

OFFICIAL

Unscheduled Council Meeting

Minutes

13 November 2023 at 6:30pm

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Sturt Street,
Ballarat





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The next Ordinary Meeting of the Ballarat City Council will be held on Wednesday 22 November 2023.

1. WELCOME AND OPEN OF MEETING

Cr Des Hudson, Mayor, opened the meeting.

"Good evening, ladies and gentlemen and to those that are joining us online. Welcome to our Statutory meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2023/2024 period."

2. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

A formal Welcome to Country was not performed due to a late apology.

3. OPENING DECLARATION

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

Mayor: *"I would first like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, the Wadawurrung People, and recognise their continuing connection to the land and waterways. I pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People."*

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4.1 Present

Cr Des Hudson
Cr Daniel Moloney
Cr Ben Taylor
Cr Samantha McIntosh
Cr Belinda Coates
Cr Mark Harris
Cr Amy Johnson
Cr Peter Eddy
Cr Tracey Hargreaves

Mr Evan King - Chief Executive Officer
Ms Bridget Wetherall - Director Infrastructure and Environment
Mr Matthew Wilson - Director Community Wellbeing
Ms Natalie Robertson - Director Development and Growth
Mr Martin Darcy - Director Economy and Experience
Ms Vivienne Murphy - Head of Executive and Civic Services
Mr Cameron Montgomery - Executive Manager Governance and Risk
Ms Sarah Anstis - Statutory Compliance Officer
Ms Lyndsay Leingang - Administration Officer Statutory Compliance
Mr Stephen Wright - Administration Assistant Compliance

4.2 Apologies

Nil

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

6. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES

6.1. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2023/24

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:

That Council determine the Mayoral term be for one year.

Moved: Cr Samantha McIntosh
Seconded: Cr Tracey Hargreaves

CARRIED
(R169/23)

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer presented the outgoing Mayor, Cr Des Hudson with a gift and the Mayoral book on behalf of the community.

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer presented Anne, partner of Cr Des Hudson with a gift for her support of the Mayor throughout his term, on behalf of the community.

Cr Des Hudson addressed the gallery to acknowledge the gift and provide an outgoing speech.

Acting Chairperson, Evan King, Chief Executive Officer advised that he received three nominations for the position of Mayor for the year 2023/24, being Cr Des Hudson, Cr Amy Johnson, and Cr Belinda Coates. These nominations were put forward for consideration.

Cr Des Hudson confirmed his nomination.
Cr Amy Johnson confirmed her nomination.
Cr Belinda Coates confirmed her nomination.

A majority of Councillors, through a show of hands, voted to elect Cr Des Hudson as Mayor for the Ballarat City Council for 2023/24 Council year.

Cr Des Hudson left the Council Chamber and returned wearing the City of Ballarat Mayoral Chains and Robe.

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer presented the incoming Mayor for the 2023/24 term, Cr Des Hudson, upon his return to the Council Chamber, with a gift on behalf of the community as a gesture to recognise the esteem in which the position of the Mayor is held.

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer presented the incoming Mayor's partner, Anne, with a gift as a gesture to recognise the esteem in which the position of the Mayor's partner is held and in recognition of the support that will be forthcoming for the Mayor over the next year.

Acting Chairperson, Evan King, Chief Executive Officer invited Mayor, Cr Des Hudson to take the Chair.

Mayor, Cr Des Hudson addressed the Council and Public Gallery to acknowledge receipt of the gift and provide a speech as the new Mayor of Ballarat.

6.2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2023/24

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:

That Council determine the Deputy Mayoral term be for one year.

Moved: Cr Daniel Moloney

CARRIED

Seconded: Cr Amy Johnson

(R170/23)

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer presented outgoing Deputy Mayor, Cr Amy Johnson with a gift on behalf of the community.

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer presented the outgoing Deputy Mayor with a gift for her partner, Carl, who could not attend, as a gesture to recognise the support given to the Deputy Mayor over the last year.

The outgoing Deputy Mayor, Cr Amy Johnson, acknowledged receipt of the gifts and addressed the gallery.

Cr Des Hudson, Mayor, advised that the Chief Executive Officer received two nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the year 2023/24, being Cr Peter Eddy and Cr Belinda Coates. These nominations were put forward for consideration.

Cr Peter Eddy confirmed his nomination.

Cr Belinda Coates confirmed her nomination.

A majority of Councillors, through a show of hands, voted to elect Cr Peter Eddy as Deputy Mayor for the Ballarat City Council for 2023/24 Council year.

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer presented the incoming Deputy Mayor for the 2023/24 term, Cr Peter Eddy, with a gift as a gesture to recognise the esteem in which the position of the Deputy Mayor is held.

Evan King, Chief Executive Officer presented the incoming Deputy Mayor's partner, Maxine, with a gift as a gesture to recognise the esteem in which the position of Deputy Mayor's partner is held and in recognition of the support that will be forthcoming for the Deputy Mayor over the next year.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Peter Eddy addressed the Council and Public Gallery.

7. OFFICER REPORTS

6.1. 2024 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION FOR COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL BODIES

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

PURPOSE

1. The report is for Council to adopt the Councillor Representation for Committees and External Bodies for 2023-2024.

RESOLUTION:

7. That Council:
 - 7.1 Disband the Tourism Events Stakeholder Reference Group.
 - 7.2 Revoke the Terms of Reference for the Tourism Events Stakeholder Reference Group endorsed on 23 June 2021 (R126/21).
 - 7.3 Thank the Committee members for their contribution to the Tourism Events Stakeholder Reference Group.
 - 7.4 Endorse the 2023-24 appointments of Councillor Representation on Committees, Boards, Organisations and Groups as detailed in Attachment 2, and these appointments be effective as of 14 November 2023.
 - 7.5 Ensure that all the Committees, Board, Organisations and Groups are notified of Council's revised representatives.

Moved: Cr Daniel Moloney
Seconded: Cr Belinda Coates

CARRIED
(R171/23)

