



Pyrenees
Shire Council

Agenda

Statutory Meeting of Council

6:00 pm Tuesday 31 October 2023
Lexton Community Hub

Dja Dja Wurrung Country

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1. WELCOME

2. STREAMING PREAMBLE

- As the meeting Chair, I give my consent for this Statutory Council Meeting to be streamed live, recorded and published online. Anyone who is invited to read out a question or make a submission will be recorded and their voice, image, and comments will form part of that livestream and recording.
- The Chair and/or the CEO have the discretion and authority at any time to direct the termination or interruption of livestreaming. Such direction will only be given in exceptional circumstances where deemed appropriate, that may include where the content of debate is considered misleading, defamatory or potentially inappropriate to be published.
- The public is able to view this livestream via our website at www.pyrenees.vic.gov.au.
- Should technical issues prevent the continuation of the live stream, the meeting will continue as long as a quorum can be maintained and, where possible, a recording of the meeting will be published on Council's website. Where a quorum cannot be maintained, the meeting will be adjourned until the issue is resolved or the meeting postponed to another time and date in accordance with Council's Governance Rules.

3. OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we ask you to give your blessing to this Council, direct and prosper its deliberations to the advancement of your glory, and the true welfare of the people of the Pyrenees Shire.

Amen

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the people past and present of the Wadawurrung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Eastern Maar and Wotjobaluk tribes, whose land forms the Pyrenees Shire.

We pay our respect to the customs, traditions and stewardship of the land by the elders and people of these tribes, on whose land we meet today.

5. APOLOGIES

6. 2022/2023 MAYOR'S REPORT

The immediate past Mayor, Cr Eason to provide a report on the term as Mayor.

7. ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Local Government Act 2020 provides that:

Section 25 Election of Mayor

- (1) At a Council meeting that is open to the public, the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council.*
- (2) Subject to section 167, any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor.*
- (3) The election of the Mayor must—*
 - (a) be chaired by the Chief Executive Officer; and*
 - (b) subject to this section, be conducted in accordance with the Governance Rules.*
- (4) Subject to subsections (5) and (6), the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors.*

- (5) *If an absolute majority of the Councillors cannot be obtained at the meeting, the Council may resolve to conduct a new election at a later specified time and date.*
- (6) *If only one Councillor is a candidate for Mayor, the meeting must declare that Councillor to be duly elected as Mayor.*
- (7) *In this section, "absolute majority" means the number of Councillors which is greater than half the total number of the Councillors of a Council.*

Section 26 When is a Mayor to be elected?

- (1) *A Mayor is to be elected no later than one month after the date of a general election.*
- (2) *...*
- (3) *Before the election of the Mayor, a Council, other than the Greater Geelong City Council, must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.*

- The Council to determine if the term of Mayor is to be for one or two years.
- The Chief Executive Officer to invite nominations for position of Mayor.
- Councillors to vote on the election of the Mayor.
- The Chief Executive Officer to declare the position of Mayor.
- Immediate past Mayor, Cr Eason to be invited to present newly elected Mayor with the gavel.

The gavel is a symbol of the authority and right to act officially in the capacity of a chair. It also represents the authority of the chair; thus the expression passing the gavel signifies an orderly succession from one chair to another.

- The newly elected Mayor to take the Chair.
- Newly elected Mayor to thank Cr Eason on the year of service as Mayor.

8. OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Local Government Act 2020 provides that:

Section 20A Office of Deputy Mayor

- (1) *"A Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor."*

Section 27 Election of Deputy Mayor

- (1) *Section 25, other than subsection (3)(a), applies to the election of a Deputy Mayor by the Councillors as if any reference in that section to the Mayor was a reference to the Deputy Mayor.*
- (2) *Section 26 applies to the election of a Deputy Mayor as if any reference in that section to the Mayor was a reference to the Deputy Mayor.*

- Councillors to consider whether to appoint a Deputy Mayor, and if so for what term.

9. PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Outgoing Mayor Cr Eason to be presented with a gift in recognition of the year of service as Mayor.

Ms Jenny Eason to be presented with a gift in recognition of the contribution to the community and the support to the Mayor over the past year.

Councillors to be recognised for their contribution to the Pyrenees Shire Council for their completed term in office.

10. ITEMS FOR DECISION

10.1. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

10.1.1. COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES

Kathy Bramwell – Director Corporate and Community Services

Declaration of Interest: As author of this report, I have no disclosable interest in this item.

File No: 18/02/04

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to determine Councillor representation on committees.

BACKGROUND

Each year at the Statutory Meeting of Council, the Council determines the Councillor representation on committees. Below is a list of Committees showing Councillor representation as adopted by Council at its 2022 Statutory Meeting.

