



**MINUTES**

**STATUTORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MAROONDAH CITY COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY**

**20 NOVEMBER 2024**

Minutes of the Statutory Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Realm, on Wednesday 20 November 2024 at 7:30 PM.

## PRESENT

Cr Chris Jones	Barneong Ward
Cr Catherine Gordon	Bungalook Ward
Cr Claire Rex	Jubilee Ward
Cr Nathaniel Henderson	McAlpin Ward
Cr Paul Macdonald	Tarralla Ward
Cr Daniella Heatherich	Wicklow Ward
Cr Kylie Spears	Wombolano Ward
Cr Linda Hancock	Wonga Ward
Cr Rob Steane OAM	Yarrunga Ward
Steve Kozlowski	Chief Executive Officer
Tony Rocca	Chief Financial Officer
Adam Todorov	Director Assets & Leisure
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director People & Places
Andrew Fuaux	Director Strategy & Development
Emma Hills	Governance Officer
Dan Glass	Multimedia Officer

The Chief Executive Officer opened the meeting and welcomed to the gallery those that had indicated they would be in attendance including Honorary Freeman of the City, Mr Bernie Capicchiano and Dr Graeme Lorimer as well as Mr Nick McGowan MP, North Eastern Metropolitan, Mr Will Fowles MP, State Member for Ringwood and all members of the public gallery.

The Chief Executive Officer read the Statement of Recording.

A prayer was read by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chief Executive Officer.

## APOLOGIES

Nil

## MAYORAL TERM MOTION

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MOVED CR STEANE OAM, SECONDED CR SPEARS

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**THAT THE MAYOR BE ELECTED FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR THROUGHOUT THE 2024-2028 COUNCIL TERM**

**CARRIED**

**ELECTION OF MAYOR 2024/25**

The Chief Executive Officer as Acting Chair, called for nominations for the position of Mayor.

Cr Macdonald nominated Cr Spears for the position of Mayor for the coming 12 months.

The Chief Executive Officer asked Cr Spears whether she accepts the nomination.

Cr Spears accepted the nomination.

The Chief Executive Officer called for any further nominations for the position of Mayor.

As there were no further nominations, the Chief Executive Officer, as Acting Chair, declared Cr Spears elected Mayor for 2024/2025 and asked her to take the Chair.

The 'Mayoral Drop' was placed around the neck of the newly elected Mayor.

The Mayor, Cr Spears, took the Chair.

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2024/25**

The Mayor, Cr Spears called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Cr Gordon nominated Cr Hancock for the position of Deputy Mayor for the coming 12 months.

The Mayor asked Cr Hancock whether she accepts the nomination.

Cr Hancock accepted the nomination.

The Mayor called for any further nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

As there were no further nominations, the Mayor, Cr Spears declared Cr Hancock elected Deputy Mayor for 2024/2025.

All Councillors present individually offered their congratulations and support to the incoming Mayor Cr Spears and Deputy Mayor Cr Hancock.

The Deputy Mayor thanked all the Councillors and congratulated the new Mayor, Cr Spears.

The Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of Council officers offered congratulations and support to the incoming Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor, Cr Spears, spoke of her delight at being elected Mayor and congratulated the new Deputy Mayor. Cr Spears spoke of the major outcomes she is looking forward to working to achieve along with Councillors and the community over the next 12 months. Cr Spears thanked her family, all Councillors and Maroondah employees.

