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# WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WYONG CIVIC CENTRE, HELY STREET, WYONG ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2009 COMMENCING AT 5:00:00 PM

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### PRESENT

COUNCILLORS R L GRAHAM (CHAIRPERSON), G P BEST, D J EATON, E M McBRIDE, J J McNAMARA, L A MATTHEWS, W R SYMINGTON, D P VINCENT, L D WEBSTER AND S A WYNN.

### IN ATTENDANCE

GENERAL MANAGER, DIRECTOR SHIRE PLANNING, DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES, DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES, PROJECT DIRECTOR, ACTING MANAGER FUTURE PLANNING, MANAGER DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT AND TWO ADMINISTRATION STAFF.

THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR GRAHAM, DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 5.00 PM AND ADVISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE THAT THE MEETING IS BEING RECORDED.

JOHN HARDWICK READ AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY STATEMENT AND DELIVERED THE OPENING PRAYER.

### APOLOGIES

THERE WERE NO APOLOGIES.

### **1.1 Mayoral Report for Past Term**

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***RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM:***

***That Council receive the Mayoral report for the past 12 month term, 2008–09 with the additional vote of thanks for Mr John Hardwick, Ms Kay Segal and the administration team consisting of Evelyn Duncan, Sonia Witt, Monica Redmond, Maree Wheelahan, Susanna Gardiner and Lesley Crawley.***

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, McBRIDE, McNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

**2.1 Election of Mayor and voting Procedure**

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE 7 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2005, THE GENERAL MANAGER ASSUMED THE ROLE OF RETURNING OFFICER FOR ELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR.

THE GENERAL MANAGER ADVISED THAT TWO NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND COUNCIL WOULD NEED TO DETERMINE THE PROCEDURE FOR VOTING.

***RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor EATON and seconded by Councillor BEST:***

- 1 That in accordance with the provisions of Section 290(a) of the Local Government Act 2003, Council hold an election for the Office of Mayor by all councillors.***
- 2 That the election for the Office of Mayor be determined by the method of open voting.***
- 3 That the election of Mayor be for the term September 2009 to September 2010.***

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

THE GENERAL MANAGER ADVISED THAT NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR HAD BEEN RECEIVED FOR COUNCILLORS EATON AND GRAHAM. COUNCILLORS EATON AND GRAHAM ACCEPTED THEIR RESPECTIVE NOMINATIONS.

THE GENERAL MANAGER REQUESTED THOSE COUNCILLORS SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF COUNCILLOR EATON TO RAISE THEIR RIGHT HAND. COUNCILLORS VOTING IN SUPPORT OF COUNCILLOR EATON WERE COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, MCNAMARA, WEBSTER AND WYNN.

THE GENERAL MANAGER REQUESTED THOSE COUNCILLORS SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF COUNCILLOR GRAHAM TO RAISE THEIR RIGHT HAND. COUNCILLORS VOTING IN SUPPORT OF COUNCILLOR GRAHAM WERE COUNCILLORS GRAHAM, MCBRIDE, MATTHEWS, SYMINGTON AND VINCENT.

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM APPOINTED MR DOUG DARLINGTON AS SCRUTINEER ON HIS BEHALF.

THE GENERAL MANAGER ADVISED THAT NO COUNCILLOR HAD A CLEAR MAJORITY AND THEREFORE PROCEEDING TO DRAW LOTS FOR THE ELECTION OF ONE OF THE TWO COUNCILLORS NOMINATED.

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM WAS DECLARED DULY ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF MAYOR FOR THE TERM 2009/2010.

THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR GRAHAM THEN REMAINED IN THE CHAIR.

**2.2 Election of Deputy Mayor**

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THE GENERAL MANAGER ADVISED THAT TWO NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

**RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor EATON and seconded by Councillor BEST:**

- 1 That in accordance with the provisions of Section 290(a) of the Local Government Act 2003, Council hold an election for the Deputy Mayor by all councillors.**
- 2 That the election of Deputy Mayor be conducted in the same manner as the election of Mayor.**
- 3 That the election of Deputy Mayor be for the term September 2009 to September 2010.**

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

THE GENERAL MANAGER ADVISED THAT NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR HAD BEEN RECEIVED FOR COUNCILLORS MATTHEWS AND WYNN. COUNCILLORS MATTHEWS AND WYNN ACCEPTED THEIR RESPECTIVE NOMINATIONS.

THE GENERAL MANAGER REQUESTED THOSE COUNCILLORS SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS TO RAISE THEIR RIGHT HAND. COUNCILLORS VOTING IN SUPPORT OF COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS WERE COUNCILLORS GRAHAM, MCBRIDE, MATTHEWS, SYMINGTON AND VINCENT.

THE GENERAL MANAGER REQUESTED THOSE COUNCILLORS SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF COUNCILLOR WYNN TO RAISE THEIR RIGHT HAND. COUNCILLORS VOTING IN SUPPORT OF COUNCILLOR WYNN WERE COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, MCNAMARA, WEBSTER AND WYNN.

COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS APPOINTED MR DOUG DARLINGTON AS SCRUTINEER ON HER BEHALF.

THE GENERAL MANAGER ADVISED THAT NO COUNCILLOR HAD A CLEAR MAJORITY AND THEREFORE PROCEEDING TO DRAW LOTS FOR THE ELECTION OF ONE OF THE TWO COUNCILLORS NOMINATED.

COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS WAS DECLARED DULY ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE TERM 2009/2010.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.13 PM.

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CHAIRPERSON