

TO BE HELD:	Wednesday 3 November 2021
LOCATION:	Edenhope Council Chamber / Microsoft Teams
COMMENCEMENT:	9:00am
PUBLIC ACCESS:	Recording will be loaded to the Council Website post meeting

REQUIRED TO ATTEND:				
Councillors	Senior Management Group			
Bruce Meyer, Mayor Jodie Pretlove, Deputy Mayor	David Bezuidenhout Chief Executive Officer			
Tim Meyer Trevor Domaschenz Tom Houlihan	Vin McKay Director Corporate & Community Services			

The West Wimmera Shire Council Governance Rules set out the meeting procedure rules for this Council Meeting.

Members of the public are reminded that they are required to remain silent during this meeting.

Vision Statement:

Our Wimmera Shire communities are healthy, thriving, diverse, harmonious, prosperous and self-sustaining, with regional and global connectivity



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1.0 WELCOME – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The West Wimmera Shire Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, and pays respect to their elders, past, present and emerging.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That in view of the current COVID-19 Pandemic and the social distancing restrictions put in place by the Australian and Victorian Governments, public access to this meeting be limited to a recording available post meeting via Council's website.

2.0 OPENING PRAYER – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Almighty God, we humbly ask your blessing upon this Council. Guide and prosper our decisions to the advancement of Your Glory and the true welfare of the people of West Wimmera Shire. Amen.

3.0 APOLOGIES

4.0 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5.0 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All Councillors have a <u>personal</u> responsibility to ensure they are aware of the provisions mandated in the Local Government Act 2020 with regard to Conflict of Interest disclosures.

6.0 MAYORAL TERM

Local Government Act 2020

Section 26(3) Before the election of the Mayor, a Council, other than the Greater Geelong City Council, must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the next Mayor of West Wimmera Shire Council be elected for a one year term.



7.0 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Governance Rules Part B

4. Election of the Mayor The Chief Executive Officer must facilitate the election of the Mayor in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2020.

5. *Method of Voting The election of the Mayor must be carried out by a show of hands.*

6. Determining the Election of the Mayor

6.2 The Chief Executive Officer must open the meeting at which the Mayor is to be elected, and invite nominations for the office of Mayor.

6.3 Nominations for the office of Mayor can be received in the following ways:

6.3.1 In writing and in a form prescribed by the Chief Executive Officer; or

6.3.2 Via a verbal nomination at the meeting as called for by the CEO

6.3.3 Written nominations must be seconded / co-signed by another Councillor.

6.3.4 The seconder of a nomination has the right to nominate one other Councillor.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council elect Councillor as Mayor of West Wimmera Shire Council for the 2021- 2022 year.



8.0 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Local Government Act 2020

20A Office of Deputy Mayor

(1) A Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor.

(2) If the Council has established an office of Deputy Mayor, the provisions of this Act relating to the office of Deputy Mayor apply.

Governance Rules
7. Election of Deputy Mayor and Chairs of Delegated Committees
Any election for:
7.1 Any office of Deputy Mayor; or
7.2 Chair of a Delegated Committee
will be regulated by Rules 4-6 (inclusive) of this Chapter, as if the reference to the:
7.3 Chief Executive Officer is a reference to the Mayor; and
7.4 Mayor is a reference to the Deputy Mayor or the Chair of the Delegated Committee (as the case may be).

The majority of Local Councils within Victoria elect a Deputy Mayor.

West Wimmera Shire Council elected a Deputy Mayor for the first time in its history, for the 2019-2020 year and continued that practice in 2020/21. Officers recommend that the Council continue the practice of electing a Deputy Mayor for the 2021/22 year.

The proposed term for the Deputy Mayor is 12 months.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council elect Councillor as Deputy Mayor of West Wimmera Shire Council for the 2021-2022 year.

OR

That Council resolves not to elect a Deputy Mayor for 2021-2022.



9.0 DATE & PLACE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS – SCHEDULE FOR 2022 FILE NUMBER: AD0183 REPORT AUTHOR: VIN MCKAY, DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

FOR DECISION

Introduction

In an election year and pursuant to Council's Governance Rules, Division 1 Section 9, Council determines the schedule for its Council Meetings for the next calendar year at the meeting following the declaration of the Council.

Declaration of Interests

No officer declared an interest under the *Local Government Act 2020* in the preparation of this report.

Background

Historically Council Meetings have been held on a monthly basis, with the exception of January when there is no meeting and are they generally held on the third Wednesday of the month commencing at 2.00pm.

The Councillor Forum is also held on a monthly basis, with the exception of January when there is no meeting, and are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month. The venue alternates between Edenhope and Kaniva.

