



STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY MEETING OF THE STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2016 AT THE EUROA COMMUNITY
CONFERENCE CENTRE COMMENCING AT 6.00 P.M.

Councillors:	Amanda McClaren	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
	Malcolm Little	(Hughes Creek Ward)
	John Mason	(Seven Creeks Ward)
	Kate Stothers	(Honeysuckle Creek Ward)
	Debra Swan	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
	Alistair Thomson	(Mount Wombat Ward)
	Graeme Williams	(Seven Creeks Ward)

Officers:	Steve Crawcour - Chief Executive Officer
	Phil Howard - Director, Sustainable Development
	Roy Hetherington - Director, Asset Services
	David Roff - Acting Director, Corporate and Liveability
	Caroline Wallis - Group Manager, Corporate and Liveability

BUSINESS

1. Introduction and Welcome by Temporary Chair (Chief Executive Officer) /
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'*
2. Apologies

Nil
3. Temporary Chair (Chief Executive Officer) to provide overview of the Council
Elections process
4. Statutory Reports
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Act 1989
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BUSINESS

1. Introduction and Welcome by Temporary Chair (Chief Executive Officer) / Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners

In accordance with Council's Meeting Procedure Local Law, the Chief Executive Officer will act as Temporary Chair until the position of Mayor is filled.

2. Apologies

3. Temporary Chair to provide an overview of the Council Elections Process

The Temporary Chair will provide a report on the conduct of the Council elections.

Voting for the 2016 Shire of Strathbogrie Council elections was held by postal vote, with voting closing at 6.00 p.m. on Friday 21 October 2016. Counting of votes closed on Monday 31 October 2016 and the Election Declared on Wednesday 2 November 2016/

Voting for the Honeysuckle Creek Ward, Mount Wombat Ward and Hughes Creek Ward (1 Councillor for each Ward) was conducted using the Preferential voting system, the process of which is outlined below. The preferential counting system is used when only one person is to be elected.

To win an election that is being counted using the preferential system, the candidate must have more than half of the total votes. This is known as an absolute majority.

At the close of voting, election officials count all of the number "1" votes (first preferences) for each candidate. If a candidate gets more than half the total first preference votes, that candidate is elected.

If none of the candidates has an absolute majority, the candidate with the smallest number of first preference votes is excluded. That candidate's ballot papers are then transferred to the remaining candidates according to the second preferences marked.

If there is still no candidate with an absolute majority, then the candidate who now has the fewest votes is excluded. That candidate's votes are transferred to the remaining candidates according to the preferences marked on them. This process continues until one candidate has an absolute majority and the candidate is then declared elected.



3. Temporary Chair to provide overview of the Council Elections Process (cont.)

Voting for the Lake Nagambie Ward and Seven Creeks Ward (2 Councillors for each Ward) was conducted using the Proportional Representation voting system, the process of which is outlined below. The proportional counting system is used when more than one person is to be elected. It ensures that the required number of candidates are elected in proportion to their support in the electorate.

Candidates must win a specific proportion (or quota) of votes to be elected. The quota is calculated by dividing the total number of formal ballot papers by one more than the number of vacancies to be filled, and adding 1 to the result.

$$\frac{\text{number of formal votes}}{\text{number of vacancies} + 1} + 1 = \text{quota}$$

A candidate who achieves the required quota is elected.

For example, if there were 15,000 formal votes to fill two vacancies, a candidate would need 5,001 votes to be elected.

When a candidate receives more votes than the quota, the candidate's surplus votes are transferred to the remaining candidates according to the preferences on the ballot papers. Because it is not possible to tell which votes elected the candidate and which are surplus, all the candidate's votes are transferred, but at a value less than 1. The value of the transferred votes is worked out by dividing the surplus by the total number of ballot papers for the candidate. Each ballot paper transferred to another candidate has this value.

Any candidate who has gained the quota once the surplus votes have been transferred is elected.

If there are still vacancies to fill once the surplus votes have been distributed, the candidate with the lowest number of votes is excluded. The excluded candidate's ballot papers are then transferred to the remaining candidates (at the value they were received) according to the preferences on them.

This process of transferring surpluses from elected candidates and distributing preferences from excluded candidates continues until all positions have been filled.

3. Temporary Chair to provide overview of the Council Elections Process (cont.)

At the conclusion of the counting of votes, the following candidates were declared elected due to having the most votes for their respective Wards. The successful candidates are listed in the alphabetical order of the Wards in which they were elected.

Kate Stothers	Honeysuckle Creek Ward
Malcolm Little	Hughes Creek Ward
Debra Swan	Lake Nagambie Ward (1st elected)
Amanda McClaren	Lake Nagambie Ward (2nd elected)
Alistair Thomson	Mount Wombat Ward
John Mason	Seven Creeks Ward (1st elected)
Graeme Williams	Seven Creeks Ward (2nd elected)

A copy of the voting report from the Victorian Electoral Commission is attached, which includes specific details of voter numbers in each Ward, number of formal and informal votes received, number of votes per candidate, etc. (refer Attachments – Pages 19-31).