Committee	Dept	Staff Member	Councillor
EXTERNAL - FORMAL			
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	CEO	CEO	Cr Clark / Cr Vance
Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA)		N/A	Any Councillors
Central Highlands Councils Victoria (CHCV)	CEO	CEO	Mayor
Rural Councils Victoria Executive Committee	CEO	N/A	Cr Vance
Rural Councils Victoria (RCV)	CEO	CEO	Mayor
Grampians Central West Waste & Resource Recovery Group	A&DS	N/A	Cr Ferrari
Central Highlands LLEN	CEO	N/A	Cr Clark
Timber Towns Victoria	A&DS	Director A&DS	Cr Vance
National Timber Councils Association	A&DS	Director A&DS	Cr Vance
Central Highlands Regional Partnership	CEO	CEO	N/A
Western Highway Action Committee (WHAC)	A&DS	Director A&DS	Cr Ferrari
Sunraysia Highway Action Committee	A&DS	Director A&DS	Cr Eason
Committee for Ballarat	CEO	CEO	Mayor
Beaufort Bypass – EES Technical Reference Group	A&DS	Director A&DS	N/A
Beaufort Bypass – Public Engagement Group (PEG)	A&DS	N/A	Cr Ferrari
Central Victoria Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA)	CEO	Director A&DS	Cr Clark
Central Highlands Children and Youth Area Partnership	C&CS	Director C&CS / Manager Community	N/A
Grampians Women’s Health – CoRE Governance Group	C&CS	Director C&CS	N/A
Rail Freight Alliance	A&DS	Director A&DS	Cr Eason
Grampians Pyrenees Primary Care Partnership (GPPCP)	C&CS	CEO / Manager Community	N/A
Ballarat Rail Action Committee	A&DS	Director A&DS	Cr Clark
EXTERNAL – REPRESENTATIVE ONLY			
Pyrenees Community Safety Advisory Group	C&CS	Director C&CS	Mayor
Library Advisory Council	C&CS	Director C&CS / Manager GRC	N/A
Business for Beaufort	CEO	N/A	Cr Ferrari

Advance Avoca	CEO	N/A	Cr Eason
Beaufort Secondary College Committee		N/A	Cr Ferrari
Youth Foundations Victoria Beaufort Initiative	C&CS	N/A	Cr Kehoe
Langi Kal Kal Community Advisory Group	CEO	CEO	Cr Clark

Committee	Dept	Staff Member	Councillor
INTERNAL			
Audit & Risk Committee	C&CS	Director C&CS	Cr Vance / Cr Ferrari
Services & Assets Management Steering Group	A&DS	Director A&DS	Cr Vance
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC)	C&CS	MEMO	Cr Kehoe
CEO Review	CEO	CEO	All Councillors plus an independent professional advisor
COMMITTEES OF MANAGEMENT			
Beaufort Community Bank Complex	C&CS	Manager GRC / Director C&CS	Ward Councillor
Brewster Hall	C&CS	Manager GRC / Director C&CS	Ward Councillor
Landsborough Community Precinct	C&CS	Manager GRC / Director C&CS	Ward Councillor
Snake Valley Hall	C&CS	Manager GRC / Director C&CS	Ward Councillor
Waubra Recreation Reserve	C&CS	Manager GRC / Director C&CS	Ward Councillor
Lexton Community Hub (when determined)	C&CS	Manager GRC / Director C&CS	Ward Councillor

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

The Council is requested to determine the allocation of Councillors to the various committees that Pyrenees Shire Council is associated with for the 2023/24 year.

A list of current assignments is included in the previous section of this report and the only changes recommended from the previous year are:

- The representatives on the Council's Audit & Risk Committee are currently Cr Vance and Cr Ferrari. If either of these Councillors are elected as Mayor from October 2023, it is recommended that an alternate Councillor be nominated to this position.
- The Central Highlands Councils Victoria (CHCV) has been replaced by the Greater Ballarat Alliance of Councils (GBAC).
- Cr Vance has resigned from the Board of Timber Towns Victoria.
- Council officer primary representation for Community Asset Committees has changed from the Director Corporate & Community Services to the Manager Community Wellbeing & Partnerships.
- Council officer representation on the Pyrenees Community Safety Advisory Group has changed from the Director Corporate & Community Services to the Manager Planning & Development.

A full list of recommended representatives is included in the Officer Recommendation.

COUNCIL PLAN / LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

Enabling Principles

- b. Provide transparency and accountability
- c. Use resources efficiently and effectively

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

FINANCIAL / RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial or risk implications associated with this report.

CONCLUSION

Annually, at its Statutory Meeting, the Council reviews its representation to the range of committees it participates in. This report provides an update on this representation and provides any recommendations for change.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoints the following Councillors as representatives on committees as listed below for the 2023/24 year:

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Committee			
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