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Ordinary Agenda

Special Meeting of Council

Tuesday, 6 May 2025 – 9:00am

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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General Manager's Certification

Qualified Persons Advice – Local Government Act 1993 – Section 65

Pursuant to Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* I hereby certify, with respect to the advice, information and / or recommendation provided for the guidance of Council in this Agenda, that:

1. such advice, information and / or recommendation has been given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice; and
2. where any advice is given by a person who does not have the required qualifications or experience, that person has obtained and taken into account the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person; and
3. a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice has been provided to the council.



JOHN MARIK
General Manager

Notification of Special Meeting of Council

A Special Meeting of Dorset Council will be held at the Council Chambers, 3 Ellenor Street, Scottsdale on Tuesday, 6 May 2025 commencing at 9:00am

Business of the Meeting:

1. Election | Deputy Mayor

The audio recording of the Council Meeting, except for any part held in Closed Session, will be made available to the public as soon as practicable after the meeting via Council's website and social media.



JOHN MARIK
General Manager

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Special Council Meeting - Agenda

Tuesday, 6 May 2025

Scheduled Meeting Time: 9:00am

Meeting Opened:

Present:

Apologies: Councillor James Cashion

Acknowledgement of Country

Dorset Council acknowledges the deep history and culture of the First People who were the traditional owners of the lands and waterways where we live and work. We acknowledge the clans-people who lived here for over a thousand generations on the Country where Dorset is built and throughout the area we know as the north east region.

Dorset Council acknowledge the present-day Aboriginal custodians and the inclusive contribution they make to the social, cultural and economic essence of the municipality.

PROCEDURAL ITEM

Item 72/2025 Declaration of an Interest of a Councillor or Close Associate

In accordance with Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* and the Local Government Code of Conduct for Tasmanian councillors, Councillors are requested to indicate whether any have or are likely to have a pecuniary interest (any pecuniary interest or pecuniary detriment) or conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

INTEREST DECLARED

ITEM FOR DECISION

Item 73/2025

Election | Deputy Mayor

Reporting Officer: General Manager, John Marik

Ref: DOC/25/5370

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to record the election for the office of Deputy Mayor.

Recommendation

1. That Council note that nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were received from Councillors _____;
2. That at the Special Council Meeting held on 6 May 2025, the General Manager declared that Councillor _____ be elected as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the elected term, in accordance with the process outlined in the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015*; and
3. That Council authorises that the ballot papers (if a ballot is required) for the Deputy Mayor position be destroyed.

Background

The Dorset Board of Inquiry Report was publicly released on 22 January 2025, subsequently ceasing the appointment of Commissioner Andrew Wardlaw's tenure with Dorset Council. The Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Kerry Vincent reinstated Councillors to office from 12.01am on Thursday, 23 January 2025. Soon after this reinstatement, the General Manager received resignations from multiple reinstated councillors, including Deputy Mayor Dale Jessup.

Planning, Environment and Statutory Requirements

- *Local Government Act 1993*, Section 44 (4), Section 340A
- *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015* – Division 1 | Elections of Mayor and Deputy Mayor by councillors
- *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*

Risk Management

Council have consulted with the Office of Local Government and Council's lawyers to ensure the process complies with relevant legislation.

Financial and Asset Management Implications

The *Local Government Act 1993* prescribes the requirements relating to Councillor allowances:

Section 340A - Allowances

- (1) A councillor is entitled to prescribed allowances.
- (2) A mayor and deputy mayor are entitled to prescribed allowances in addition to any allowances referred to in subsection (1).
- (2A) Allowances are to be paid in arrears.
- (3) A councillor, mayor or deputy mayor may decide not to receive part or all of an allowance.
- (4) A decision under subsection 3 is to be by written notice to the general manager of the relevant council.

	Allowance for councillors	Additional allowance for deputy mayors	Additional allowance for mayors
Annual Amount	\$15,238	\$14,585	\$38,096

Table 1: Schedule 4 – Allowances for elected members (Local Government Regulations) – Payable from 1 November 2024

The Deputy Mayor will be paid the allowance for a Councillor, along with the additional allowance for the Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the elected term, paid monthly.

Councillor allowance amounts are reviewed annually by the Local Government Division with a base amount payable specified in the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2015* and adjusted for inflation each November using an indexation process.

Community Considerations

Following the appointment of the Deputy Mayor a public announcement will be made. The Deputy Mayor will then assume all roles and functions of the position for the remainder of the elected term.

Officer's Comments

The General Manager issued all Councillors with a notice of election for the office of Deputy Mayor on Monday, 28 April 2025, with a nomination form for the role circulated via email on Wednesday, 30 April 2025 at 9am. Nominations will close at 12 noon on Monday 5 May 2025 after which the ballot paper, if required, will be prepared. At the close of the nomination period the General Manager will advise Councillors of the nominees, and whether a ballot will be required to be undertaken.

If a ballot is required, this process will be undertaken pursuant to Division 1 of the *Local Government (General Regulations) 2015*, with voting to be carried out by secret ballot at the Special Council Meeting. This ballot will be undertaken prior to the adoption of the recommendation.

Time Meeting Closed: