

ADDITIONAL ITEM

28 August 2013

Director's Report

To the Ordinary Council Meeting

2.2 Mayoral Minute - Change of Mayoral Election Meeting Date

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The Local Government Act 1993 (Section 290) states that Mayoral Elections can be held at any time during the month of September:

- “(1) The election of the mayor by the councillors is to be held:*
- (a) if it is the first election after an ordinary election of councillors-within 3 weeks after the ordinary election, or*
 - (b) if it is not that first election or an election to fill a casual vacancy-during the month of September, or ...”*

In previous years Wyong Shire Council has convened an Extraordinary Council meeting in September specifically for the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor, in addition to the two Ordinary Council meetings scheduled for September.

Wyong Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice (Clause 2.2.8) states:

“The Extraordinary Meeting for the election of the Mayor (other than after an ordinary election of the Council or to fill a casual vacancy) will be held on the third Wednesday of September commencing at 5:00pm.”

In order to provide efficiencies in Council's meeting schedule it is proposed to hold the 2013 Mayoral Election on the second Wednesday of September (11 September 2013), from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm, and amend the start time of the Ordinary Council meeting already scheduled for this date to 5:30 pm; to commence after the conclusion of the Mayoral Election.

I formally move:

- 1 That Council note the provisions of the Local Government Act in relation to the scheduling of a meeting to elect the Mayor.***
- 2 That Council vary its Code of Meeting Practice and schedule the 2013 Extraordinary Meeting for the Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be held on 11 September 2013, commencing at 5:00 pm and schedule its Ordinary Meeting of 11 September 2013 to commence at 5:30 pm.***
- 3 That Council give appropriate public notice of the amended meeting schedule for September 2013.***
- 4 That Council amend its Code of Meeting Practice to schedule its Extraordinary Meeting at any time during the month of September each year that does not follow the Local Government Election.***

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- 5 That Council give formal public notice of its intention to amend its Code of Meeting Practice allowing 28 days for the making of public submissions.**
- 6 That Council adopt the amended WSC Code of Meeting Practice should no significant objection be received to the proposed amendment.**

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.