

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



**6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 8 2022**

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## COMMUNITY VISION

### 2021–2031

*Greater Bendigo celebrates our diverse community.*

*We are welcoming, sustainable and prosperous.*

*Walking hand-in-hand with the Traditional custodians of this land.*

*Building on our rich heritage for a bright and happy future.*

The community vision is underpinned by five values –  
Transparency, sustainability, inclusion, innovation and equity.

## COUNCIL PLAN (MIR WIMBUL) – OUTCOMES

The [Council Plan](#) (Mir wimbul) is based on seven outcomes, which are the main focus of the Council Plan.

Each outcome has a set of goals, objectives and actions that will help to achieve the community vision, and indicators to measure achievement against each goal:

1. Lead and govern for all
2. Healthy, liveable spaces and places
3. Strong, inclusive and sustainable economy
4. Aboriginal reconciliation
5. A climate-resilient built and natural environment
6. A vibrant, creative community
7. A safe, welcoming and fair community

## STAFF VALUES AND BEHAVIOURS

The City of Greater Bendigo's [values and behaviours](#) describe how Councillors and staff will work together to be the best we can for our community.

They are aligned to our strategic documents, such as the Council Plan, which ensure they are meaningful for Council and the organisation.

A shared commitment to living our values and behaviours will help us to build the type of culture we need to be able to work together and support each other to deliver the best possible outcomes for the community.



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This Council Meeting is conducted in accordance with the

- Local Government Act 2020
- [Governance Rules](#)

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## **1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

We acknowledge that the City of Greater Bendigo is on Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Country.

We would like to acknowledge and extend our appreciation to the Dja Dja Wurrung People, the Traditional Owners of the land that we are standing on today.

Today, we pay our respects to leaders and Elder's past, present and emerging for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the hopes of all Dja Dja Wurrung People.

We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land, our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing and our hope that we may walk forward together in harmony and in the spirit of healing.

## **2. TRADITIONAL LANGUAGE STATEMENT**

Bangek Knoorarook Bunjil Dja Dja Wurrung  
William Talle tallingingorak wirrmbool bunjil

I honour the wisdom of the Dja Dja Wurrung.  
We will speak words of truth and listen to your wisdom

## **3. OPENING STATEMENT**

## **4. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

## 5. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

### Attendance

- Cr Andrea Metcalf
  - Cr Matthew Evans
  - Cr Jennifer Alden
  - Cr David Fagg
  - Cr Rod Fyffe OAM
  - Cr Margaret O'Rourke
  - Cr Greg Penna
  - Cr Julie Sloan
  - Cr Vaughan Williams
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- Craig Niemann, Chief Executive Officer

## 6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No attendee declared a conflict of interest.

Section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) (**the Act**) provides that a relevant person must disclose a conflict of interest in respect of a matter and exclude themselves from the decision making process in relation to that matter including any discussion or vote on the matter at any Council meeting or delegated committee meeting and any action in relation to that matter.

The procedure for declaring a conflict of interest at a Council Meeting is set out at rule 18.2.4 of the Governance Rules.

Section 126 of the Act sets out that a relevant person (Councillor, member of a delegated Committee or member of Council staff) has a conflict of interest if the relevant person has a **general conflict of interest** or a **material conflict of interest**.

A relevant person has a **general conflict of interest** in a matter if an impartial, fair minded person would consider that the person's private interests could result in that person acting in a manner that is contrary to their public duty.

A relevant person has a **material conflict of interest** in a matter if an *affected person* would gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of the matter.

## **7. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE 2022/23 TERM**

### **7.1. Election of Mayor**

The Chief Executive Officer, as Chair, called for nominations for the position of Mayor for 2022/2023.

Cr Fyffe nominated Cr Metcalf for the position of Mayor for the 2022/2023 term.

There being no further nominations, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr Metcalf elected as Mayor of the Greater Bendigo City Council for 2022/2023.

### **7.2. Congratulations to Newly Elected Mayor**

Congratulations were extended to the Mayor from fellow Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the staff, together with other messages of congratulations that had been received by the Mayor.

### **7.3. Response by Mayor 2022/23 and Mayor's Report for 2021/22**

The Mayor responded to her appointment and messages of support and was looking forward to the year ahead.

Cr Metcalf assumed the Chair.

## **8. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE 2022/23 TERM**

### **8.1. Election of Deputy Mayor**

The Mayor called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2022/2023.

Cr Sloan nominated Cr Alden for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2022/2023.

There being no further nominations, the Mayor declared Cr Alden elected as Deputy Mayor for 2022/2023.

### **8.2. Congratulations to Newly Elected Deputy Mayor**

Fellow Councillors congratulated Cr Alden on her appointment as Deputy Mayor for 2022/2023.

### **8.3. Response by Deputy Mayor for 2022/23**

The Deputy Mayor responded to her appointment.

## **9. CLOSE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, this Council Meeting closed at 6:42 pm.