The majority of the eleven Council Meetings for the year are held in Edenhope and Kaniva.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, three Council Meetings each year were held in other locations, and included a meal with the community and a Community Forum. In 2021 the Community Forums were cancelled due to the COVID-19 restrictions, and these Council Meetings reverted to Edenhope and Kaniva or Microsoft Teams.

Recurrent timing clashes with RCV & MAV Annual Events

Each year, there is a trio of annual events which inevitably clash with Council's scheduled Council Meetings.



These are the Rural Councils Victoria (RCV) Annual Forum and AGM, the Municipal Association of Victoria's (MAV) Annual Conference, and the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council in Melbourne which is typically held from Wednesday to Friday in the third week of October and attended by the CEO and all Councillors.

At the time of writing this report the RCV/MAV event dates in 2022 had not been confirmed. The meeting schedule included in the Officer Recommendation at the end of this report has not considered these possible necessary variations and will need to be considered and resolved accordingly at a later date.

Another annual three-day event which also usually clashes with a scheduled Council Meeting is the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National Congress in Canberra, attended by the Mayor and the CEO, or the Mayor and another Councillor. As with the meetings above if it becomes necessary to alter council meeting dates to accommodate attendance then Council will need to resolve accordingly in time to give public notice in accordance with the Act.

Venue and frequency for Community Forums

Councillors are advised that the planning of Community Forums requires at least six weeks of lead time, which includes liaising with the relevant community committee groups regarding their availability to host the Meeting and Forum, organising catering with the committee, generating publicity including the required Council Meeting advertisement, inviting the relevant communities, and receiving RSVPs.

Community Forums are open to all residents of the Shire.

The following chart shows that among the towns within West Wimmera, Council has not visited Harrow and Apsley since 2014 and 2015 respectively, so these are the suggested venues for the two Community Forums in 2022.



Community Forum Town / Locality	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Apsley	✓					1						✓	✓
Benayeo			✓					✓					
Charam				✓					✓				
Connewirrecoo		✓								✓			
Dinyarrak Fireshed	✓										✓		
Dorodong	✓						✓						
Douglas		✓							✓				
Goroke						✓				✓			
Gymbowen		✓					✓						
Harrow					✓							✓	✓
Lawloit						✓				✓			
Lillimur				✓				✓					
Minimay					✓								
Nurcoung								✓					
Peronne				✓							✓		
Poolaijelo			✓								✓		
Serviceton		✓			✓				✓				
Telopea Downs			✓				✓						

Note:

- That due to the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions the Community Forums scheduled in the years 2020 and 2021 did not proceed.
- All Council Meetings will commence at 2.00pm



OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the proposed meeting schedule (date & place) as listed below as the dates and venues for Council Meetings, Community Forums and Councillor Forums for 2022, noting that all Council Meetings will commence at 2.00pm. Councillor Forum Meetings will generally commence at 9:00am but may be varied as required.

Month	Date	Meeting	Venue
February	Wed 2 Feb 2022	Councillor Forum	Edenhope
	Wed 16 Feb 2022	Council Meeting	Kaniva
March	Wed 2 Mar 2022	Councillor Forum	Kaniva
	Wed 16 Mar 2022	Council Meeting	Edenhope
April	Wed 6 Apr 2022	Councillor Forum	Edenhope
	Wed 20 Apr 2022	Council Meeting & Community Forum	Apsley
May	Wed 4 May 2022	Councillor Forum	Kaniva
	Wed 18 May 2022	Council Meeting	Edenhope
June	Wed 1 Jun 2022	Councillor Forum	Edenhope
	Wed 15 Jun 2022	Council Meeting	Kaniva
July	Wed 6 Jul 2022	Councillor Forum	Kaniva
	Wed 20 Jul 2022	Council Meeting	Edenhope
August	Wed 3 Aug 2022	Councillor Forum	Edenhope
	Wed 17 Aug 2022	Council Meeting	Kaniva
September	Wed 7 Sep 2022	Councillor Forum	Kaniva
	Wed 21 Sep 2022	Council Meeting & Community Forum	Harrow
October	Wed 5 Oct 2022	Councillor Forum	Edenhope
	Wed 19 Oct 2022	Council Meeting	Kaniva
November	Wed 2 Nov 2022	Council Meeting to elect Mayor	Kaniva
	Wed 2 Nov 2022	Councillor Forum	Kaniva
	Wed 16 Nov 2022	Council Meeting	Edenhope
December	Wed 7 Dec 2022	Councillor Forum	Edenhope
	Wed 21 Dec 2022	Council Meeting	Kaniva



10.0 APPOINTMENTS TO REGIONAL AND STATE BODIES

Council makes a series of appointments to regional and State bodies as detailed below. Councillors also sit on other State bodies as individuals, but usually receive Council endorsement.

