



# MINUTES of

## EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 16 August 2024 at 3:00 PM

### Attendance at Meeting:

#### Councillors:

Mayor R Bell (Chair)  
Deputy Mayor R Crouch  
Cr T Bower  
Cr S Burrows  
Cr L Doran (via online)  
Cr McMullen  
Cr T O'Connor  
Cr L Petrov  
Cr T Toomey

#### Apologies:

Ms T Averay, General Manager  
Mr R Raby, Director Infrastructure & Development  
Dr R Abell, Acting General Manager

#### Staff:

Mr M McLindin, Group Manager Civil Services  
Ms W Westbrook, Executive Assistant

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Audio : <https://urallashirecouncil.podbean.com/e/16th-august-2024-extraordinary-meeting-of-council/>

## 1 OPENING & WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting opened at 3:06pm.

## 2 PRAYER

The Chair recited the Uralla Shire Council prayer.

## 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair read the acknowledgement of country.

## 4 WEBCAST INFORMATION

The Chair advised the meeting was recorded, with the recording to be made available on Council's website following the meeting.

## 5 APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

## 6 DISCLOSURE & DECLARATION OF INTEREST/S

Nil

## 7 PURPOSE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

### PROCEDURAL MOTION TO PROCEED WITH EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

#### RESOLUTION 01.08/24

Moved: Cr Sarah Burrows

Seconded: Cr Tom O'Connor

That Council proceed with the Extraordinary Meeting 16 August 2024.

For: Crs Robert Bell, Robert Crouch, Tim Bower, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran, Bruce McMullen, Tom O'Connor, Lone Petrov and Tara Toomey

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

## 8 LATE REPORTS/SUPPLEMENTARY/URGENT ITEMS (INCLUDING PETITIONS)

The Chair advised there were no late, urgent and supplementary items or reports of business.

## 9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 9.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION 14 SEPTEMBER 2024 - DECISION REQUIRED ON REFERENDUM ACTION

#### RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Tom O'Connor

Seconded: Cr Bruce McMullen

That Council :

Resolve to not proceed with the Constitutional Referendum planned to for 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at the Local Government Election.

For: Crs Bruce McMullen, Tom O'Connor and Lone Petrov

Against: Crs Robert Bell, Robert Crouch, Tim Bower, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran and Tara Toomey

LOST 3/6

#### FORESHADOWED MOTION

##### RESOLUTION 02.08/24

Moved: Deputy Mayor Robert Crouch

Seconded: Cr Tim Bower

Resolve to proceed with the Constitutional Referendum planned for 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024 as per resolution 07.02/24.

For: Crs Robert Crouch, Tim Bower, Sarah Burrows, Leanne Doran and Tara Toomey

Against: Crs Robert Bell, Bruce McMullen, Tom O'Connor and Lone Petrov

CARRIED 5/4

## 10 COMMUNICATION OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

## 11 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 3:30pm.