4. STATUTORY REPORTS

4.1 Oath of Office and Councillor Code of Conduct

In accordance with Section 63 of the Local Government Act 1989, a person elected to be a Councillor is not capable of acting as a Councillor until the person has -

- Taken the Oath of Office (Section 63(1)(a); and
- Read the Councillor Code of Conduct and made a declaration stating that they will abide by the Councillor Code of Conduct (Section 63(1)(b))

Both the Oath and the Declaration are to be in writing, signed and dated, and witnessed by the Chief Executive Officer.

In accordance with Section 64 of the Local Government Act 1989, the office of a Councillor becomes vacant if a person elected to be a Councillor does not, within three months after election -

- Take the Oath of Office; and
- Make the required Declaration

It should be noted that all incoming Councillors must read their Council's Code of Conduct and make a written declaration that they will abide by it before taking (and remaining) in office.

Councillors will be invited to take the Oath of Office and Councillor Code of Conduct Declaration in the order in which they were elected.

For Councillors' information, under Section 76C of the Local Government Act 1989 (Councillor Code of Conduct) -

A Council must, within the period of four months after a general election—

- (a) call a special meeting solely for the purpose of reviewing the Councillor Code of Conduct; and
- (b) at that special meeting, approve any amendments to be made to the Councillor Code of Conduct determined by the Council to be necessary following the review of the Councillor Code of Conduct.

Copies of the Oaths of Office and Councillor Code of Conduct Declaration are attached (Pages 32-45).

4.2 Response by Newly-Elected Councillors

All Councillors will be given the opportunity to address the meeting.



4.3 Register of Interests

In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 1989, Councillors must, within forty days of making the Declaration of Office of a Councillor, submit a Primary Return, in the prescribed form to the Chief Executive Officer. The return details the holding by the Councillor of any positions with companies, any beneficial interest exceeding \$10,000 in such companies or other bodies, the address and details of land owned in the municipal district and/or in an adjoining municipality, the beneficial interest in any trusts, and declaration of any other substantial interest in which he or she or any member of his or her family have an interest.

A Councillor is also required to submit an ordinary return on 30 June or within forty days of 30 June, and 31 December or within forty days of 31 December in subsequent years during his or her term of office.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

01/17 CRS SWAN/LITTLE : That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

4.4 Provision of a Mayoral Motor Vehicle

Council may determine whether or not a motor vehicle is provided for use by the Mayor. Council has, in past years, determined that a second-hand vehicle would be provided for use by the Mayor and/or Councillors, or as a staff 'pool' vehicle, if available. The offer of the provision of a vehicle is at the discretion of the elected Mayor.

Council may also determine whether the Mayor sacrifices an amount for the additional cost of having private use of the Mayoral vehicle. In past years, the serving Mayor agreed to sacrifice an amount of \$200 per month from the Mayoral Allowance.

RECOMMENDATION

For determination.

CRS WILLIAMS/SWAN -

- 1. That a second-hand vehicle be provided for the Mayor and/or Councillors, or as a staff 'pool' vehicle, if available.**
- 2. That the Mayor sacrifice an amount of \$200 per month for private use of the vehicle.**

02/17

ON BEING PUT, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

4.5 Fixing of the Annual Councillor Allowance and Annual Allowance for the Mayor in accordance with Section 74, 74A & 74B of the Local Government Act 1989

A Council must pay to each of its Councillors the allowance specified in any Order in Council made by the Minister for Local Government for the purpose of this Section from time to time.

Under section 73B of the Local Government Act 1989, the Minister must, at least once every year, review the limits and ranges of Councillor and Mayoral allowances. Any adjustment to the allowances is at the Minister's discretion following the review. Adjustments in previous years have been in the order of 2.5%.

For Councillors, the allowance is set by an Order in Council dated 26 November 2015, and effective from 1 December 2015 (refer Attachments – Page 25), and is set to be between \$8,121 and \$19,350 plus an additional allowance of 9.5% (the equivalent of the superannuation guarantee contribution). For the Mayor, the allowance is to be set at up to a limit of \$57,812, plus the additional allowance of 9.5% (the equivalent of the superannuation guarantee contribution). A Mayor is not entitled to receive an allowance as a Councillor if he or she is receiving an allowance as a Mayor.

In determining the allowances ranges, Councils are divided into three categories based on the income and population of each Council. A copy of the listing of categories is attached for Councillors' information (refer Attachments - Pages 26-29)

Payment of annual allowances must not exceed more than one month in advance.

For 2015/2016, the Councillor allowance was set at \$19,350, plus the additional allowance of 9.5%, being the equivalent of the superannuation guarantee contribution.

For 2015/2016, the Mayoral allowance was set at \$43,075, plus the additional allowance of 9.5%, being the equivalent of the superannuation guarantee contribution.

Council is bound by the allowances previously paid in its determination of Councillor and Mayoral allowances for the forthcoming year. Any adjustment factor determined by the Minister will be factored into the allowances, if and as required.

Section 74(1A) reads: "A council may review and determine the level of Councillor allowance and the Mayoral allowance after an Order in Council is made by the Governor in Council under section 74B that varies the limits or ranges of allowances payable to Council".

There are no provisions for a separate allowance for a Deputy Mayor, if a Deputy Mayor is elected. A Deputy Mayor, if elected, receives the same allowance as a Councillor.

4.5 Fixing of the Annual Councillor Allowance and Annual Allowance for the Mayor in accordance with Section 74, 74A & 74B of the Local Government Act 1989 (cont.)

Council is also required to review the level of Mayoral and Councillor allowances, as per legislation detailed below -

Section 74 of the Local Government Act 1989 'Councillor and Mayoral Allowances', in part, states that -

- (1) *A Council must review and determine the level of the Councillor allowance and the Mayoral allowance within the period of 6 months after a general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is later.*

For Strathbogie Shire Council, the review of allowances will commence with a public notice in newspapers generally circulating throughout the Shire in December 2016 to ensure completion by 30 June 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That, pending the outcome of the review, the Mayoral allowance remain at \$43,075 per annum, and the Councillor allowances remain at \$19,350 per annum, plus the sum equivalent to the superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 9.5%) in both instances,
2. That, following the outcomes of the Minister for Local Government's review, the level of allowances be adjusted as required by the Minister or an Order in Council published in the Victoria Government Gazette.
3. That a review of Mayoral and Councillor allowances be commenced in December 2016 with a public submission process under section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

03/17 **CRS McCLAREN/MASON** : *That the Recommendation be adopted.*

CARRIED



4.6 Councillors' Expense Allowance

Within Section 75 of the Act, provision exists for the reimbursement of expenses to Councillors in the following manner:-

A Council may reimburse Councillors or members of Council Committees for necessary out-of-pocket expenses incurred while performing duties as a Councillor or Committee member.

Council has adopted a Councillors' Expense Entitlement Policy covering:

- Family Care
- Travelling expenses (if to a Council-related or Council-endorsed event)
- Study Grants (if Council-endorsed)
- Fax/Phone/Computer Equipment
- Insurances
- Conferences and other approved meetings
- Stationery and other Councillor support
- Procedures for claiming of Expenses

Reimbursement of expenses for event attendances will only be considered for approval if attendance is relevant and / or of benefit to Council, or the Shire in general.

Reimbursement of expenses for attendance at non-Council meetings will only be considered for approval if the meeting is for a Council-endorsed external Committee, as per listings under Item 4.13, or as agreed to by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

04/17 CRS LITTLE/WILLIAMS : That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

4.7 Council Meeting Timetable for Forthcoming Year

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

Special Council meetings are scheduled on an 'as required' basis, for example, Tenders that may require endorsement to enable a contract to commence, receiving of submissions under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, etc.

4.7 Council Meeting Timetable for Forthcoming Year (CONT.)

RECOMMENDATION

For determination.

CRS THOMSON/STOTHERS -

That Council meetings be conducted on a rotational basis at townships throughout the Shire, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

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ON BEING PUT, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

4.8 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.

Under Section 71(2), the Council may resolve to elect a Mayor for a term of two (2) years. This decision must be made before the Mayor is elected. If no decision is made, the term of the Mayor remains as one (1) year.

Council's Local Law No. 1 - Meeting Procedure sets the term at one (1) year.

Nominations will be called for by the Temporary Chairman. Nominations must be seconded by another Councillor.

Council's Local Law No. 1 determines that voting for Mayor be done by show of hands.

Councillors will need to, firstly, consider the following in the determination of this item -

- Term of appointment for the Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

For determination.

CRS SWAN/WILLIAMS -

That the Mayoral term be for one (1) year.

06/17

ON BEING PUT, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

4.8 Election of Mayor for Forthcoming Year (cont.)

RECOMMENDATION (cont.)

CRS SWAN/WILLIAMS NOMINATED COUNCILLOR AMANDA MCCLAREN.

COUNCILLOR MCCLAREN ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS, COUNCILLOR MCCLAREN
WAS DULY ELECTED MAYOR FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.**

4.9 Response by Incoming Mayor

4.10 Determination / Election of Deputy Mayor for Forthcoming Year

It is at the discretion of Council as to whether a Deputy Mayor is elected. It should be noted that a Deputy Mayor does not receive a separate allowance; their allowance is the same as for a Councillor. There is no additional allowance if a Deputy Mayor is required to Chair Council meetings in the absence of the Mayor.

Council's Meeting Procedure Local Law states that –

- (1) *If the Mayor is unable to attend a Council meeting for any reason:*
 - (a) *the Deputy Mayor will be acting Chair;*
 - (b) *if no Deputy Mayor has been elected, an acting Chair shall be elected; and*
 - (c) *the Chief Executive Officer shall chair any meeting to determine the Chair.*

Section 73 of the Local Government Act 1989 states that –

73. Precedence of Mayor

- (1) *The Mayor of a Council takes precedence at all municipal proceedings within the municipal district.*
- (2) *The Mayor must take the chair at all meetings of the Council at which he or she is present.*
- (3) *If there is a vacancy in the office of Mayor or the Mayor is absent, incapable of acting or refusing to act, the Council must appoint one of the Councillors to be the acting Mayor.*
- (4) *An acting Mayor may perform any function or exercise any power conferred on the Mayor.*

4.10 Determination / Election of Deputy Mayor for Forthcoming Year (cont.)

An excerpt from the Good Governance Guide, a collaboration between the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA), Local Government Professionals (LGPro) and Local Government Victoria (LGV) reads -

The Local Government Act 1989 does not deal with the election of a Deputy Mayor. Accordingly, Councils may choose to appoint a Deputy Mayor if they believe this will assist their governance. The Act does not prescribe a role or permit a level of remuneration over and above that available to Councillors.

