



# WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of Wentworth Shire Council will be held in the **MIDWAY CENTRE, BURONGA**, commencing at **10:00AM**.

**KEN ROSS**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## EXTRAORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

**9 NOVEMBER 2020**

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## 6 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 6.1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

File Number: RPT/20/718

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager  
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager  
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

#### **Summary**

Due to the resignation of Melisa Hederics as Mayor, Council is required to have a Mayoral Election.

In line with amendments to *the Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) due to Covid-19, the General Council elections have been postponed until September 2021. The elected Mayor will hold office until September 2021, being the next general election of Council.

#### **Recommendation**

That Council determines the process to elect the Mayor by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot or by open voting.

That the General Manager receives nominations for the position of Mayor for the period up to the next general election of Council and declares whether an election is required, and if so conducts the election.

#### **Detailed Report**

##### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to conduct an election for the position of Mayor.

##### Background

Due to the resignation of Melisa Hederics as Mayor, Council is required to have a Mayoral Election.

Council was advised through the Office of Local Government Circular 20-10 that in line with amendments to *the Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) due to Covid-19, the General Council elections have been postponed for 12 months until September 2021. The elected Mayor will hold office until September 2021, being the next general election of Council.

##### Returning Officer

The General Manager is the Returning Officer.

##### Nomination

In accordance with the regulations:

- A Councillor may be nominated without notice for election as mayor.
- The nomination is to be made in writing by 2 or more Councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). The nomination is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent to the nomination in writing.
- The nomination is to be delivered or sent to the returning officer.

- The returning officer is to announce the names of the nominees at the council meeting at which the election is to be held.

Election

In accordance with the regulations:

- If only one Councillor is nominated, that Councillor is elected.
- If more than one Councillor is nominated, the council is to resolve whether the election is to proceed by **preferential ballot**, by **ordinary ballot** or by **open voting**.
- The election is to be held at the council meeting at which the council resolves on the method of voting.

It is noted that in accordance with Schedule 7 (clause 3(4))

- ballot has its normal meaning of secret ballot.
- open voting means voting by a show of hands or similar means.

Attachments

Nil

## **7 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

### **NEXT MEETING**

18 November 2020