSUES AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

##### **Issues:**

Nil.

##### **Risk:**

Risk management has been considered in the preparation of this report and no risks with a high or extreme rating have been identified in this process.

#### **11. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) requires members of Council staff to disclose any general or material conflict of interest in matters to be considered at a Council Meeting.

The officer preparing this report has no conflict of interest in the matters raised therein.

## **12. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

The *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* (Vic) has been considered and there are no inconsistencies to note in the matters discussed in this report.

## **13. INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION**

The preparation of this report was carried out in accordance with the Officer's delegation.



## 6 Election of Mayor

<b>Directorate:</b>	Office of the CEO
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Office of the CEO Support Officer
<b>Manager:</b>	CEO Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

### 1. PURPOSE

A Councillor must be elected as the Mayor of the Council under section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and the process by which an election of the Mayor is held is set out in rule 6 of the Campaspe Shire Council Governance Rules (the Governance Rules).

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

**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 14 November 2023.**

### 3. DISCUSSION

The role of the Mayor as outlined in section 18 and 19 is to:

- chair Council meetings.
- be the principal spokesperson for the Council.
- lead engagement with the municipal community on the development of the Council Plan.
- report to the municipal community, at least once each year, on the implementation of the Council Plan.
- promote behaviour among Councillors that meets the standards of conduct set out in the Councillor Code of Conduct.
- assist Councillors to understand their role.
- take a leadership role in ensuring the regular review of the performance of the Chief Executive Officer.
- provide advice to the Chief Executive Officer when the Chief Executive Officer is setting the agenda for Council meetings; and
- perform civic and ceremonial duties on behalf of the Council.

Section 25 of the Act sets out the requirement that a Councillor must be elected as the Mayor of the Council. The process for the call for nominations and determination of the election of the Mayor is held in accordance with rules 6.4 and 6.6 of the Governance Rules.

An election of the Mayor must be held in accordance with rule 6.2(1) of the Governance Rules, including at a time as close to the end of the relevant term as is reasonably practicable. Any Councillor is eligible for the election or re-election to the office of Mayor.

#### **Nominations for the Office of Mayor (Governance Rule 6.4)**

- (1) During the Council Meeting where the election of the Mayor is to occur, the CEO will call for nominations for the position of Mayor and confirm acceptance of the nomination with the nominee.
- (2) Any Councillor nominated may refuse nomination or withdraw at any stage before the voting is finalised.
- (3) If there is only one nomination for the position of Mayor, that person is deemed to be elected Mayor.
- (4) If there is more than one nomination at the Council Meeting, the election of the Mayor will follow rule 6.6 of these Rules.

#### **Determining the Election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (Governance Rule 6.6)**

- (1) The process to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor is:
  - (a) If there is more than one nomination (each of which must be seconded), the Councillors present at the Council Meeting must vote for one of the candidates by a show of hands. In the event of a candidate receiving an absolute majority of the votes, the candidate is declared to have been elected.
  - (b) In the event that no candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes, the candidate with the fewest number of votes is declared to be a defeated candidate. The Councillors present at the Council Meeting must then vote for one of the remaining candidates by a show of hands.
  - (c) If one of the remaining candidates receives an absolute majority of the votes, they are duly elected. If none of the remaining candidates receive an absolute majority of the votes, the process set out in sub-rule (b) must be repeated until one of the candidates receives an absolute majority of the votes. That candidate will then be declared to have been duly elected.
  - (d) If after two further votes are taken neither candidate receives an absolute majority, the Council may resolve to conduct a new election at a later date and time.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

Nil.

#### **5. STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

##### **Council Plan 2021-2025**

The election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (if applicable) supports all aspects of the strategic direction of the Council Plan.

#### **6. POLICIES AND RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS**

The process by which the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor is held is outlined in rule 6 of the Campaspe Shire Council Governance Rules.

## **7. LEGAL AND STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS**

Section 9(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) provides that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

The election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (if applicable) is held in accordance with Division 4 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

## **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Section 9(2)(g) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) provides that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

There are no direct financial implications in relation to this report.

## **9. ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct economic, social or environmental implication raised by this report.

## **10. ISSUES AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

### **Issues:**

Nil.

### **Risk:**

Risk management has been considered in the preparation of this report and no risks with a high or extreme rating have been identified in this process.

## **11. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) requires members of Council staff to disclose any general or material conflict of interest in matters to be considered at a Council Meeting.

The officer preparing this report has no conflict of interest in the matters raised therein.

## **12. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

The *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* (Vic) has been considered and there are no inconsistencies to note in the matters discussed in this report.

## **13. INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION**

The preparation of this report was carried out in accordance with the Officer's delegation.

## 7 Ceremonial Mayoral Speech

Following the Election of the Mayor, the CEO may pass the Chair to the Mayor. In accordance with Governance Rule 6.8, the Mayor may then make a ceremonial speech to outline the priorities for the year ahead based on the adopted Council Plan.