There are arguments for and against having a deputy mayor and each Council must make its own decision.

Councillors will need to consider the following in the determination of this item -

- Whether to elect a Deputy Mayor
- If not electing a Deputy Mayor, that, in the absence of the Mayor, an Acting Mayor/Chair must be nominated and appointed, on an 'as needs' basis, for any meetings / representations / events, etc., which require the Mayor/Acting Mayor's attendance..

RECOMMENDATION

For determination.

CRS STOTHERS /SWAN -

That Council not elect a Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year.

07/17

ON BEING PUT, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

4.11 Incoming Mayor to assume Chair for remainder of Meeting

4.12 Councillor Committees / Boards Representation – 2016/2017

In past years, Councillors have had representation on the following Committees / Boards. Representation was instigated to create an indirect association with various organisations and for Council to provide input, if and when required.

Councillor representation (including a substitute representative) on the Committees / Boards is now sought.

RECOMMENDATION

As determined.


COUNCILLOR COMMITTEES / BOARDS REPRESENTATION – 2016/2017


SPECIAL COMMITTEES	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/SUPPORT	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS	FUNCTION
Planning Committee	All Councillors Chair - Cr Little	CEO / DSD / MSD / PP / DAS / ADCL	2nd & 4th Tuesdays	Committee of Council to hear and determine planning applications of a significant nature or not processed by officers under delegation.
	CRS GW/DS			
ADVISORY COMMITTEES	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/SUPPORT	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS	FUNCTION
Audit Committee	Cr Mason Cr Williams (<i>substitute</i>)	CEO / Directors / Independent Chairman, Independent Internal Auditor, 2 community representatives	Quarterly	Committee formed to oversee Internal Audit and Risk Management systems.
	CRS GW./ML			
Nagambie Waterways Advisory Committee	Two Councillors Chair - Cr McClaren Cr Swan	CEO	Bi-Monthly	Committee of Council appointed to set policy and direction for the Nagambie waterways recreational and commercial users, to ensure that the activities on the Nagambie waterways meet the objectives and vision of Council as set out in the Council Plan.
	CRS KS/GW			
Access and Disability Advisory Committee	Cr Williams Cr Swan (<i>substitute</i>)	CDO-Access and Inclusion / 1 Senior Strathbogie Shire Council staff member		To liaise with community members and provide advice and recommendations to Strathbogie Shire Council regarding access and equity.
	CRS ML/DS			

<p>Sustainable Development Reference Group</p>	<p>Two Councillors Cr Williams Cr Stothers</p>	<p>DSD / MSD / 10 community representatives / 4 Agency representatives</p>	<p>At least quarterly</p>	<p>The key responsibility of the Committee is to provide feedback and advice to Council on the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing for the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use and development of public land. • Protecting natural resources and maintaining the ecological processes and genetic diversity. • Securing safe and liveable urban and rural environments. • Conserving and enhancing culturally or socially significant buildings or areas. • Facilitating sustainable development. • Balancing the present and future interests of all Shire residents and visitors.
<p>Tourism, Arts and Culture Advisory Group (Yet to be convened)</p>	<p>CRS DS/JM Two Councillors Chair - Cr Thomson Cr Swan CRS GW/JM</p>	<p>GMCL / MSD / 3 Business/Tourism groups representatives / 4 community representatives</p>		<p>The objectives of the Committee are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a formal mechanism for Council to consult with key stakeholders, seek specialist advice and enable community participation in the development and implementation of a Tourism, Arts and Culture Strategy Plan. • Act as advocates and champions for Tourism, Arts and Culture programs and projects with the Shire that are of community benefit. • Provide a forum for discussion of tourism, arts and culture industry trends and best practice in the Local Government sector.

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/SUPPORT	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS	FUNCTION
Municipal Association of Victoria	Mayor <i>Cr Swan</i> <i>(Substitute)</i>	CEO / Shire representative on State body	Bi-annual	Legislated peak body for local government in Victoria, supporting Councils and Councillors.
Hume Region Local Government Network	CRS JM/GW Mayor	CEO	Quarterly	Speak and vote on issues relevant to Strathbogrie Shire / represent interests of Strathbogrie Shire and local government sector. Advocate and lobby on behalf of Strathbogrie Shire and NE Region. Share information with regional Councils.
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee	Mayor (<i>Chair</i>)	DAS / Emergency services/disaster relief services	Bi-annually	Coordinating group for local disaster and emergency planning.
Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group (GVWRRG)	Cr Thomson Cr Mason <i>(Substitute)</i> Cr Mason <i>Waste Management Engineer - forum representative</i> CRS ML/GW	DAS / Industry Board	Quarterly	GVWRRG supports 6 councils (Shepparton, Campaspe, Moira, Mitchell, Murrindindi and Strathbogrie) to work with their communities to minimise waste. Representative of Council on Forum. Nomination for Board Director
Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corporation	Cr Swan CRS GW/JM	Community representative / Regional Council Library Corporation members	Quarterly	To advise and represent Strathbogrie Shire on development of municipal regional libraries.

