

AGENDA



FOR THE UNSCHEDULED MEETING OF COUNCIL

To be held on Tuesday 26 November 2024

Commencing at 6.30 PM in the

Mount Alexander Shire Council Chamber,

Civic Centre

**Corner Lyttleton Street and Lloyd Street, Castlemaine VIC
3450.**

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

To start the official proceedings

**I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Djaara country
of which the members and elders of the Djaara Djaara community and their
forebears have been custodians for many centuries
and have performed age old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal.
We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region.**

**Council Meetings are audio and video recorded and are made available to the public via
electronic media including YouTube.**

1. PRESENT

2. APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

4. MAYORAL TERM

Under Section 26(3) of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act), before the election of the Mayor, a Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for one (1) year or a two (2) year term. In accordance with the Act, where Council does not otherwise nominate a term of office for the Mayor, the Mayoral Term shall be for one year.

In accordance with Section 9.5.6 of the Governance Rules 2023, should Council choose to establish the role of Deputy Mayor then it shall do so for the same period as the Mayoral Term.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council elects the Mayor for a one (1) year term.

OR

That Council elects the Mayor for a two (2) year term.

5. ELECTION OF MAYOR

In accordance with Section 9 of the Governance Rules 2023, the Chief Executive Officer as chairperson must invite nominations for the office of Mayor and confirm acceptance of the nomination with the nominee for the ensuing Mayoral Term.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, the election of Mayor shall be by show of hands and must be elected by an absolute majority of Councillors which means the number of Councillors greater than half the total number of the Councillors of a Council.

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.

In accordance with section 25(6) of the Act, if only one Councillor is a candidate for Mayor, the Meeting must declare that Councillor to be duly elected as Mayor.

There will be an opportunity for Councillors to congratulate the incoming Mayor after the election.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council elects Councillor..... as Mayor of the Mount Alexander Shire Council for the Mayoral Term.

6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Council may also choose to appoint a Deputy Mayor, in accordance with Section 20A of the Act. In accordance with Section 9.5 of the Governance Rules 2023 such election must follow the same process as that applied to the election of the Mayor.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, the election of the Deputy Mayor shall be by show of hands and must be elected by an absolute majority of Councillors which means the number of Councillors which is greater than half the total number of the Councillors of a Council.

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.

In accordance with section 25(6) of the Act, if only one Councillor is a candidate for Deputy Mayor, the Meeting must declare that Councillor to be duly elected as Deputy Mayor.

There will be an opportunity for Councillors to congratulate the incoming Deputy Mayor after the election.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoints a Deputy Mayor and elects Councillor..... as the Deputy Mayor of the Mount Alexander Shire Council for the Mayoral Term noting that the Deputy Mayor 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, in accordance with Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2020 during absences of the Mayor.**

7. OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

In accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government Act 2020, A person elected to be a Councillor is not capable of acting as a Councillor until the person has taken the oath or affirmation of office in the manner prescribed by the regulations.

The oath or affirmation of office must be administered by the Chief Executive Officer, dated and signed before the Chief Executive Officer; and recorded in the minutes of the Council, whether or not the oath or affirmation was taken at a Meeting of Council.

Councillors elected for the 2024-2028 electoral term undertook their Oath or Affirmation of Office before the Chief Executive Officer, Darren Fuzzard on 14 November 2024.

Signed copies of the Oath or Affirmation of Office for each Councillor are shown on the following pages.

Councillor Affirmation of Office




I, Lucas Moddock, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.


I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

Signed before the Chief Executive Officer

Signature 
Name Lucas Moddock
Date 14.11.24

Witnessed by the Chief Executive Officer

Signature 
Name DARREN FUZZARD
Date 14/11/24

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I, Matthew Prissell, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.


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I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

Signed before the Chief Executive Officer

Signature 
Name Matthew Prissell
Date 14/11/24

Witnessed by the Chief Executive Officer

Signature 
Name DARREN FUZZARD
Date 14/11/24

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I, PHILLIP WALKER, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

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I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

Signed before the Chief Executive Officer

Signature

Name

PHILLIP WALKER

Date

14.11.2024

Witnessed by the Chief Executive Officer

Signature

Name

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I, ROSALIE HASIMELU, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.


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I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

Signed before the Chief Executive Officer

Signature 
Name ROSALIE HASIMELU
Date 11. 11. 2024

Witnessed by the Chief Executive Officer

Signature 
Name DARREN FUZZARD
Date 14/11/24

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I, Rosie Annear, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

Signed before the Chief Executive Officer

Signature 
Name ROSIE ANNEAR
Date 14/11/24

Witnessed by the Chief Executive Officer

Signature 
Name DARREN FUZZARD
Date 14/11/24

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Councillor Oath of Office



I, Anthony Cordy, swear by Almighty God (or the person may name a god recognised by the person's religion) that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

Signed before the Chief Executive Officer

Signature Anthony Cordy
Name AN CORDY.
Date 14/11/24.

Witnessed by the Chief Executive Officer

Signature [Signature]
Name DARREN FUZZARD
Date 14/11/24

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Councillor Oath of Office




I, TOBY GERARD HEYDAN, swear by Almighty God (or the person may name a god recognised by the person's religion) that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.


I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

Signed before the Chief Executive Officer

Signature 
Name TOBY G HEYDAN
Date 14 NOVEMBER 2024

Witnessed by the Chief Executive Officer

Signature 
Name DARREN FUZZARD
Date 14/11/24

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Councillor Oath of Office

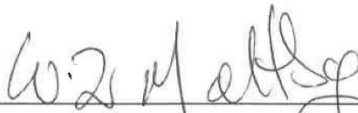


I, WILLIAM MALTBY, swear by Almighty God (or the person may name a god recognised by the person's religion) that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.

Signed before the Chief Executive Officer

Signature 
Name WILLIAM MALTBY
Date 14/11/2024

Witnessed by the Chief Executive Officer

Signature 
Name DARREN FUZZARD
Date 14/11/24

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