



Shire of
Serpentine
Jarrahdale

**Swearing In Ceremony
&
Special Council Meeting
Confirmed
Minutes
Monday, 21 October 2019
7.00pm**

- Purpose:**
- Election of Shire President
 - Election of Deputy Shire President
 - Allocation of Seating

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Minutes of the Swearing In Ceremony and Special Council Meeting of the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale held on Monday, 21 October 2019 in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 6 Paterson Street, Mundijong.

Swearing In Ceremony

1. Introduction and welcome

Mr Paul Martin, Chief Executive Officer, commenced proceedings at 7.00pm, welcomed attendees, acknowledged the meeting was being held on the traditional land of the Noongar People, and paid his respects to the Traditional Owners, Elders Past, Present and Emerging.

The Chief Executive Officer welcomed Mr Athol Wigg, Justice of the Peace and Distinguished Guests, and provided an overview of the evening's programme.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the event would be conducted in two parts, firstly the Declaration by newly elected Councillors, then secondly, the Special Council Meeting involving the election of the Shire President, Deputy Shire President and determining of Councillor seating allocation.

2. Declaration of Council Members

In accordance with section 2.29 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Councillors-elect declared an Oath of Office and signed the Councillors Code of Conduct in the presence of Mr Athol Wigg, JP:

Councillor Dave Atwell.

Councillor Michael Dagostino.

Councillor Michelle Rich.

Councillor Lauren Strange.

Councillor Dean Strautins.



Special Council Meeting Minutes

Opening of Special Council Meeting

In accordance with clause 3 of schedule 2.3 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Chief Executive Officer declared the Special Council Meeting opened at 7.13pm.

1. Election of Shire President

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Shire President for the ensuing two-year term.

Two nominations were received in writing prior to the meeting, one from Councillor Michelle Rich and the second nomination from Councillor Rob Coales.

The Chief Executive Officer asked if there were any further nominations. There being no further nominations the Chief Executive Officer advised a ballot would be held for the position.

A draw was conducted for the order of names on the ballot paper.

Position No. 1 on the ballot paper was **Councillor Rob Coales**

Position No. 2 on the ballot paper was **Councillor Michelle Rich**

A ballot paper was prepared listing the candidates in the order as above.

The Chief Executive Officer advised Councillors that while there are no provisions in the *Local Government Act 1995* or the Shire's Standing Orders, in previous years, nominees for the position of Shire President have been invited to provide a short statement in favour of their candidature.

The Chief Executive Officer therefore invited the candidates to speak in the order of their position on the ballot paper. The Chief Executive Officer asked that the candidate statements be limited to three minutes.

Councillor Coales and Councillor Rich each made a statement in support of their respective nominations.

A ballot paper was issued to each Councillor with the back of the ballot paper being initialled by the Chief Executive Officer.

Councillors completed their ballot paper in a secluded booth and lodged their ballot paper in the sealed ballot box.

Once all Councillors had voted, the Chief Executive Officer counted the votes, overseen by Dr Kenneth Parker, Manager Governance, and Mr Athol Wigg, JP.

The Chief Executive Officer declared Councillor Rich as Shire President for the ensuing two-year term, expiring at the Local Government Elections in October 2021.



1.1 Declaration by Shire President

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 13(1)(c) *Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998*, the Shire President made her declaration in the presence of Mr Athol Wigg JP.

Councillor Rich assumed the Chair as the Presiding Member at 7.37pm.

2. Election of Deputy Shire President

The Presiding Member asked the Chief Executive Officer to conduct the election of the Deputy Shire President and the subsequent seating allocation.

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the position of Deputy Shire President for the ensuing two-year term.

Two nominations were received in writing prior to the meeting, one from Councillor Dave Atwell and the second nomination from Councillor Rob Coales.

The Chief Executive Officer asked if there were any further nominations. There being no further nominations the Chief Executive Officer advised a ballot would be held for the position.

A draw was conducted for the order of names on the ballot paper.

Position No. 1 on the ballot paper was **Councillor Rob Coales**

Position No. 2 on the ballot paper was **Councillor Dave Atwell**

A ballot paper was prepared listing the candidates in the order as above.

The Chief Executive Officer advised Councillors that while there are no provisions in the *Local Government Act 1995* or the Shire's Standing Orders, in previous years, nominees for the position of Deputy Shire President have been invited to provide a short statement in favour of their candidature.

The Chief Executive Officer therefore invited the candidates to speak in the order of their position on the ballot paper. The Chief Executive Officer asked that the candidate statements be limited to three minutes.

Councillor Coales and Councillor Atwell each made a statement in support of their respective nominations.

A ballot paper was issued to each Councillor with the back of the ballot paper being initialled by the Chief Executive Officer.

Councillors completed their ballot paper in a secluded booth and lodged their ballot paper in the sealed ballot box.

Once all Councillors had voted, the Chief Executive Officer counted the votes, overseen by Dr Kenneth Parker, Manager Governance, and Mr Athol Wigg, JP.

The Chief Executive Officer declared Councillor Atwell as Deputy Shire President for the ensuing two-year term, expiring at the Local Government Elections in October 2021.