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the Meeting


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Chair


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Date



ATTACHMENTS



Strathbogrie Shire Council election results 2016

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Ward	Voting Count Method
Honeysuckle Creek Ward	Preferential
Hughes Creek Ward	Preferential
Lake Nagambie Ward	Proportional representation
Mount Wombat Ward	Preferential
Seven Creeks Ward	Proportional representation



Honeysuckle Creek Ward (1 vacancy)

The following candidate has attained more than 50% of the total first preference votes (absolute majority) and is successful.

More information on [preferential counting](#).

Successful candidates

Successful: STOTHERS, Kate

Count summary

Enrolment: 1379



Formal Votes: 1050

Informal Votes: 55 (4.98% of the total votes)

Votes Counted: 1105 (80.13% of the total enrolment)

First preference votes

Please note: all first preference percentages have been rounded to two decimal points.

Candidate	First preference votes	Percentage
MAHER, Tom	422	 40.19%
STOTHERS, Kate	628	 59.81%



Hughes Creek Ward (1 vacancy)

The following candidate has attained more than 50% of the total first preference votes (absolute majority) and is successful.

More information on [preferential counting](#).

Successful candidates

Successful: LITTLE, Malcolm

Count summary

Enrolment: 1345

Formal Votes: 987

Informal Votes: 36 (3.52% of the total votes)

Votes Counted: 1023 (76.06% of the total enrolment)

First preference votes

Please note: all first preference percentages have been rounded to two decimal points.

Candidate	First preference votes	Percentage
LITTLE, Malcolm	539	 54.61%
GEIER, Colette	448	 45.39%



Lake Nagambie Ward (2 vacancies)

A computer count has been conducted and the following candidates are successful.

More information on [proportional counting](#).

Successful candidates

Successful: SWAN, Debra E. (*1st successful*)

Successful: McCLAREN, Amanda (*2nd successful*)

Count summary

Enrolment: 2898

Formal Votes: 2129

Informal Votes: 48 (2.20% of the total votes)





Votes Counted: 2177 (75.12% of the total enrolment)

Quota: 710

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First preference votes

Please note: all first preference percentages have been rounded to two decimal points.

Candidate	First preference votes	Percentage
SWAN, Debra E.	800	 37.58%
McCLAREN, Amanda	648	 30.44%
GARDNER, Robert	312	 14.65%
WEATHERALD, Robin Hull	369	 17.33%



Distribution Report
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Strathbogie Shire Council 2016
Lake Nagambie Ward

Election of 2 Councillors
Formal Ballot Papers included in count: 2129
Informal Ballot Papers: 48
Total Ballot Papers: 2177
Quota: 710

Count No.	Count Details	Transfer Value	Candidates					Gain/Loss	Exhausted	TOTAL	Candidates elected at this count
			SWAN, Debra E.	McCLAREN, Amanda	GARDNER, Robert	WEATHERAL, D, Robin Hull					
1	1st Preferences	1	800	648	312	369		0	2129	SWAN, Debra E.	
2	Surplus of SWAN, Debra E., 800 ballot papers distributed	0.1125	BPs	486	205	109		0			
			Value	-90	23	12		0			
			PTotal	710	702	335	381	1	0	2129	
3	Exclusion of GARDNER, Robert, 312 ballot papers from count	1	BPs	212	-312	100		0			
			Value	0	-312	100		0			
			PTotal	710	914	23	481	1	0	2129	McCLAREN, Amanda

Mount Wombat Ward (1 vacancy)

The following candidate has attained more than 50% of the total first preference votes (absolute majority) and is successful.

More information on [preferential counting](#).

Successful candidates

Successful: THOMSON, Alistair

Count summary

Enrolment: 1385




Formal Votes: 1110

Informal Votes: 20 (1.77% of the total votes)

Votes Counted: 1130 (81.59% of the total enrolment)

First preference votes

Please note: all first preference percentages have been rounded to two decimal points.

Candidate	First preference votes	Percentage
THOMSON, Alistair	618	 55.68%
TOWNSEND, Andrew	423	 38.11%
FLUHR, Ruth Marion	69	 6.22%



Seven Creeks Ward (2 vacancies)

A computer count has been conducted and the following candidates are successful.

More information on [proportional counting](#).

Successful candidates

Successful: MASON, John (*1st successful*)

Successful: WILLIAMS, Mick (*2nd successful*)

Count summary

Enrolment: 2836

Formal Votes: 2347

Informal Votes: 50 (2.09% of the total votes)

Votes Counted: 2397 (84.52% of the total enrolment)

Quota: 783

- Distribution Report ([Excel](#), 29kB)

First preference votes

Please note: all first preference percentages have been rounded to two decimal points.

