

**MINUTES OF YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON MONDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 3.00 PM**

PRESENT: Cr Ross Andrews (Mayor), Cr David Baird, Cr Brian Underwood, Cr Lucrecia Willett

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Wright (Acting CEO), Charlene Cressbrook (PA to CEO & Mayor – Minute Taker)

1 WELCOME

Mayor Andrews declared the meeting open at 3:23pm.

The Mayor welcomed councillors and staff members present to the meeting.

One minute's silence was observed to respect those who have passed away.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians from both Gunggandji and Mandingalbay Yidinji nations on whose country the meeting is being held today, their elders, past present and emerging who still reside in Yarrabah.

He also he acknowledged the historical descendants whose elders past present and emerging also call Yarrabah home and support progress in the Shire.

2 APOLOGIES

The Mayor advised Council that Councillor Jackson had sent his apologies. He was unable to attend the Special Meeting due to work commitments.

RESOLUTION 01:12/09/2022

That the apology received from Cr Jackson be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Moved: Cr Ross Andrews

Seconded: Cr David Baird

CARRIED 4/4

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – COUNCIL / REGISTER UPDATES

The Mayor reminded the Councillors of the requirement to declare their conflicts of interest to the CEO prior to the meeting and called on all councillors to re-declare them now.

The Mayor declared a conflict with regards to approval by Council of his leave.

Acting CEO confirmed to the Council that the Mayor had declared this conflict of interest prior to the meeting.

4 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 ANNUAL LEAVE BY MAYOR

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Approval of Annual Leave of Mayor – Councillor Ross Andrews.

At 3:28 pm, Cr Ross Andrews left the meeting.

Council noted that the Mayor had not taken leave for some considerable time and approval of this leave was justified to allow quality family time.

RESOLUTION 02:12/09/2022

That Council resolve to

1. Approve the annual leave of Mayor, Councillor Ross Andrews, from 17 September 2022 to 24 September 2022, inclusive.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr Lucrecia Willett

CARRIED 3/3

At 3:33 pm, Cr Ross Andrews returned to the meeting.

Council discussed the appointment of an Acting Mayor during the approved annual leave of the Mayor, Councillor Andrews. Deputy Mayor Brian Underwood has declined appointment as Acting Mayor and has provided personal reasons, accepted by Council. It was proposed that Councillor Willett act in the position during the Mayor's approved leave period. Councillor Willett accepted.

RESOLUTION 03:12/09/2022

That Council resolve to

2. Appoint Councillor Willett as Acting Mayor from 17 September 2022 to 24 September 2022, inclusive.

Moved: Cr Brian Underwood

Seconded: Cr David Baird

CARRIED

5 STRATEGIC PORTFOLIO UPDATE

Councillors to provide updates on Meetings and Trips and other information for the meeting.

6 CLOSE OF MEETING

Date for the next Council Ordinary Meeting is Wednesday 21 September 2022.

The Mayor thanked the councillors and staff for their participation and attendance at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 4:08 pm.



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ACTING MAYOR