

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BATHURST REGIONAL
COUNCIL**

6 July 2021

His Worship the Mayor & Councillors

**Notice of Extraordinary Meeting of Bathurst Regional Council –
Wednesday 14 July 2021**

I have to advise that an Extraordinary Meeting of Bathurst Regional Council will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 14 July 2021 commencing at 4:00 PM.



D J Sherley
GENERAL MANAGER

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
BATHURST REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD ON Wednesday 14 July 2021**

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1 RECORDING OF MEETINGS

2 MEETING COMMENCES

MINUTE

Meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

Present: Cr I North (Chair) ,Cr W Aubin, Cr B Bourke, Cr A Christian, Cr J Fry, Cr G Hanger, Cr J Jennings, Cr M Morse , Cr I North, Cr J Rudge

3 PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

MOVED: Cr A Christian SECONDED: Cr J Fry

RESOLVED:

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Declaration of Interest

MINUTE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: ORD2021-229

MOVED: Cr G Hanger SECONDED: Cr J Rudge

RESOLVED:

Nil

6 RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH GENERAL MANAGER'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS

6.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

6.1.1 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

File No: 12.00004

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council conduct an election for the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor (if required) which is currently vacant.

REPORT:

Council on 2 July 2021 received advice from the Mayor, Cr Bobby Bourke, that he would be stepping down immediately from his position of Mayor.

In these circumstances Section 295 of the Local Government Act (1993) is relevant;

295 Casual vacancy in office of mayor elected by the councillors

(1) If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of a mayor elected by the councillors, the vacancy is to be filled at a meeting of the council to be held within 14 days after the occurrence of the vacancy.

(2) If the councillors fail to elect a mayor as required by this section, the Governor may appoint one of the councillors as the mayor.

Councillor Bourke has advised he will remain as a Councillor on the Bathurst Regional Council.

Method of Election

The Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Schedule 7, prescribes how a Mayor and Deputy Mayor are to be elected.

A Nomination form is at **attachment 1** and **attachment 2** for Councillors and may be returned to me, or handed to me at the commencement of the Council meeting.

The procedure for both Elections will be:

- (i) The General Manager will be the Returning Officer;
- (ii) The General Manager will call for further nominations;
- (iii) Nominations will be closed;

- (iv) The Returning Officer will announce the names of the nominees at the Council meeting at which the election is to be held;
- (v) If more than one nomination is received, an election will be held;
- (vi) Council will be asked to resolve the form of election, if required, i.e. ordinary ballot, preferential ballot or open voting.
- (vii) The election is to be held at the Council meeting at which the Council resolves on the method of voting.

The following process for nomination applies, as per Clause 2 of Schedule 7:

1. A Councillor may be nominated without notice for election as Mayor or Deputy Mayor;
2. The nomination is to be made in writing by 2 or more Councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). The nomination is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent to the nomination in writing;
3. The nomination is to be delivered or sent to the returning officer;
4. The returning officer is to announce the names of the nominees at the Council meeting at which the election is to be held.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

BATHURST COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN – OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES:

Objective 6: Community leadership and collaboration.

Strategy 6.4 Meet legislative and compliance requirements.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

01 **Inform** - to provide the public with balanced and objective information to help them understand the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 3089 001 [6.1.1.1 - 1 page]
2. 3090 001 [6.1.1.2 - 1 page]

MINUTE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: ORD2021-230

RESOLVED:

MAYOR

One nomination for the position of **MAYOR** was received for Cr North.

There being only one nomination, Cr North was declared elected as **MAYOR** for the period to September 2021.

DEPUTY MAYOR

One nomination for the position of **DEPUTY MAYOR** was received for Cr Morse.

There being only one nomination, Cr Morse was declared elected as **DEPUTY MAYOR** for the period to September 2021.

7 MEETING CLOSE

MINUTE

The Meeting closed at 4.04 pm.

CHAIR:

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N O M I N A T I O N F O R M

ELECTION OF MAYOR

Note: This nomination is to be made by two or more Councillors, (one of whom may be the nominee) and is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent, in writing, to nomination.

This nomination is to be delivered or sent to the General Manager.

We, the undersigned Councillors, nominate:

as a candidate for the Office of Mayor, for the period 2020/2021 (July-September 2021).

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

I: _____
(Insert name of person proposed for nomination)

hereby consent to such nomination.

SIGNED: _____
(Signature of person proposed for nomination)

DATE: _____

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N O M I N A T I O N F O R M

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Note: This nomination is to be made by two or more Councillors, (one of whom may be the nominee) and is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent, in writing, to nomination.

This nomination is to be delivered or sent to the General Manager.

We, the undersigned Councillors, nominate:

as a candidate for the Office of Deputy Mayor, for the period 2020/2021 (July-September 2021).

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

I: _____
(Insert name of person proposed for nomination)

hereby consent to such nomination.

SIGNED: _____
(Signature of person proposed for nomination)

DATE: _____