Candidate	First preference votes	Percentage
MULLEY, Greg	149	6.35%
BRYDON, Charlie	211	8.99%
BOCK, Andrew	160	6.82%
SAYWELL, Shirley	342	14.57%
EGAN, Tess	125	5.33%
PEEL, Aleshia	372	15.85%
MASON, John	515	21.94%
WILLIAMS, Mick	473	20.15%

Distribution Report

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**Strathbogie Shire Council 2016
 Seven Creeks Ward**

Election of 2 Councillors

Formal Ballot Papers included in count: 2347

Informal Ballot Papers: 50

Total Ballot Papers: 2397

Quota: 783

Count No.	Count Details	Transfer Value	Candidates							TOTAL	Candidates elected at this count		
			MULLEY, Greg	BRYDON, Charlie	BOCK, Andrew	SAYWELL, Shirley	EGAN, Tess	PEEL, Alesha	MASON, John			WILLIAMS, Mick	
1	1st Preferences	1	149	211	160	342	125	372	515	473	0	2347	
2	Exclusion of EGAN, Tess, 125 ballot papers from count 1	1	BPs Value 6 PTotal 155	19 19 230	13 13 173	49 49 391	-125 -125 0	18 18 390	11 11 526	9 9 482	0 0 0	2347	
3	Exclusion of MULLEY, Greg, 149 ballot papers from count 1	1	BPs Value -149 PTotal 6	36 36 266	30 30 203	7 7 398	0 0 0	13 13 403	46 46 572	17 17 499	0 0 0	2347	
4	Exclusion of MULLEY, Greg, 6 ballot papers from count 2	1	BPs Value -6 PTotal 0	3 3 269	0 0 203	0 0 398	0 0 0	0 0 403	1 1 573	2 2 501	0 0 0	2347	
5	Exclusion of BOCK, Andrew, 160 ballot papers from count 1	1	BPs Value -160 PTotal 0	27 27 296	-160 -160 43	29 29 427	0 0 0	59 59 462	33 33 606	12 12 513	0 0 0	2347	
6	Exclusion of BOCK, Andrew, 43 ballot papers from count 2,3	1	BPs Value -43 PTotal 0	7 7 303	-43 -43 0	6 6 433	0 0 0	11 11 473	15 15 621	4 4 517	0 0 0	2347	

Count No.	Count Details	Transfer Value	Candidates							TOTAL	Candidates elected at this count			
			MULLEY, Greg	BRYDON, Charlie	BOCK, Andrew	SAYWELL, Shirley	EGAN, Tess	PEEL, Aleshia MASON, John	WILLIAMS, Mick					
7	Exclusion of BRYDON, Charlie, 211 ballot papers from count 1	1	BPs	0	-211	0	112	0	33	46	20	0		
			Value	0	-211	0	112	0	33	46	20	0		
			PTotal	0	92	0	545	0	506	667	537	0	2347	
8	Exclusion of BRYDON, Charlie, 92 ballot papers from count 2,3,4,5,6	1	BPs	0	-92	0	41	0	17	19	15	0		
			Value	0	-92	0	41	0	17	19	15	0		
			PTotal	0	0	0	586	0	523	686	552	0	2347	
9	Exclusion of PEEL, Aleshia, 372 ballot papers from count 1	1	BPs	0	0	0	74	0	-372	144	154	0		
			Value	0	0	0	74	0	-372	144	154	0		
			PTotal	0	0	0	680	0	151	830	706	0	2347	MASON, John
10	Exclusion of PEEL, Aleshia, 151 ballot papers from count 2,3,5,6,7,6	1	BPs	0	0	0	86	0	-151	0	65	0		
			Value	0	0	0	86	0	-151	0	65	0		
			PTotal	0	0	0	746	0	0	830	771	0	2347	
11	Surplus of MASON, John, 830 ballot papers distributed	0.0566265	BPs	0	0	0	253	0	0	-830	577	0		
			Value	0	0	0	14	0	0	-47	32	1		
			PTotal	0	0	0	760	0	0	783	803	0	2347	WILLIAMS, Mick

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Local Government Act 1989

MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES ADJUSTMENT

In accordance with section 73B(4)(a) of the **Local Government Act 1989**, notice is hereby given that an adjustment factor of 2.5% applies to Mayoral and Councillor allowances.

In accordance with section 73B(4)(b) of the **Local Government Act 1989**, the new limits and ranges of Mayoral and Councillor allowances, adjusted in accordance with the adjustment factor, are:

Category 1	Councillors: \$8,121–\$19,350 per annum	Mayors: up to \$57,812 per annum
Category 2	Councillors: \$10,033–\$24,127 per annum	Mayors: up to \$74,655 per annum
Category 3	Councillors: \$12,065–\$28,907 per annum	Mayors: up to \$92,333 per annum

This notice does not apply to the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillors of the Melbourne City Council, and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council.

The new adjusted limits and ranges take effect on 1 December 2015.

Dated 18 November 2015

NATALIE HUTCHINS MP
Minister for Local Government

Councillor remuneration

Councillor allowances

Mayors and councillors are entitled to receive an allowance while performing their duty as an elected official. The Victorian Government sets the upper and lower levels for allowances paid to councillors. The exception to this is the Melbourne City Council and Greater Geelong City Council whose allowances are separately fixed.

Councils are required to review allowance levels by 30 June in the year following a general election and the allowance level determined remains in effect for the full term of the council.