## 8 Election of the Deputy Mayor

<b>Directorate:</b>	Office of the CEO
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	CEO Executive Officer
<b>Manager:</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

### 1. PURPOSE

A Councillor must be elected to be the Deputy Mayor during the Council Meeting at which the Mayor is to be elected, in accordance with rule 6.2(3) of Council's Governance Rules.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

**In accordance with the Campaspe Shire Council Governance Rules, Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ received an absolute majority of votes cast and was declared elected as Deputy Mayor for a one-year period from 14 November 2023.**

### 3. DISCUSSION

The role and powers of the Deputy Mayor is set out in section 21 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act):

#### **21 Role and powers of the Deputy Mayor**

The Deputy Mayor must perform the role of the Mayor and may exercise any of the powers of the Mayor if—

- (a) the Mayor is unable for any reason to attend a Council meeting or part of a Council meeting; or
- (b) the Mayor is incapable of performing the duties of the office of Mayor for any reason, including illness; or
- (c) the office of Mayor is vacant.

The election for the position of Deputy Mayor follows a similar process as for the election of the Mayor, as set out in sections 25 and 26 of the Act (excluding section 25(3)(a)) and rule 6.5 and 6.6 of the Governance Rules.

## **6.5 Nominations for Office of the Deputy Mayor**

(1) The process to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor is:

- (a) If there is more than one nomination (each of which must be seconded), the Councillors present at the Council Meeting must vote for one of the candidates by a show of hands. In the event of a candidate receiving an absolute majority of the votes, the candidate is declared to have been elected.
- (b) In the event that no candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes, the candidate with the fewest number of votes is declared to be a defeated candidate. The Councillors present at the Council Meeting must then vote for one of the remaining candidates by a show of hands.
- (c) If one of the remaining candidates receives an absolute majority of the votes, they are duly elected. If none of the remaining candidates receive an absolute majority of the votes, the process set out in sub-rule (b) must be repeated until one of the candidates receives an absolute majority of the votes. That candidate will then be declared to have been duly elected.
- (d) If after two further votes are taken neither candidate receives an absolute majority, the Council may resolve to conduct a new election at a later date and time.

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## **13. INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION**

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## 9 Schedule 2024 Meeting Dates and Councillor Committee Representation

### 9.1 Schedule 2024 Council Meeting Dates

<b>Directorate:</b>	Office of the CEO
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Office of the CEO Support Officer
<b>Manager:</b>	CEO Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

#### 1. PURPOSE

Council must set the date and times for all scheduled Council meetings for the following calendar year at or before the last meeting of the current calendar year. The proposed dates, times and locations for scheduled Council meetings in 2024 are set out for Council consideration.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

**That Council adopt the following dates for the 2023 Scheduled Council Meetings to be held at Echuca Civic Centre, 2 Heygarth Street Echuca, commencing at 6:00pm:**

1. **Tuesday 20 February 2024**
2. **Tuesday 19 March 2024**
3. **Tuesday 23 April 2024**
4. **Tuesday 21 May 2024**
5. **Tuesday 18 June 2024**
6. **Tuesday 23 July 2024**
7. **Tuesday 20 August 2024**
8. **Tuesday 17 September 2024**
9. **Tuesday 15 October 2024**
10. **Tuesday 19 November 2024**
11. **Tuesday 10 December 2024**

#### 3. DISCUSSION

In accordance with Governance Rule 2.1.1, Council must set the date and time for all scheduled Council Meetings for the following calendar year at or before the last meeting of the current calendar year.

Council resolved on 16 November 2022 to hold meetings at 6:00pm on the third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of January where no meeting was held and December where the meeting was held on the second Tuesday of the month.

## **Council Resolution 16 November 2022:**

*Moved by Cr Weston*

*Seconded by Cr Zobec*

*That Council:*

1. *Adopt the following dates for the 2023 Scheduled Council Meetings to be held at Echuca Civic Centre commencing at 6:00pm*
  - a) *21 February 2023*
  - b) *21 March 2023.*
  - c) *18 April 2023.*
  - d) *16 May 2023.*
  - e) *20 June 2023.*
  - f) *18 July 2023.*
  - g) *15 August 2023.*
  - h) *19 September 2023.*
  - i) *17 October 2023.*
  - j) *21 November 2023*
  - k) *12 December 2023*

### **CARRIED**

The Council Meeting schedule for 2024 has been revised to consider the interaction of meeting dates and agenda preparation with potential school and public holidays in Victoria.

As such, the following meeting schedule is proposed for the 2024 calendar year, with each meeting to commence at 6:00pm at the Echuca Civic Centre, 2 Heygarth Street Echuca:

1. Tuesday 20 February 2024
2. Tuesday 19 March 2024
3. Tuesday 23 April 2024
4. Tuesday 21 May 2024
5. Tuesday 18 June 2024
6. Tuesday 23 July 2024
7. Tuesday 20 August 2024
8. Tuesday 17 September 2024
9. Tuesday 15 October 2024
10. Tuesday 19 November 2024
11. Tuesday 10 December 2024

## 4. CONSULTATION

### Councillors:

- 3 October 2023 Council Briefing Session.

