

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, RICHMOND ON
WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2020



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MINUTES

Of the

POST ELECTION MEETING

Wednesday 15 April 2020
Commencing at 8:00AM

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PRESENT

Present when the Mayor Cr Wharton declared the meeting open at 9:00am were:

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Wharton, Cr Kuhl, Cr Bawden, Cr Fox, Cr Kennedy, Cr Geary

STAFF:

Chief Executive Officer – Peter Bennett 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 Bawden
Cr Kennedy
Cr Kuhl
Cr Geary
Cr Fox

MAYORAL WELCOME

Cr Wharton welcomed and congratulated the new Council. Each Councillor was given a welcome pack with Council Policies and important information.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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

Nominations were received from Cr Kuhl and Cr Bawden.

Attendance:

Cr Kuhl & Bawden left the room at 9:03am.

Voting was conducted with Cr Bawden being elected as Deputy Mayor.

Attendance:

Cr Bawden re-entered the room at 9:10am
Cr Kuhl re-entered the room at 9:15am

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PORTFOLIOS

Cr Wharton advised Council of minor changes to Councillor Portfolios.

Cr Wharton – Corporate Governance, Disaster Management, Tourism, Regional and Economic Development

Cr Bawden – Corporate Governance, Regional Economic Development, Financial Management, Budget, Planning & Development, Disaster Management, Asset Management.

Cr Kennedy – Roads and Aerodrome

Cr Fox – Community Services and Development, Community Infrastructure, Youth Services, Community Events, Arts and Culture

Cr Kuhl – Rural Lands, Pest Management and Saleyards

Cr Geary – Waste, Water & Sewerage, Town Services, Environmental Management and Workplace Health & Safety.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Wharton went through the welcome packs with the Councillors.

Cr Wharton advised Council that he would like to see changes this term and that one will be an extra (in-formal) meeting a month to catch up on what Councillors have been doing and where their at with their portfolios.

Cr Wharton briefly spoke about a few major projects he would like to see go ahead this term.

Cr Kuhl requested to be removed from certain email databases and to add Cr Bawden, as he is now the new Deputy Mayor.

Cr Kuhl notified Council that for future disaster events, small businesses could now apply for funding even if there is no physical damage to their business. This is a direct result of working through the recovery stage of the 2019 Flooding Event with Government to get the changes made.

Meeting closure

9:45am.

I hereby confirm that this is a true and correct record of the minutes of the Richmond Shire Council Post Election Meeting Wednesday 15 April 2020.

Mayor