It is appropriate that Council representatives and alternate representatives to these bodies be appointed, as well as the CEO or a Director of Council, in certain cases.

The term of the appointment is twelve months commencing from today's meeting.

REGIONAL / STATE BODY	PREVIOUS REPRESENTATIVE/S 2020/2021	PROPOSED REPRESENTATIVE 2021/2022	ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE 2021/2022
Big Desert National	Cr T Meyer		
Park Fire Control	Director IDW		
Committee	Alt: Cr Pretlove		
Crabtree Estate	Cr B Meyer		
	Alt: Cr Domaschenz		
Douglas Mine	Cr Houlihan		
Environment Review	Alt: Cr Pretlove		
Committee			
Grampians Central	Cr Houlihan		
West Waste and	Alt: Cr Domaschenz		
Resource Recovery			
Group – Forum Group			
(GCWWRRG)			
Johnny Mullagh	Cr Houlihan		
Interpretive Centre Inc	CEO		
	Alt: Cr T Meyer		
Kaniva Community	Cr B Meyer		
Sporting Complex	Director CCS		
	Alt: Cr Houlihan		
Little Desert National	Cr Pretlove		
Park Fire Control	Director IDW		
Committee	Alt: Cr T Meyer		
Municipal Association	Cr B Meyer	Mayor	Deputy Mayor
of Victoria (MAV)	Alt: Cr Pretlove		(if any)
Municipal Emergency	Cr Houlihan		
Management Planning	Director IDW		
(MEMP) Committee	Alt: Cr Pretlove		
Note:	From 1 Dec 2020: Mun	icipal Emergency Man	agement Planning
	(MEMP) Committee to	be Chaired by CFA, pu	rsuant to Emergency
	Management Legislatio	n Amendment Act 2018	(2020). Under the Act
	nomination of a Counci	llor is no longer requir	ed.
Municipal Fire	Cr Houlihan		
Prevention Committee	Director IDW		
	Alt: Cr Domaschenz		



Note	On 1 Dec 2020: Municipal Fire Prevention Committee to be repealed by Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018 (2020). Under the Act nomination of a Councillor is no longer required.			
North West	Cr B Meyer	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	
Municipalities	Alt: Cr Pretlove	5	(if any)	
Association (NWMA)				
Rail Freight Alliance	Cr T Meyer			
(RFA)	Alt: Cr B Meyer			
Rural Councils	Cr B Meyer	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	
Victoria (RCV)	CEO	5	(if any)	
	Alt: Cr Pretlove			
West Wimmera	Cr Domaschenz			
Landcare Network	Alt: None			
West Wimmera Rural	Cr Houlihan			
Water Supply Project	Alt: Cr Pretlove			
Steering Committee				
West Wimmera Shire	All Councillors			
Cemeteries Trust	Sec: Director CCS			
Western Highway	Cr T Meyer			
Action Committee	Director IDW			
(WHAC)	Alt: Cr B Meyer			
Wimmera	Cr Domaschenz			
Development	CEO			
Association (WDA)	Alt: Cr Pretlove			
Note: Refer report to Co	ouncillor Forum 3 Novem	ber 2021		
Wimmera Mallee	Cr Domaschenz			
Regional Tourism	Alt: Cr Pretlove			
Association				
Wimmera Mallee	Cr Houlihan			
Sustainability Alliance	Alt: Cr Domaschenz			
(WMSA)				
Wimmera Primary	Cr Pretlove			
Care Partnership	CEO			
(PCP)	Alt: Cr Domaschenz			
Wimmera Regional	Cr B Meyer			
Library Corporation	Director CCS			
(WRLC)	Alt: Cr Pretlove			
Wimmera Southern	Cr Pretlove			
Mallee Regional	Director IDW			
Transport Group	Alt: Cr T Meyer			
(WSMRTG)				



RECOMMENDATION:

That the appointments of Council representatives to regional and State bodies, as detailed in the table below, be accepted and the relevant bodies be advised.

