



**STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD  
ON TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2015, COMMENCING AT 5.00 P.M. AT THE EUROA  
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE CENTRE.**

**Councillors:** Colleen Furlanetto (Seven Creeks Ward)  
(assumed Chair following election as Mayor)  
Malcolm Little (Hughes Creek Ward)  
Alister Purbrick (Lake Nagambie Ward)  
Patrick Storer (Honeysuckle Creek Ward)  
Debra Swan (Lake Nagambie Ward)

**Outgoing Mayor:** Debra Swan

**Officers:** Steve Crawcour - Chief Executive Officer  
Roy Hetherington - Director, Asset Services  
David Woodhams - Director, Corporate and Community  
Emma Kubeil - Acting Director, Sustainable Development

**Apologies:** Councillor Robin Weatherald (Mount Wombat Ward)  
Councillor Graeme (Mick) Williams (Seven Creeks Ward)  
Phil Howard - Director, Sustainable Development

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## **BUSINESS**

### **1. Welcome**

### **2. Introduction of Temporary Chair**

In accordance with Meeting Procedures Local Law No.1, the Chief Executive Officer acted as Temporary Chair until the position of Mayor was filled.

### **3. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners**

*I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting. I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the more recent custodians of the land*

### **4. Report by Outgoing Mayor**

The outgoing Mayor, Debra Swan, commented on major achievements of Council and significant events held during the municipal year just concluded.

She also conveyed her thanks to her fellow Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer and staff for their assistance and support over the past three years during her Mayoral terms, and acknowledged the progress made which has ensured the financial sustainability of the Shire. She also commended the current positive outlook for what could be some challenging years ahead due to impact of Federal and State Government constraints.

### **5. Election of Mayor for forthcoming year**

Section 71(1) of the Local Government Act 1989 requires that Councillors must elect a Councillor to be Mayor of the Council.

Council's Meeting Procedure Local Law No. 1 determines that the office of Mayor shall be for a term of 12 months from the date of the election of that office. Any Councillor is eligible for the election or re-election to the office of Mayor.

A nomination for Mayor must be seconded by another Councillor. If more than one nomination for Mayor is received, Council's Local Law No. 1 determines that voting for the Mayor be conducted by a show of hands.

Nominations for Mayor were called for by the Temporary Chair.

**CRS SWAN/STORER -**

**That Councillor Furlanetto be nominated as Mayor for the forthcoming year.**

Councillor Furlanetto accepted the nomination.

The Temporary Chair called for any further nominations.

There being no further nominations, the following *Motion* was put forward.

***That Councillor Colleen Furlanetto be duly elected Mayor for the forthcoming year.***

01/16

**ON BEING PUT, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

**6. Response by Incoming Mayor – Councillor Colleen Furlanetto**

A copy of the incoming Mayor's response is attached (Page 5).

**7. Incoming Mayor to assume Chair for remainder of Meeting**

The incoming Mayor assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**8. Election of Deputy Mayor for forthcoming year**

Council's Meeting Procedure Local Law No. 1 determines that the office of Deputy Mayor (if relevant) shall be for a term of 12 months from the date of the election of that office. Any Councillor is eligible for the election or re-election to the office of Deputy Mayor.

A nomination for Deputy Mayor must be seconded by another Councillor. If more than one nomination for Deputy Mayor is received, Council's Local Law No. 1 determines that voting for the Deputy Mayor be conducted by a show of hands.

Nominations for Deputy Mayor were called for by the Chair.

***CRS SWAN/STORER -***

**That Councillor Little be nominated as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year.**

Councillor Little accepted the nomination.

The Chair called for any further nominations.

There being no further nominations, the following *Motion* was put forward.

***That Councillor Malcolm Little be duly elected Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year.***

02/16

***ON BEING PUT, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED***

**9. 2016 Council Meeting Timetable**

Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month (except January), at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

Council recently put forward a proposal to change the monthly Ordinary Council meeting timetable, proposing to conduct the monthly Ordinary Council meetings alternately between Euroa and Nagambie and also to commence the meetings at 4.00 p.m. The determination on the proposal was deferred for consideration at this meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**For determination.**

9. 2016 Council Meeting Timetable (cont.)

**CRS LITTLE/SWAN –**

That Ordinary Meetings of Council continue to be held on the third Tuesday of every month (except January when no meeting is held) at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, commencing at 6.00 p.m., with Planning Committee meetings continuing to being held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month (except January when there are no meetings held), at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, commencing at 4.00 p.m.

03/16

**ON BEING PUT, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

10. Councillor Committees Representation – 2015/2016

Councillor representation on the following Committees is intended to create an indirect association with various organisations and for Council to provide input, if and when required. Councillor representation (including a substitute representative, if appropriate) on the attached Committees is now sought.

**RECOMMENDATION**

For determination.

**CRS SWAN/LITTLE –**

That the Committees and Boards Councillor Representations be as indicated in the following listings.

04/16

**ON BEING PUT, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.19 P.M.**

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the Meeting

  
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Chair

15/12/15  
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Date

**Councillor Committees / Boards Representation – 2015/2016**

<b>SPECIAL COMMITTEES</b>		<b>COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE/S</b>	
<b>Planning Committee</b>		Chair – Cr Little All Councillors	
<b>ADVISORY COMMITTEES</b>		<b>COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE/S</b>	
<b>Audit Committee</b>		Cr Williams Cr Purbrick (substitute)	
<b>Nagambie Waterways Advisory Committee</b>		Chair - Cr Purbrick Cr Swan (substitute)	
<b>Sustainable Development Reference Group</b>		Chair - Cr Williams Cr Little Cr Swan (substitute)	
<b>New Listings</b>			
<b>Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group</b>		Cr Swan Cr Furlanetto (substitute)	
<b>Access and Disability Advisory Committee</b>		Cr Furlanetto Cr Williams (substitute)	
<b>EXTERNAL COMMITTEE</b>	<b>COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>EXTERNAL COMMITTEE</b>	<b>COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE</b>
<b>Municipal Association of Victoria</b>	Mayor Cr Little (substitute)	<b>Hume Region Local Government Network</b>	Mayor
<b>Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee</b>	Mayor (Chair)	<b>Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group</b>	Cr Swan Cr Weatherald (substitute)
<b>Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corporation</b>	Cr Swan	<b>Goulburn Valley Community Road Safety Council</b>	Cr Williams Cr Storer (substitute)
<b>Victorian Local Governance Association</b>	Cr Furlanetto	<b>Goulburn Broken Greenhouse Alliance</b>	Cr Swan Cr Weatherald (substitute)
<b>L2P (Learners to Probationary Licence) Program Committee</b>	Cr Storer Cr Little (substitute)		

### INCOMING MAYOR'S SPEECH

Firstly, Councillor Swan for the last three years; this has seen Council achieve so much – thank you for your efforts, honesty, integrity and the respect you have shown our ratepayers / Councillors / Chief Executive Officer / staff.

Fellow Councillors, we are entering our fourth year of this Council term.

I thank you humbly for supporting me as Mayor of the Strathbogie Shire Council and the year ahead.

This is no time for coasting or slowing down. This is a year to really capitalize; building on the positives of this Council, on behalf of ratepayers, being a sound, stable, strategic and respectful team.

It is imperative for us to focus on the complex service delivery of Council and our future, to respect the needs of our community, balanced with the capacity of our Council and community.

Delivery on our Council Plan and Budget, which sees us in a time of significant change with rate capping, Federal and State grants continually being squeezed. These are only a few of the challenges for all in local government.

Our operations of Council, led by Steve Crawcour, supported by committed and invested staff, as most live within our Shire, is a credit to the organization.

I know we will build on the foundation as a Council team.

All in local government in 2015/16 are facing significant change. Strathbogie is not alone.

I look forward to a very productive year, tackling challenges, holding an building onto opportunities.

Councillor Colleen Furlanetto

**MAYOR**