Allowances levels are subject to annual automatic adjustments that are announced in the Victoria Government Gazette by the Minister for Local Government. A Council can only undertake a further review of its allowance level during its term if:

- the limits set by the Government for any of the categories are changed;
- a council's category status was changed after an annual assessment found extraordinary movements in its population and revenue figures; or
- a council makes a successful submission to a Local Government Panel to have its category changed on the basis of an exceptional circumstances case.

Councillor allowance categories

Councils are divided into three categories based on the income and population of each Council.

The Minister for Local Government has approved an adjustment factor increase of 2.5% to the below Mayoral and Councillor allowances, effective 1 December 2015, under section 73B(4) of the Local Government Act 1989.

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
<p>Current Range:</p> <p>Councillors \$8,121-\$19,350</p> <p>Mayor up to \$57,812</p>	<p>Current Range:</p> <p>Councillors \$10,033-\$24,127</p> <p>Mayor up to \$74,655</p>	<p>Current Range:</p> <p>Councillors \$12,065-\$28,907</p> <p>Mayor up to \$92,333</p>
<p>Alpine Shire Council</p> <p>Ararat Rural City Council</p> <p>Benalla Rural City Council</p> <p>Borough of Queenscliffe</p> <p>Buloke Shire Council</p>	<p>Ballarat City Council</p> <p>Banyule City Council</p> <p>Bass Coast Shire Council</p> <p>Baw Baw Shire Council</p> <p>Bayside City Council</p>	<p>Boroondara City Council</p> <p>Brimbank City Council</p> <p>Casey City Council</p> <p>Darebin City Council</p> <p>Glen Eira City Council</p>

Central Goldfields Shire Council	Campaspe Shire Council	Frankston City Council
Gannawarra Shire Council	Cardinia Shire Council	Greater Bendigo City Council
Golden Plains Shire Council	Colac Otway Shire Council	Greater Dandenong City Council
Hepburn Shire Council	Corangamite Shire Council	Hume City Council
Hindmarsh Shire Council	East Gippsland Shire Council	Kingston City Council
Horsham Rural City Council	Glenelg Shire Council	Knox City Council
Indigo Shire Council	Greater Shepparton City Council	Melton Shire Council
Loddon Shire Council	Hobsons Bay City Council	Monash City Council
Mansfield Shire Council	Latrobe City Council	Moreland City Council
Mount Alexander Shire Council	Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Moonee Valley City Council
Moyne Shire Council	Manningham City Council	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
Murrindindi Shire Council	Maribyrnong City Council	Port Phillip City Council
Northern Grampians Shire Council	Maroondah City Council	Stonnington City Council
Pyrenees Shire Council	Mildura Rural City Council	Whitehorse City Council
Southern Grampians Shire Council	Mitchell Shire Council	Whittlesea City Council
Strathbogie Shire Council	Moira Shire Council	Wyndham City Council
Towong Shire Council	Moorabool Shire Council	Yarra Ranges Shire Council
West Wimmera Shire Council	Nillumbik Shire Council	City of Melbourne and Greater Geelong City Council
Yarriambiack Shire Council	South Gippsland Shire Council	
	Surf Coast Shire Council	
	Swan Hill Rural City Council	
	Wangaratta Rural City Council	
	Warrnambool City Council	
	Wellington Shire Council	
	Wodonga City Council	
	Yarra City Council	

Superannuation Guarantee

Mayoral and councillor allowances for most councils are also subject to the addition of the equivalent of the superannuation guarantee (9.5%). Councillors receiving this equivalent amount can decide to put the 9.5% into superannuation or not.

Two councils sit outside these arrangements as their councillors are already receiving the superannuation guarantee contribution proper. This is because the councils made a unanimous decision in the past to have a special classification under Australian taxation legislation that allowed their councillors to be treated as employees for superannuation purposes.

Expenses

Councillors are entitled to be reimbursed for any necessary out-of-pocket expenses they incur while performing their duties as a councillor. Councils are also required to adopt and maintain a policy in relation to the reimbursement of councillor expenses.

Councils are also required to publish in its annual report the details of the expenses paid by the council. There is a special provision in relation to travel that entitles a councillor who is travelling more than 50 kilometres from home for official duties to be paid an extra \$40 for each day they are away.



OATH OF OFFICE

I, KATE STOTHERS, will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the municipal district of the Shire of Strathbogie and faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1989 or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgment.

Signed:


.....
(..... KATE STOTHERS)
(Name)

Date:

..... 15/11/2016

Taken before me:


.....
(Steve Crawcour – Chief Executive Officer)

Date:

..... 15/11/2016





OATH OF OFFICE

I, *MALCOLM LITTLE*, will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the municipal district of the Shire of Strathbogie and faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1989 or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgment.

Signed: *Malcolm Little*
(..... *MALCOLM LITTLE*)
(Name)

Date: *15/11/16.*

Taken before me: *[Signature]*
(Steve Crowcour – Chief Executive Officer)

Date: *15/11/16.*

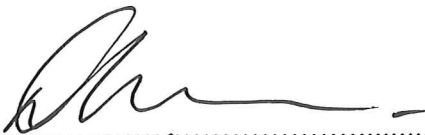
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OATH OF OFFICE

I,DEBRA SWAN....., will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the municipal district of the Shire of Strathbogie and faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1989 or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgment.

Signed:


.....
(.....DEBRA SWAN.....)
(Name)

Date:

.....15/11/2016.....

