

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE WOOLGAR ROOM, RICHMOND ON
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PRESENT

Present when Mayor Wharton declared the meeting open at 8:00am were:

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Wharton, Cr Fox, Cr Brown, Cr Easton, Cr Flute, Cr Johnston

STAFF:

Chief Executive Officer – Peter Bennett, Director of Corporate Services – Peta Mitchell and Minutes Secretary – Tiana Grant

DECLARATION OF MEETING

As required by Section 169 of *the Local Government Act 2009*, each person elected to the Office of Mayor or Councillor must make a Declaration of Office before acting as the Mayor or Councillor and the Chief Executive Officer is authorised to take the Declaration of Office. Section 254 of *the Local Government Regulation 2012* prescribes the content of the Declaration.

The following Councillors took the Declaration of Office before Mr Peter Bennett, Chief Executive Officer:

Cr John Wharton
Cr Megan Easton
Cr Terry Flute
Cr Patsy-Ann Fox
Cr Sherreen Johnston
Cr Judy Brown

MAYORAL WELCOME

Cr Wharton welcomed and congratulated the new Council. Each Councillor was sent a welcome pack with Council Policies and important information. The new Councillors then signed that they had read the Policies.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Wharton called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

A nomination was received from Cr Fox.

RESOLUTION 20240409.1

It was moved Cr Brown seconded Cr Johnston and carried that Cr Patsy-Ann Fox be declared the Deputy Mayor position for Richmond Shire Council.

PORTFOLIOS

Cr Wharton advised Council of Councillor Portfolios.

Cr Wharton – Corporate Governance, Disaster Management, Regional and Economic Development, Saleyards, Rural Lands.

Cr Fox – Corporate Governance, Regional and Economic Development, Budget Review and Financial Management, Planning & Development, Disaster Management (Deputy Chair), Recovery Committee Chair, Audit Committee, Asset Management.

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Cr Easton – Roads, Aerodrome, Town Services, Workplace Health & Safety.

Cr Brown – Community Services and Development, Community Infrastructure, Youth Services, Arts and Culture, Audit Committee.

Cr Flute – Water & Sewerage, Environmental and Waste Management, Pest Management.

Cr Johnston – Tourism, Small Business, Community Events.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Wharton discussed the four major projects that he would like to see progress and potentially completed for this term.

- Funding for a bridge over the Stawell River at Cambridge Crossing
- Development of an Inland Port east of Richmond
- Stage 3 of Kronosaurus Korner Development
- Complete upgrade and lengthening to our existing Aerodrome

Cr Wharton and CEO Peter Bennett also gave an explanation on the background of Local Government and Richmond Shire Council.

Meeting closure

10:45am.

I hereby confirm that this is a true and correct record of the minutes of the Richmond Shire Council Post Election Meeting on Tuesday 09 April 2024.

Mayor