



**GANNAWARRA**  
*Shire Council*

**Special Council Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Monday, 18 November 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Senior Citizen Centre, Kerang**

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTRE, KERANG  
ON MONDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

**PRESENT:**

**Cr Daniel Bolitho  
Cr Lisa Farrant  
Cr Charlie Gillingham  
Cr Keith Link  
Cr Pat Quinn  
Cr Garner Smith  
Cr Ross Stanton**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Chief Executive Officer  
Director Corporate Services  
Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer**

**Gallery: 5**

**Media: 0**

**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Acknowledgement of Country video was played.

**2 OPENING DECLARATION**

The Councillors read the Opening Declaration.

**3 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 129(g) of the Local Government Act 2020 and Regulation 7 of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020, a Councillor does not have a conflict of interest if the matter relates to the nomination of a Councillor for the election to the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor, or the election of a Councillor to the office of Mayor or Deputy Mayor.

## 5 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

### 5.1 COUNCILLOR DECLARATION REPORT

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As outlined by the *Local Government Act 2020*, Section 30, all Councillors are required to undertake the reading of the Oath or Affirmation in front of the Chief Executive Officer as a witness to undertake their duties as a Councillor.

#### RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Cr Keith Link

**Seconded:** Cr Garner Smith

That Council note that the following Councillors have taken the Oath or Affirmation of Office as witnessed by Gannawarra Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Geoff Rollinson, as dated below:

- Cr Keith Link – Oath – 11 November 2024
- Cr Charlie Gillingham – Oath – 12 November 2024
- Cr Daniel Bolitho – Affirmation – 12 November 2024
- Cr Ross Stanton – Oath – 12 November 2024
- Cr Lisa Farrant – Oath – 12 November 2024
- Cr Garner Smith – Oath – 12 November 2024
- Cr Pat Quinn – Oath – 13 November 2024

**CARRIED**

### 5.2 OUTGOING MAYORAL ADDRESS

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chief Executive Officer will invite the 2023/2024 Mayor, Cr Ross Stanton, to provide an overview of his year as the Mayor.

#### RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Cr Charlie Gillingham

**Seconded:** Cr Pat Quinn

That Council receive and note the Outgoing Mayoral Address of Cr Ross Stanton, Mayor 2023/2024.

**CARRIED**

### 5.3 MAYORAL TERM

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 26 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and Rules 6 and 7 of Council's Governance Rules, before the election of the Mayor, Council must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a one year or a two-year term.

#### RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Cr Lisa Farrant

**Seconded:** Cr Daniel Bolitho

That Council confirms that the Mayoral term for 2024/2025 be for a period of one year.

**CARRIED**

### 5.4 ELECTION OF MAYOR

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) requires Council to elect a Mayor no later than one month after the date of general election.

The process for the election of the Mayor is detailed in the Act and Gannawarra Shire Council's Governance Rules.

The election of mayor is chaired by the Chief Executive Officer, and once elected, the Mayor will take the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

#### RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Cr Charlie Gillingham

**Seconded:** Cr Lisa Farrant

That Council elect a Councillor to be Mayor of the Gannawarra Shire Council for the 2024/2025 year.

**CARRIED**

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for position of Mayor.

Cr Keith Link nominated Cr Garner Smith for the position of Mayor, Cr Garner Smith accepted the nomination.

Cr Charlie Gillingham nominated Cr Ross Stanton for the position of Mayor, Cr Ross Stanton accepted the nomination.

Cr Garner Smith addressed the Council.

Cr Ross Stanton addressed the Council.

**Voting**

The Chief Executive Officer called for a show of hands for each candidate for the position of Mayor.

The votes recorded for Cr Garner Smith were 4 votes as follows:

- Cr Garner Smith
- Cr Keith Link
- Cr Lisa Farrant
- Cr Daniel Bolitho

The votes recorded for Cr Ross Stanton were 3 votes as follows:

- Cr Ross Stanton
- Cr Charlie Gillingham
- Cr Pat Quinn

Receiving the absolute majority of votes, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Garner Smith, Mayor of the Gannawarra Shire Council for 2024/2025.

The Chief Executive Officer placed the Mayoral Chains around Cr Garner Smith's neck and congratulated him. He then vacated the chair for the Mayor to proceed with the remainder of the meeting.

**5.5 INCOMING MAYORAL ADDRESS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The 2024/2025 Mayor will address the meeting on the year ahead.

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Ross Stanton

**Seconded:** Cr Keith Link

That Council receive and note the incoming Mayoral address.

**CARRIED**

## 5.6 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) states that a Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor to perform the role of the Mayor, and exercise any of the powers of the Mayor in certain circumstances.

The process for the election of the Deputy Mayor is detailed in the Act and the Gannawarra Shire Council Governance Rules.

### RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Cr Ross Stanton

**Seconded:** Cr Pat Quinn

That Council elect a Councillor to be Deputy Mayor of the Gannawarra Shire Council for the 2024/2025 year.

**CARRIED**

The Mayor called for nominations for position of Deputy Mayor.

Cr Keith Link nominated himself for the position of Deputy Mayor, Cr Keith Link accepted the nomination.

Cr Ross Stanton nominated Cr Lisa Farrant for the position of Deputy Mayor, Cr Lisa Farrant declined the nomination.

Cr Charlie Gillingham nominated Cr Ross Stanton for the position of Deputy Mayor, Cr Ross Stanton accepted the nomination.

Cr Keith Link addressed the Council.

Cr Ross Stanton addressed the Council.

### Voting

The Mayor called for a show of hands for each candidate for the position of Deputy Mayor.

The votes recorded for Cr Keith Link were 3 votes as follows:

- Cr Keith Link
- Cr Garner Smith
- Cr Lisa Farrant

The votes recorded for Cr Ross Stanton were 4 votes as follows:

- Cr Ross Stanton
- Cr Charlie Gillingham
- Cr Pat Quinn
- Cr Daniel Bolitho

Receiving the absolute majority of votes, the Mayor declared Cr Ross Stanton, Deputy Mayor of the Gannawarra Shire Council for 2024/2025.

The Mayor congratulated Cr Ross Stanton on becoming Deputy Mayor.

Unconfirmed Minutes

**The Meeting closed at 6.26pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 27 November 2024.**

**Mayor Garner Smith  
CHAIRPERSON**