



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 7 June 2023

Commencing at 6:00pm

Birchip District Offices

Council Chamber

Cumming Avenue, Birchip

**Wayne O'Toole
Chief Executive Officer
Buloke Shire Council**

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, 7 June 2023 commencing at 6.00pm held in the Council Chamber of the Birchip District Office

PRESENT

CHAIRPERSON:

Cr Alan Getley Mallee Ward

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Bernadette Hogan Mallee Ward
Cr David Pollard Lower Avoca Ward
Cr Graeme Milne Mount Jeffcott Ward
Cr Bronwyn Simpson Mount Jeffcott Ward
Cr Daryl Warren Mount Jeffcott Ward

OFFICERS:

Wayne O'Toole Chief Executive Officer
Hannah Yu Director Infrastructure and Delivery
Michelle Stedman Director Corporate and Organisational Performance
Travis Fitzgibbon Director Community Development
Dan McLoughlan Manager Assets

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1. COUNCIL WELCOME

WELCOME

The Mayor Alan Getley welcomed all in attendance.

STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting. We pay our respects to their Elders and to the Elders from other communities who maybe here today.

2. RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES

Cr Carolyn Stewart

Lower Avoca Ward

3. DECLARATION of PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Getley declared a direct conflict of interest in Item 4.1 due to being the person seeking Council permission for his interstate travel and its associated costs.

4. URGENT BUSINESS

4.1 INTERSTATE TRAVEL - CR GETLEY

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Cr Getley declared a direct conflict of interest in this item due to being the person seeking Council permission for his interstate travel and its associated costs.

Cr Getley vacated the role of Chairperson of the Meeting and left the Council Chamber at 6.16pm.

The Deputy Mayor, Cr David Pollard took the role of the Chairperson of the Meeting in the absence of the Mayor.

PURPOSE

In accordance with Council's Expenses Policy adopted August 2020, proposed interstate travel of Councillors, requires the approval of the Council.

Cr Getley has indicated he is seeking approval from the Council for his travel interstate to represent the Buloke Shire Council at the Australia Local Government Association (ALGA) - National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra, 13 June 2023 – 16 June 2023.

SUMMARY

The ALGA stated the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), incorporating the Regional Cooperation and Development Forum, is to be the biggest yet with the program developed featuring a wide range of high profile and engaging speakers, leaders and presenters.

The theme for the 2023 NGA is "Our Communities, Our Future", with the ALGA looking for ideas for new federal programs and policies that would support councils to build stronger communities in the future.

The 2023 Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) will also be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra on Friday 16 June, immediately following the 2023 NGA. The ALGA looks forward to working with the Government to deliver the first ACLG meeting in more than a decade.

The costs to be incurred by the Council will be for Cr Getley's return flights to and from Melbourne, accommodation and registration for the event.

MOTION:

That Council approve the interstate travel and its associated costs for Cr Getley's attendance to the Australia Local Government Association (ALGA) - National General Assembly of Local Government to be held 13 June 2023 – 16 June 2023 in Canberra.

MOVED: CR BERNADETTE HOGAN

SECONDED: CR GRAEME MILNE

CARRIED.
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Attachments: Nil

Cr Getley returned to the Council Chamber at 6.18pm and resumed the role as Chairperson of the Meeting.

2. MEETING CLOSE

Meeting closed at 6.19pm.