Taken before me:


.....
(Steve Crawcour – Chief Executive Officer)

Date:

.....15/11/2016.....





OATH OF OFFICE

I, AMANDA McLAREN....., will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the municipal district of the Shire of Strathbogie and faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1989 or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgment.

Signed:


.....
(AMANDA McLAREN.....)

(Name)

Date:

15/11/2016.....

Taken before me:


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(Steve Crawcour – Chief Executive Officer)

Date:

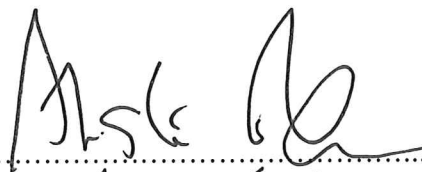
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OATH OF OFFICE

I, ALISTAIR THOMSON, will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the municipal district of the Shire of Strathbogie and faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1989 or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgment.

Signed:


.....
(ALISTAIR THOMSON.)

(Name)

Date:

15/11/16.....

Taken before me:


.....
(Steve Crawcour – Chief Executive Officer)

Date:

15/11/16.....





OATH OF OFFICE

I, Joel Mason, will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the municipal district of the Shire of Strathbogie and faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1989 or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgment.

Signed:
(Joel Mason)
(Name)

Date: 15/11/2016

Taken before me:
(Steve Crawcour – Chief Executive Officer)

Date: 15/11/2016

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OATH OF OFFICE

I, GRAEME WILLIAMS, will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the municipal district of the Shire of Strathbogie and faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1989 or any other Act to the best of my skill and judgment.

GRAEME WILLIAMS

Signed:

.....
(..... GRAEME WILLIAMS)

(Name)

Date:

..... 15/11/2016

Taken before me:

Steve Craycour
.....
(Steve Craycour – Chief Executive Officer)

Date:

..... 15/11/2016

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STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 63(1)(b)
THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989

I, KATE STOTHERS do declare that:

- a) I have read the Strathbogrie Shire Council's Code of Conduct which was adopted by the Council on **14th June 2016**; and:
- b) I will abide by the Code of Conduct.

DECLARED at EVAORA in the State of Victoria on

15th November 2016



Signature

KATE STOTHERS

Full name

Councillor

before me:



Signature

Steve Crawcour
Chief Executive Officer





STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 63(1)(b)
THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989

I, Malcolm Little do declare that:

- a) I have read the Strathbogrie Shire Council's Code of Conduct which was adopted by the Council on **14th June 2016**; and:
- b) I will abide by the Code of Conduct.

DECLARED at EUNA in the State of Victoria on 15th November 2016

Malcolm Little

Signature

Full name
Councillor

before me:

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Signature

Steve Crawcour
Chief Executive Officer

[Signature]




STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 63(1)(b)
THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989

I, DEBRA SWAN do declare that:

- a) I have read the Strathbogrie Shire Council's Code of Conduct which was adopted by the Council on **14th June 2016**; and:
- b) I will abide by the Code of Conduct.

DECLARED at EUPORA in the State of Victoria on 15th NOVEMBER 2016



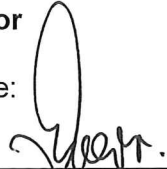
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Debra Elaine Swan

Full name

Councillor

before me:



Signature

Steve Crawcour
Chief Executive Officer



STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 63(1)(b)
THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989

I, Amanda McClaren do declare that:

- a) I have read the Strathbogrie Shire Council's Code of Conduct which was adopted by the Council on **14th June 2016**; and:
- b) I will abide by the Code of Conduct.

DECLARED at Euroa in the State of Victoria on 15th November 2016



Signature

AMANDA L. MCCLAREN
Full name
Councillor

before me:


Signature

Steve Crawcour
Chief Executive Officer





STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 63(1)(b)
THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989

I, ALISTAIR THOMPSON do declare that:

- a) I have read the Strathbogrie Shire Council's Code of Conduct which was adopted by the Council on **14th June 2016**; and:
- b) I will abide by the Code of Conduct.

DECLARED at EYEDON in the State of Victoria on 15th November 2016

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Signature

ALISTAIR THOMPSON

Full name
Councillor

before me:

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Signature

Steve Crawcour
Chief Executive Officer

[Signature]



STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 63(1)(b)
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I, John Mason do declare that:

- a) I have read the Strathbogrie Shire Council's Code of Conduct which was adopted by the Council on **14th June 2016**; and:
- b) I will abide by the Code of Conduct.

DECLARED at Evans in the State of Victoria on 15th NOVEMBER 2016

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Full name
Councillor

before me:
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Signature

Steve Crawcour
Chief Executive Officer

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STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 63(1)(b)
THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989

I, GRAEME WILLIAMS do declare that:

- a) I have read the Strathbogrie Shire Council's Code of Conduct which was adopted by the Council on **14th June 2016**; and:
- b) I will abide by the Code of Conduct.

DECLARED at Surra in the State of Victoria on 15th November 2016

GRAEME WILLIAMS

Signature

Full name
Councillor

before me:

Steve Crawcour

Signature

Steve Crawcour
Chief Executive Officer

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