

MEETING OF THE EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 AT 5.00PM

PRESENT

Councillor Norm Brennan, Councillor Peta Betts, Councillor Marg Bull, Councillor Ashley Hall, Councillor Mac Wallace

COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT:

Mr Adam McSwain, General Manager, Mr John Harvie, Director Economic and Business Development, Mrs Caroline Wallis, Director Corporate Services, Mr Oliver McNaulty, Director Infrastructure, Ms. Collen O'Connor, Finance Manager, Mr Mark Dalzell, Manager Engineering Assets, Mrs Julie Rogers, Manager Environmental Services, Ms. Michelle Cobb, Manager Tourism & Economic Development, Mrs Helen Flisher, Human Resources/Risk Manager, Mr Cian Middleton, Communications & Engagement Officer, Mrs Belinda Perrett Executive Assistant.

GALLERY MEMBERS:

The Gallery was occupied by one member of the media; 3 interested residents.

GUESTS: Nil

CHAIRMANSHIP OF MEETING:

The General Manager, Mr Adam McSwain, chaired the meeting as Retuning Officer prior to the Mayoral Election.

INTERPRETATION:

In these Minutes "the Council" means the Edward River Council

DECLARATION OF MEETING OPEN:

The General Manager, Mr Adam McSwain, formally declared the meeting open at 5.00pm

192/17 LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

An apology was tendered for the non-attendance of Councillor Nick Metcalfe, Councillor Norm McAllister, Councillor Peter McCrabb and Councillor Pat Fogarty

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Nil

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

“I would like to acknowledge that we are here today on the land of the Wamba Wamba Perrepa Perrepa people. I would also like to acknowledge and pay my respects to past Aboriginal Elders, the present Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who reside within this area, and their future generations.”

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

I have come here as a Councillor freely and without bias to:

- Represent the views of the community in considering the matters before us today
- To vote in a matter I consider to be in the best interest of the community
- To observe the Code of Conduct and respect the rule of the chair and views of my fellow Councillors.

193/17 SUBJECT: OATH AND AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

**FROM: ADAM MCSWAIN
General Manager**

Moved Councillor Brennan

That:

1. each councillor makes the Oath of Office or Affirmation of Office at or before the first Council meeting in accordance with S233A.
2. the General Manager or delegate receives and maintains the signed Oaths or Affirmations in the corporate records system
3. Council records in the minutes of the Council meeting the making of the Oath or Affirmation by each individual Councillor.

Seconded Councillor Wallace

CARRIED

Prior to the Council meeting Councillor Nick Metcalfe signed the Affirmation of Office.

The following Councillors proceeded to take the Oath of Office

Councillor Norm Brennan

Councillor Peta Betts

Councillor Margaret Bull

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The following Councillors proceeded to take the Affirmation of Office

Councillor Ashley Hall

Councillor Mac Wallace

Following the Council meeting the Affirmation of Office was taken by

Councillor Patricia Fogarty

Councillor Norm McAllister

Councillor Peter McCrabb

194/17 SUBJECT: ELECTION OF MAYOR – SEPTEMBER 2017-2019

**FROM: ADAM MCSWAIN
GENERAL MANAGER**

Moved Councillor Hall

That a ballot for Mayor to hold office for two years be conducted using the ordinary ballot system.

Seconded Councillor Bull

CARRIED

The General Manager advised that there was one nomination received for the position of Mayor:-

Councillor Nominated	Norm Brennan
Nomination made by Councillor	Pat Fogarty
Seconded by Councillor	Mac Wallace

The General Manager then called for any other nominations and none were received.

As there were no other nominations the Returning Officer declared that Councillor Brennan is elected to the position of Mayor for a two-year term.

The Mayor, Cr Brennan, then took the chair and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

195/17 SUBJECT: ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR – SEPTEMBER 2017-2019

**FROM: ADAM MCSWAIN
General Manager**

Moved Councillor Hall

That Council elect a Deputy Mayor to hold office for two years and that the ordinary ballot system be used.

Seconded Councillor Bull

CARRIED

The General Manager advised that there was one nomination received for the position of Mayor:-

Councillor Nominated	Patricia Fogarty
Nomination made by Councillor	Norm Brennan
Seconded by Councillor	Mac Wallace

The General Manager then called for any other nominations and none were received.

As there were no other nominations the Returning Officer declared that Councillor Fogarty is elected to the position of Deputy Mayor for a two-year term.

The Mayor took the Chair at 5.15pm and expressed his thanks to the former Administrator, Councillor Ashley Hall for the work he had done.

196/17 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved Councillor Hall (Previous Administrator)

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held 5 September 2017 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Seconded Mayor Cr Brennan

CARRIED

197/17 SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

**FROM: ADAM MCSWAIN
General Manager**

Moved Councillor Hall

That Council receives the Administrators Report to the Community and approves its publication on Council's website.

Seconded Councillor Wallace

CARRIED

198/17 SUBJECT: COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2017-2018

**FROM: GENERAL MANAGER
Adam McSwain**

Moved Councillor Hall

That Council defer the decision until the October meeting when there will be a full complement of Councillors.

Seconded Councillor Bull

CARRIED

199/17 SUBJECT: INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 August 2017

**FROM: FINANCE MANAGER
Colleen O'Connor**

Moved Councillor Wallace

That Council:

1. Note and receive the Report on Investments totaling \$43,447,149 inclusive of cash at bank for day-to-day operations;
2. Note that actual interest received for the month of August 2017 was \$61,269.
3. Note that accrued interest earned to 31 August 2017 but not yet received was \$498,506.

Seconded Councillor Hall

CARRIED

200/17 SUBJECT: PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS

FROM: DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES
Caroline Wallis

Moved Councillor Hall

That Council tables the pecuniary interest returns in accordance with S450A of the Local Government Act 1993.

Seconded Councillor Wallace

CARRIED

Meeting closed 5.25pm