## 5. STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

### **Council Plan 2021-2025**

Council decisions made at Council meetings provide the opportunity for all areas of the Council Plan to be engaged.

The scheduling of meeting dates for the following calendar year gives the community advanced notice of upcoming meetings so that they can attend or view the meeting via the livestream on Council's website.

## 6. POLICIES AND RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Council's Governance Rules set out the requirements for the scheduling of Council Meetings for the following calendar year.

## 7. LEGAL AND STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Section 9(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) provides that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

The *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) provides the framework within which Council's Governance rules are formed and updated.

## 8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 9(2)(g) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) provides that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

The scheduling of Council Meetings does not present any identified impact on the ongoing financial viability of Council.

## 9. ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

While the scheduling of Council Meetings does have any identified direct economic, social and environmental implications for the Shire, the matters brought to Council meetings may have these implications.

## 10. ISSUES AND RISK MANAGEMENT

### **Issues:**

Nil.

### **Risk:**

Risk management has been considered in the preparation of this report and no risks with a high or extreme rating have been identified in this process.

## **11. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) requires members of Council staff to disclose any general or material conflict of interest in matters to be considered at a Council Meeting.

The preparation of this report was enacted by officers with no conflict of interest.

## **12. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

The *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* was considered in the preparation of this report, and no negative interaction was identified.

## **13. INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION**

The officer responsible for preparing this report acted within their requisite delegation.

## 9.2 Councillor Committee Representation

<b>Directorate:</b>	Office of the CEO
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Office of the CEO Support Officer
<b>Manager:</b>	CEO Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to consider the proposed Councillor appointment to the following committees for the upcoming calendar year.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

**That Council, from 14 November 2023, appoint**

- 1. Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to the Audit and Risk Committee.**
- 2. Councillor \_\_\_\_\_, Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to the CEO Performance and Remuneration Advisory Committee.**
- 3. Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ as the Campaspe Shire Council Delegate for the Municipal Association of Victoria.**

### 3. DISCUSSION

The 2023 representatives to Council Committees are currently as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Councillor Representative</b>
Audit and Risk Committee	Cr Marwood, Cr Jarman
CEO Performance and Remuneration Advisory Committee	Cr Amos, Cr Gates, Cr Weller and Cr Mackrell
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	Cr Gates

#### **Audit and Risk:**

Local Government Act 2020, Part 3—Council decision making, Div 8. 53 - Audit and Risk Committee, states:

- (1) A Council must establish an Audit and Risk Committee.
- (3) An Audit and Risk Committee must— (a) include members who are Councillors of the Council; and (b) consist of a majority of members who are not Councillors.

With three external committee members the maximum number of Councillors required is two. The Mayor may also attend as an observer.

## **CEO Performance and Remuneration Advisory Committee**

Local Government Act 2020, Part 3— Council decision making, Div 7. 44 - Chief Executive Officer and member of Council Staff, states:

- (1) A Council must develop, adopt and keep in force a Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Policy.
- (2) A Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Policy must— (a) provide for the Council to obtain independent professional advice in relation to the matters dealt with in the Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Policy.

Campaspe Shire Council's Policy states that Membership of the Committee (Members) will comprise the following:

- The Mayor, who will be the Chairperson
- Three (3) Councillors.
- An independent member (Independent Member) who may be the alternative Chairperson if elected by the Committee.

## **The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)**

The Municipal Association Delegate is appointed by Council to attend State Council Meetings, exercise Council's vote and provide regular reports to Council on their activities.

## **Other Council roles**

The role of the Mayor includes the representation of Council on the following regional LG Forums:

- Murray River Group of Councils
- Loddon Campaspe Group of Councils
- Rural Councils Victoria

## **4. CONSULTATION**

Councillors:

- 14 11 2023 Council Briefing Session.

## **5. STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

### **Council Plan 2021-2025**

The appointment of Councillors to the aforementioned committees allows for Council to fulfil its overall goals under the all strategic pillars of the Council Plan.

## **6. POLICIES AND RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS**

While not directly impacted, the Chief Executive Officer employment and remuneration policy and Council's suite of asset management policies, including rationalisation, valuation and capitalisation interact with the previously mentioned committees.

## **7. LEGAL AND STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS**

Section 9(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) provides that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

This matter is in response to Council's responsibilities under the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic).



## **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Section 9(2)(g) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) provides that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

There are no direct financial implications raised by this matter.

## **9. ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appointment of Councillors to committees lead to many positive indirect economic, social and environmental implications through the activities of these committees.

## **10. ISSUES AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

### **Issues:**

Nil.

### **Risk:**

Risk management has been considered in the preparation of this report and no risks with a high or extreme rating have been identified in this process.

## **11. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) requires members of Council staff to disclose any general or material conflict of interest in matters to be considered at a Council Meeting.

The officer responsible for this report reports no conflict of interest.

## **12. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

The *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* (Vic) has been considered in the preparation of this report and no issues have been identified.

## **13. INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION**

The officer preparing this report is acting within their delegation.

## **10 Close Meeting**

Pauline Gordon

Chief Executive Officer