REGIONAL / STATE BODY	PREVIOUS REPRESENTATIVE/S 2020/2021	PROPOSED REPRESENTATIVE 2021/2022	ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE 2021/2022	
Big Desert National	Cr T Meyer			
Park Fire Control	Director IDW			
Committee	Alt: Cr Pretlove			
Crabtree Estate	Cr B Meyer			
	Alt: Cr Domaschenz			
Douglas Mine	Cr Houlihan			
Environment Review	Alt: Cr Pretlove			
Committee				
Grampians Central	Cr Houlihan			
West Waste and	Alt: Cr Domaschenz			
Resource Recovery				
Group – Forum Group				
(GCWWRRG)				
Johnny Mullagh	Cr Houlihan			
Interpretive Centre Inc	CEO			
	Alt: Cr T Meyer			
Kaniva Community	Cr B Meyer			
Sporting Complex	Director CCS			
sporting complex	Alt: Cr Houlihan			
Little Desert National	Cr Pretlove			
Park Fire Control	Director IDW			
Committee	Alt: Cr T Meyer			
Municipal Association	Cr B Meyer	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	
of Victoria (MAV)	Alt: Cr Pretlove	1viay01	(if any)	
Municipal Emergency	Cr Houlihan			
Management Planning	Director IDW			
(MEMP) Committee	Alt: Cr Pretlove			
Note:	From 1 Dec 2020: Mun (MEMP) Committee to Management Legislatio nomination of a Counci	be Chaired by CFA, pu n Amendment Act 2018	rsuant to Emergency (2020). Under the Act	
Municipal Fire	Cr Houlihan			
Prevention Committee	Director IDW			
	Alt: Cr Domaschenz			
Note	On 1 Dec 2020: Municipal Fire Prevention Committee to be repealed by Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018 (2020). Under the Act nomination of a Councillor is no longer required.			
North West	Cr B Meyer	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	
Municipalities	Alt: Cr Pretlove	1110901	(if any)	
Association (NWMA)				



Rail Freight Alliance	Cr T Meyer		
(RFA)	Alt: Cr B Meyer		
Rural Councils	Cr B Meyer	Mayor	Deputy Mayor
Victoria (RCV)	CEO		(if any)
	Alt: Cr Pretlove		
West Wimmera	Cr Domaschenz		
Landcare Network	Alt: None		
West Wimmera Rural	Cr Houlihan		
Water Supply Project	Alt: Cr Pretlove		
Steering Committee			
West Wimmera Shire	All Councillors		
Cemeteries Trust	Sec: Director CCS		
Western Highway	Cr T Meyer		
Action Committee	Director IDW		
(WHAC)	Alt: Cr B Meyer		
Wimmera	Cr Domaschenz		
Development	CEO		
Association (WDA)	Alt: Cr Pretlove		
Note: Refer report to Co	uncillor Forum 3 Novem	ber 2021	
Wimmera Mallee	Cr Domaschenz		
Regional Tourism	Alt: Cr Pretlove		
Association			
Wimmera Mallee	Cr Houlihan		
Sustainability Alliance	Alt: Cr Domaschenz		
(WMSA)			
Wimmera Primary	Cr Pretlove		
Care Partnership	CEO		
(PCP)	Alt: Cr Domaschenz		
Wimmera Regional	Cr B Meyer		
Library Corporation	Director CCS		
(WRLC)	Alt: Cr Pretlove		
Wimmera Southern	Cr Pretlove		
Mallee Regional	Director IDW		
Transport Group	Alt: Cr T Meyer		
(WSMRTG)			



11.0 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE (ADVISORY COMMITTEE) – SECTION 53 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020

53 Council must establish an Audit and Risk Committee

(1) A Council must establish an Audit and Risk Committee.

(2) An Audit and Risk Committee is not a delegated committee.

(3) An Audit and Risk Committee must-

(a) include members who are Councillors of the Council; and

(b) consist of a majority of members who are not Councillors of the Council and who collectively have—

(i) expertise in financial management and risk; and

(ii) experience in public sector management; and

(c) not include any person who is a member of Council staff of the Council.

(4) The chairperson of an Audit and Risk Committee must not be a Councillor of the Council.

(5) Sections 123 and 125 and Division 2 of Part 6 apply to a member of the Audit and Risk Committee who is not a Councillor as if the member were a member of a delegated committee.

(6) A Council may pay a fee to a member of an Audit and Risk Committee who is not a Councillor of the Council.

AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE	PREVIOUS REPRESENTATIVES 2020/2021	PROPOSED 2021/2022 REPRESENTATIVES
Councillors	Cr B Meyer Cr Pretlove Alternate: Cr Houlihan	
Independent members	Mr Mick Jaensch Mr Andrew Johnson Ms Monica Revell Ms Celeste Gregory	Mr Mick Jaensch (Chair) Mr Andrew Johnson Ms Monica Revell Ms Celeste Gregory
Council Officer Contact	Director Corporate & Community Services (DCCS) Chief Finance Officer	Director Corporate & Community Services (DCCS) Chief Finance Officer



FOR DECISION

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council elect the representatives to Council's Audit & Risk Committee as detailed in the table below for 2021/2022.

AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE	PREVIOUS REPRESENTATIVES 2020/2021	PROPOSED 2021/2022 REPRESENTATIVES
Councillors	Cr B Meyer Cr Pretlove Alternate: Cr Houlihan	
Independent members	Mr Mick Jaensch Mr Andrew Johnson Ms Monica Revell Ms Celeste Gregory	Mr Mick Jaensch (Chair) Mr Andrew Johnson Ms Monica Revell Ms Celeste Gregory
Council Officer Contact	Director Corporate & Community Services (DCCS) Chief Finance Officer	Director Corporate & Community Services (DCCS) Chief Finance Officer



12.0 APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Council has established several Advisory Committees, which are a non-legislated type of committee, and have been set up to provide advice to Council.

Any recommendations from these committees for action or expenditure must be taken by Council in a Council Meeting, by formal resolution of Council.

COMMITTEE	PREVIOUS REPRESENTATIVES 2020/2021	PROPOSED REPRESENTATIVES 2021/2022
CEO Performance Planning Advisory Committee	All Councillors	All Councillors
West Wimmera Shire Kaniva Recreation Reserve Advisory Committee	Cr B Meyer Alt: Cr Houlihan Director CCS Community Members: Kaniva Community Sporting Complex	Community Members: Kaniva Community Sporting Complex
	Kaniva Cricket Club Kaniva Hockey Club Kaniva Leeor United Football Club Kaniva Leeor United Netball Club Kaniva Lions Club	Kaniva Cricket Club Kaniva Hockey Club Kaniva Leeor United Football Club Kaniva Leeor United Netball Club Kaniva Lions Club
West Wimmera Shire Sustainability Advisory Committee	Cr Domaschenz Cr Pretlove Director IDW	
West Wimmera Tourism Advisory Committee	Cr Domaschenz Cr Pretlove	
	Community Members: Tanya Turner	Community Members: Tanya Turner
	Gianna Saba	Gianna Saba
	Graham Carter	Graham Carter
	Georgina Campbell	Georgina Campbell
	Helen Mulraney-Roll	Helen Mulraney-Roll
	Gregory Buttle Valerie Collins	Gregory Buttle Valerie Collins
	Valerie Collins Lorraine Oliver	Valerie Collins Lorraine Oliver

Council's current Advisory Committees are:



Jenny Chenhall	Jenny Chenhall
Debra Crawford	Debra Crawford
Heath McClure	Heath McClure
Michelle Penrose	Michelle Penrose
Jane Craig	Jane Craig
Josie Sangster	Josie Sangster
Lyn Powell	Lyn Powell
Helen Hobbs	Helen Hobbs
Julie Finch	Julie Finch
Kelvin Moar	Kelvin Moar
Leanne Lucas	Chris Craig

FOR DECISION

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council elect the representatives to the Advisory Committees as detailed in the table below:

COMMITTEE	PREVIOUS REPRESENTATIVES 2020/2021	PROPOSED REPRESENTATIVES 2021/2022
CEO Performance Planning Advisory Committee	All Councillors	All Councillors
West Wimmera Shire Kaniva Recreation Reserve Advisory Committee	Cr B Meyer Alt: Cr Houlihan Director CCS Community Members: Kaniva Community Sporting Complex Kaniva Cricket Club Kaniva Hockey Club Kaniva Leeor United Football Club Kaniva Leeor United Netball Club Kaniva Lions Club	
West Wimmera Shire Sustainability Advisory Committee	Cr Domaschenz Cr Pretlove Director IDW	



West Wimmera Tourism Advisory	Cr Domaschenz Cr Pretlove	
Committee		
	Community Members:	Community Members:
	Tanya Turner	Tanya Turner
	Gianna Saba	Gianna Saba
	Graham Carter	Graham Carter
	Georgina Campbell	Georgina Campbell
	Helen Mulraney-Roll	Helen Mulraney-Roll
	Gregory Buttle	Gregory Buttle
	Valerie Collins	Valerie Collins
	Lorraine Oliver	Lorraine Oliver
	Jenny Chenhall	Jenny Chenhall
	Debra Crawford	Debra Crawford
	Heath McClure	Heath McClure
	Michelle Penrose	Michelle Penrose
	Jane Craig	Jane Craig
	Josie Sangster	Josie Sangster
	Lyn Powell	Lyn Powell
	Helen Hobbs	Helen Hobbs
	Julie Finch	Julie Finch
	Kelvin Moar	Kelvin Moar
	Leanne Lucas	Chris Craig

MEETING CONCLUDED: