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Mansfield Shire

MINUTES

Additional Council Meeting

Wednesday 23 October 2024

Our aspiration for our Shire and its community

We live, work and play in an inclusive, dynamic and prosperous place where community spirit is strong and people are empowered to engage in issues that affect their lives.

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1. Opening of the meeting

Mayor Steve Rabie opened the meeting at 9:01 am.

2. Present

- Councillor Holcombe
- Councillor Rabie
- Councillor Tehan
- Councillor Webb

In Attendance:

Chief Executive Officer:

General Manager Investment & Planning:

Governance & Risk Officer:

Kirsten Alexander

Melissa Crane

Chelsea Young

3. Apologies

Councillor Paul Sladdin

4. Statement of commitment

Mayor Steve Rabie read Council's Statement and called on each Councillor to confirm their commitment:

"As Councillors of Mansfield Shire we are committed to ensuring our behaviour meets the standards set by the Mansfield Shire Councillor Code of Conduct and Councillor Charter. We will, at all times, faithfully represent and uphold the trust placed in us by the community."

5. Acknowledgement of Country

Councillor Mark Holcombe recited Council's Acknowledgement of Country:

"Our meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Taungurung people. We wish to acknowledge them as the traditional custodians and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to all members of our community."

6. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

7. Representations

Nil

8. Officer reports

8.1. Executive Services Directorate

8.1.1. Annual Report

Councillor James Tehan/Councillor Mark Holcombe:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. In accordance with section 100 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, endorse the Annual Report 2023-24 as presented; and
2. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to correct any errors including typographical in the operations report that do not materially alter the underlying message of the report.

CARRIED

Question taken on notice from Mark Holcombe: What penalties apply for non-attendance at Council Meetings?

Council response: The only penalty for non-attendance at Council Meetings is outlined in Section 35(1)(e) of the *Local Government Act 2020* which states that a Councillor ceases to hold the office of a Councillor and the office of a Councillor becomes vacant if the Councillor is absent from Council meetings for a period of 4 consecutive months without leave obtained from the Council.

Mayor Rabie invited Councillors to address the meeting in recognition of this being the final Council Meeting for this term of Council. Cr Webb, Cr Holcombe and Mayor Rabie spoke and thanks their fellow Councillors and Council staff.

9. Close of meeting

The Additional Council Meeting Agenda 23 October 2024 was closed at 9:24 am.

CONFIRMED this **twenty sixth** day of **November 2024**

Mayor