2.1 Declaration by Deputy Shire President

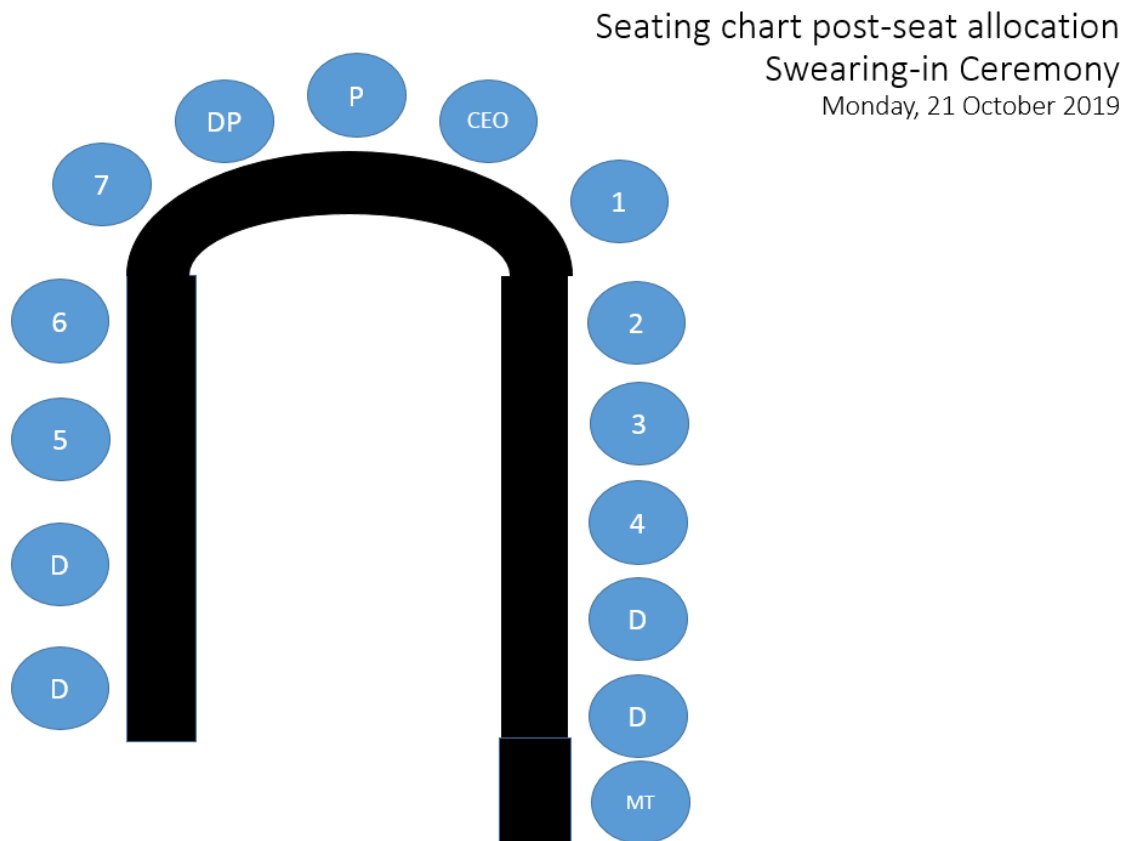
In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 13(1)(c) *Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998*, the Deputy Shire President made his declaration in the presence of Mr Athol Wigg JP.

Councillor Atwell took his seat as Deputy Shire President.

3. Allocation of seating

In accordance with Clause 8.2 of the Shire's *Standing Orders Local Law 2002* (as amended), the Chief Executive Officer conducted a random draw for the allocation of Councillor seat positions in the Chambers at Council and Committee Meetings.

The seating allocation for the ensuing two years, expiring at the Local Government Elections in 2021 is as follows:



Seat 1 – Councillor Rob Coales

Seat 2 – Councillor Bill Denholm

Seat 3 – Councillor Keira McConkey

Seat 4 – Councillor Lauren Strange

Seat 5 – Councillor Morgan Byas

Seat 6 – Councillor Dean Strautins

Seat 7 – Councillor Michael Dagostino

Following the seating allocation for Councillors, the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale's Directors took their allocated seats.



4. Attendances and apologies (including leave of absence)

In Attendance:

Councillors: M Rich.....Shire President (from 7.37pm)
D Atwell
M Byas
R Coales
M Dagostino
B Denholm
K McConkey
L Strange
D Strautins

Officers: Mr P Martin.....Chief Executive Officer
Ms H Sarcich.....Deputy CEO / Director Community Services
Mr A Trosic.....Director Development Services
Mr F Sullivan.....Director Corporate Services
Mr S Harding.....Director Infrastructure Services
Dr K Parker.....Manager Governance
Ms A Liersch.....Minutes and Agendas Officer (Minute Taker)

Invited Guests: Mr Athol Wigg, Justice of the Peace
Freeman Kirkpatrick
Freeman Rankin
Freeman Star

Observers: Members of the Public – 35
Members of the Press – 1

5. Public question time

5.1 Response to previous public questions taken on notice:

Nil.

5.2 Public questions:

Nil.

6. Public statement time

Nil.

7. Petitions and deputations

Nil.



Continued

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8. Receipt of minutes or reports and consideration of adoption of recommendations from Committee meetings held since the previous Council meeting

Nil.

9. Motions of which notice has been given

Nil.

10. Chief Executive Officer reports

Nil.

11. Urgent business

Nil.

12. Councillor questions of which notice has been given

Nil.


13. Closure

Shire President, Councillor Rich thanked retiring Councillors Gossage and Piipponen, and outgoing Councillor See for their services to the Shire, and welcomed new Councillors Dagostino, Strange and Strautins.

Cr Rich also thanked Mr Athol Wigg, JP for his role as part of tonight's meeting.

There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 8.12pm.

I certify that these minutes were confirmed at the
Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 November 2019.


Councillor Rich - Presiding Member

22/01/2020
Date