



Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, 24 September 2024

**Council Chamber - Civic Centre
and via Videoconference**

Information for Councillors and the community

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Yarra Ranges Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri and other Kulin Nations as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of these lands and waterways.

We pay our respects to all Elders, past, present, and emerging, who have been, and always will be, integral to the story of our region.

We proudly share custodianship to care for Country together.



COUNCIL VISION

Whether you live here or visit, you will see how much we care for country, how inclusive and connected our communities are, and how sustainable balanced growth makes this the best place in the world.

VALUE OF HISTORY

We acknowledge that history shapes our identities, engages us as citizens, creates inclusive communities, is part of our economic well-being, teaches us to think critically and creatively, inspires leaders and is the foundation of our future generations.

COUNCILLOR COMMITMENT

We'll be truthful, represent the community's needs, be positive and responsive and always strive to do better.

OUR COUNCILLORS

Billanook Ward: Tim Heenan

Chandler Ward: David Eastham

Chirnside Ward: Richard Higgins

Lyster Ward: Johanna Skelton

Melba Ward: Sophie Todorov

O'Shannassy Ward: Jim Child

Ryrie Ward: Fiona McAllister

Streeton Ward: Andrew Fullagar

Walling Ward: Len Cox

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER & DIRECTORS

Chief Executive Officer, Tammi Rose

Director Built Environment & Infrastructure,
Hjalmar Philipp

Director Communities, Leanne Hurst

Director Corporate Services, Andrew Hilson

Director Planning and Sustainable Futures,
Kath McClusky

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YARRA RANGES COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR THE 612TH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC CENTRE AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

1 COUNCIL MEETING OPENED

Councillor Sophie Todorov (Mayor) declared the meeting open.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor then read the Acknowledgement of Country, and welcomed all present.

3 INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor Sophie Todorov (Mayor)

Councillor David Eastham (Deputy Mayor)

Councillor Andrew Fullagar

Councillor Tim Heenan

Councillor Johanna Skelton

Councillor Len Cox OAM

Officers

Hjalmar Philipp, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Andrew Hilson, Director Corporate Services

Jane Sinnamon, Acting Director Communities

Kim O'Connor, Acting Director Built Environment & Infrastructure

Amanda Kern, Acting Director Planning and Sustainable Futures

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies for this meeting were received from Councillors Jim Child, Fiona McAllister and Richard Higgins.

5 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Mayoral Announcements for this meeting.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

In accordance with Governance Rule 29.1, Cr Todorov spoke to the Motion.

Moved: Cr Todorov

Seconded: Cr Eastham

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 10 September 2024 as circulated, be confirmed.

The motion was Carried unanimously.

In Favour: Cr Heenan, Cr Eastham, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov, Cr Fullagar and Cr Cox.

Against: Nil

7 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

In accordance with Chapter 7, Rule 4, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

There were no disclosures of conflicts of interest made for this meeting.

8 QUESTIONS AND SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

In accordance with Chapter 3, Rules 57 and 59, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

There were no Questions or Submissions from the Public listed on the agenda for this meeting.

9 PETITIONS

In accordance with Chapter 3, Rule 60, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

There were no Petitions received for this meeting.

10 BUSINESS PAPER

10.1 Audit and Risk Management Committee Chair Appointment

SUMMARY

This report recommends the reappointment of Mr Stephen Schinck as the Chair of Council's Audit and Risk Management Committee (the Committee) for the period commencing 1 October 2024 to 31 May 2025.

In accordance with Governance Rule 29.1, Cr Fullagar and Cr Skelton spoke to the Motion.

Moved: Cr Fullagar

Seconded: Cr Skelton

That Council endorse the reappointment of Mr Stephen Schinck as the Chair of the Yarra Ranges Council Audit and Risk Management Committee for the period commencing 1 October 2024 to 31 May 2025.

The motion was Carried unanimously.

In Favour: Cr Heenan, Cr Eastham, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov, Cr Fullagar and Cr Cox.

Against: Nil

11 COUNCILLOR MOTIONS

In accordance with Chapter 3, Division 4, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

There were no Councillor motions listed on the agenda for this meeting.

12 ITEMS THROUGH THE CHAIR

There were no Items Through the Chair received for this meeting.

13 REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

Cr Fullagar

- Attended the Eastern Transport Coalition held on 19 September 2024 at the Yarra Ranges Council Civic Centre and via Videoconference.

Cr Skelton

- Attended the Municipal Association of Victoria Annual Conference held on 12 September 2024 at the Sofitel Melbourne. The Conference was also attended by Cr Todorov.

Cr Todorov

- Acknowledged the Councillor Service Awards received by Cr Heenan (15 Years Councillor Service) and Cr Cox (40 Years Councillor Service) at the Municipal Association of Victoria Annual Conference.

14 DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNING AND SEALING

In accordance with Clause 87 of the Meeting Procedures and Use of Common Seal Local Law 2015, as prescribed by Section 14(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 2020.

There were no Documents for Signing and Sealing received for this meeting.

15 INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCILLORS

Moved: Cr Todorov
Seconded: Cr Heenan

That the records of the Informal Meetings of Councillors, copies of which are attached to the report, be received and noted.

The motion was Carried unanimously.

In Favour: Cr Heenan, Cr Eastham, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov, Cr Fullagar and Cr Cox.

Against: Nil

16 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no Urgent Business listed on the agenda for this meeting.

17 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

In accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020.

There were no Confidential Items listed on the agenda for this meeting.

18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at: 7.14 pm.

Confirmed this day, Tuesday, 22 October 2024.

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Councillor Sophie Todorov (Mayor)

